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▸ **Area roundup**

Curran's two-run HR sparks Fenwick softball team to win

SOFTBALL

The Bishop Fenwick softball team received a strong pitching performance from **Taylor Ahearn** in its 4-2 win over Wakefield Saturday. However, it was a big swing from sophomore **Abby Curran** that lifted the Crusaders to their first win of the season.

After **Meredith Ross** drew her third walk in the bottom of the eighth inning, Curran belted a two-run, walk-off bomb to lift Fenwick to 1-1 on the season.

"We have not been a very good hitting team these past couple of years so it (Curran's home-run) was a nice surprise," noted Bishop Fenwick coach **Paul Lyman**. "Abby had a good freshman year for us (last year). In the offseason, she did a lot of work to make herself a better hitter."

Ross blasted a solo home run of her own in her first trip to the plate and was subsequently walked every appearance thereafter. Ahearn pitched seven strong innings for Bishop Fenwick while **Alyssa Begin** pitched a scoreless eighth to pick up the win.

BOYS LACROSSE

NORWELL 10, HAMILTON-WENHAM 7: Sophomore **Elliott Burr** tallied three goals and also dominated in face-offs for Hamilton-Wenham (2-2), which despite the loss played its best team game of the season, according to head coach **Jim LaSelva**. Senior Brian **Ford** added two goals while keeper **Steve DeSantis** made 12 saves.

BASEBALL

BISHOP FENWICK 8, ROCKPORT 3: **Bryan Church** belted a 2-run homer and **Dave Ruggerio** banged out three hits while driving in three runs and scoring three times as the Crusaders (1-1) got their first win. **Mike LaChance** went the distance, scattering three hits and fanning seven.

CHELMSFORD 7, BEVERLY 1: Junior catcher **Joe Wioncek's** solo homer was all the offense the Panthers (1-1) got against a tough Lions club in the home opener at Cooney Field Saturday. **Chris Mitchell**, **Mark Hannable** and **Steve DuBois** beat out infield singles as Lion ace **Mike Johnson** limited the hosts to four hits.

VOLLEYBALL

ST. JOHN'S PREP FALLS SHORT: St. John's Prep was bumped out of the first bronze medal game and finished 2-7 at the Volleyball Hall of Fame Boys Showcase in Holyoke on Saturday as coach **Andrew Viselli** used the opportunity to play everyone on his roster. The Eagles coach lauded the play of senior setter **Luka Ralic**, senior middle hitter **Tim Lynch**, junior libero **Nico Bono** and junior setter **Matt Genetelli**. "We had no expectations going into it and it was a chance to get other kids some playing time," said Viselli, whose team resumes its regular schedule tonight in a home match against Haverhill. "It was my chance to see where we stand against other teams."

MEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE

GORDON 16, CURRY 10: **Dan Utz** paced the Gordon (7-3) offense with four goals and three assists as the Scots picked up their sixth straight win. **Danny Mack** added three tallies while **James Blue, Joel Derechinsky** and **Zac Blue** all finished with a pair of goals.

ENDICOTT 14, NICHOLS 1: The Gulls (7-4) won their sixth straight as 12 different players recorded goals. **Sam Ozycz** dominated the draw all day for Endicott, winning 13 of 16 faceoffs.

KEENE STATE 10, SALEM STATE 4: The Vikings (6-3) saw their four game winning streak come to end despite a 16 save performance from keeper **Brendan Gill**.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE

ENDICOTT 21, NICHOLS 4: First year attacker **Kelly Tierney** tallied four goals and two assists to help the Gulls (9-2) cruise past Nichols while sophomore midfielder **Morgan DeShaw** added two goals and three assists. Endicott outshot the Bears 41-10 and built up a 14-0 halftime advantage.

CURRY 11, GORDON 7: Freshman goalkeeper **Amelia Vierstra** made 12 saves and **Jordan Alexander** recorded three goals but the Scots dropped to 3-5

COLLEGE BASEBALL

GORDON SWEEPS NICHOLS: The Scots improved to 10-12 after besting Nichols 7-0 and 3-1 yesterday thanks to two dominating pitching performances. Freshman righthander **John Kanas** hurled his first collegiate shutout, limiting the Bison to just four hits while striking out nine in the opening game. **Robert Hinckley** went the distance in game two, throwing just 76 pitches, allowing only two hits and surrendering no walks.

ENDICOTT TAKES FOUR: The Gulls won both games against Anna Maria, 5-3 and 10-8 yesterday. **Joe Klein** and **Eric Lemke** provided the offense in the first game with an RBI and two hits each while **Aaron Santos** was the hero of game two with four RBI. Endicott improved to 17-9 after sweeping a doubleheader, 9-8 and 2-0, against Salve Regina on Saturday.

SALEM STATE SPLITS: **Steve Mucci** blasted a solo shot, but the Vikings could do little else dropping game one, 4-1, to Fitchburg State. Mucci crushed his second round-tripper of the day in game two to give the Vikings (11-10) a 3-2 win. The solo shot came in the sixth to break a 2-2 tie.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

GORDON SWEPT BY NICHOLS: Gordon sophomore **Kerry McPartlan** belted a two-run homer in game two and had a single in the first contest but the Scots dropped both games 11-0 and 7-3 to fall to 12-13.

ENDICOTT TAKES TWO: The Endicott College softball team swept its third straight doubleheader, defeating Regis College, 4-0 and 12-4, on Saturday to improve to 16-10. **Ashley Wright** and **Katherine McGann** recorded a hit and a RBI each to pace the Gulls in game one while Wright had the big bat in game two, going 2 for 4 with a pair of RBI and runs scored. **Kelly Tenney** also had a strong second game, knocking in two runs.

SALEM STATE WINS A PAIR: **Taylor Orlando** was 3 for 3 with a homer and three RBI while sophomore **Katelynn Fanning** finished 3 for 4 with a run scored and a RBI in game one Saturday, a 7-3 victory over Fitchburg State for the Vikings (18-5-1). **Michelle Grifoni**, who had a RBI in game one, came up with the big swing in game two, belting a grand slam as Salem State cruised to a 12-5 victory.

MEN'S COLLEGE TENNIS

SALEM STATE 5, RHODE ISLAND 4: Senior Adrien Malosse picked up his third straight victory at first singles while Alex Eisath, Josh Giller, and Shawn Dowen also picked up singles win. Malosse and Eisath combined for the Vikings (2-5) only doubles win.

NICHOLS 9, GORDON 0: The Scots dropped to 5-8 after losing all nine matches Saturday.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

PHILADELPHIA CHRISTIAN 3, ENDICOTT 0: **A.J. Witkofsky** posted four blocks while **John Emery** and **James Silva** added seven kills apiece as the Gulls (28-8) saw their season come to an end in the NECVA quarterfinals.

COLLEGE TRACK

VIKINGS SHINE: Junior **Taylor Krajewski** won the 5000 meter run (20:18.06) and sophomore **Heather Bousquet** (32.58 meters) came in first in the women's discus to highlight the Vikings' performance at the Corsair Classic Track & Field Invitational hosted by UMass-Dartmouth on Saturday. Freshman **Monica Rivera** had a strong outing, finishing sixth in the shot put and sixth in the javelin while sophomore **Pabel Perez** finished in eighth place in the triple jump and came in seventh in the men's 400 to lead the Salem State men.



Staff file photos

Bishop Fenwick's Jeff Giannino was a key component to the Crusaders' 2004 Division 3 state title. The Beverly native hit .474 and slugged .667 that season.

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and was MVP of the Massachusetts/Connecticut All-Star game at Fenway Park. He was seriously injured in a car accident before his freshman year in college, eventually making a baseball comeback at Salem State.

DARYLE CROWLEY, DANVERS: One of the most dangerous power bats in Falcon history, Crowley's career totals include 117 RBI, 17 homers, 11 triples and 19 doubles — most of which are school records. Crowley hit .564 as a senior in 2002 and had a career .454 batting average. He was remarkably disciplined, striking out just once in 2001 as Danvers won the Division 2 state title. Crowley went on to play for Bryant.

BRENDAN FULLERTON, BEVERLY: Named the MVP of the Eastern Mass. All-Star game after his senior year, Fullerton helped will the Panthers to the state tournament in 2005 and even hit a 3-run blast in his final game. Also a selected for the Salem News' All-Decade hockey team, Fullerton was a stand-up leader who went on to play baseball at UMass-Lowell.

JEFF GIANNINO, BISHOP FENWICK: This Beverly native was the lynchpin as Fenwick mashed its way to the Division 3 state title in 2004. That season, Giannino hit .474, slugged .667 and hit cleanup for a team that averaged better than eight runs a game in the playoffs. Giannino, who hit .405 as a senior and won the Catholic Central League batting title, is in the midst of his senior season for the Southern New Hampshire Penmen.

J.B. MACDONALD, DANVERS: A fixture at short for the Falcons, Macdonald was named NEC MVP as a senior in 2005 while using his speed and athleticism to score 20 runs and amass an on-base percentage over .500. Leading one of the better defensive teams in recent memory, Macdonald is among the top four Falcons ever in fielding percentage and also threw 31 innings on the hill, finishing with a 0.89 earned run average. He became the No. 1 mound starter at Boston College as a senior, was drafted by the Houston Astros in 2008 and attended spring training this year.

Outfielders

JEREMY BOURGEOIS, DANVERS: Fired a one-hitter in the Eastern Mass. title game in 2001, but believe it or not could have been best known for his bat. Bourgeois set a single-season Falcon record with 54 RBI as a senior and finished his career with 17 homers. He also hit a single season record nine triples as a junior and went on to enjoy an All-Atlantic 10 career at Fordham.

JASON BLYDELL, SWAMPSCOTT: Perhaps the most gifted athlete on our list, Blydell had the range to run down nearly anything in the outfield and the skills to make breathtaking snares that turned extra-base hits into outs. Blydell hit .330 his senior year and helped the Big Blue win Division 3 North baseball crowns in both 2002 and 2003.

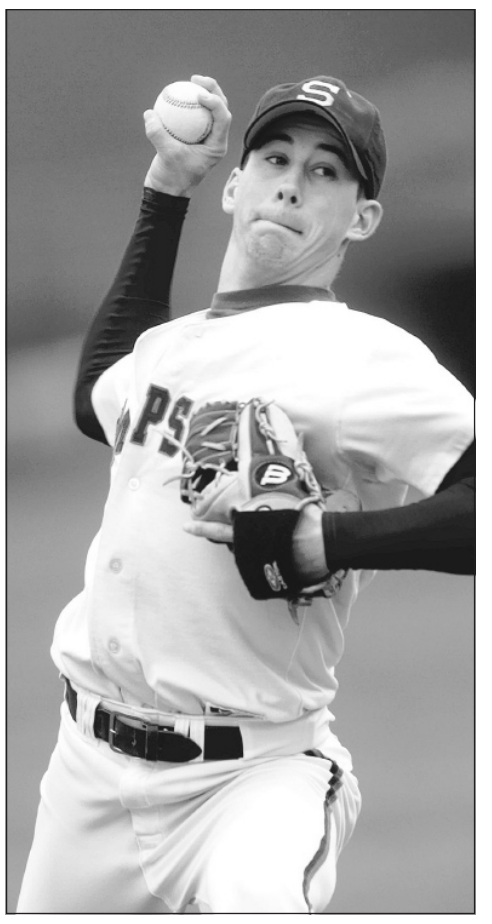
Blydell, a 2004 grad who also holds the Swampscott single season record for touchdown receptions (17), played both football and baseball at Dartmouth College. He is now serving his country as an officer in the United States Marines Corps.

JAY HYLAND, ST. JOHN'S PREP: A left-handed bat oozing with raw power, this Beverly native had set St. John's records for homers, runs batted in and slugging percentage by the time he graduated in 2001. After helping the Prep win back-to-back state titles in 1999 and 2000, Hyland was a superstar in the Division 2 College World Series for the Uniersity of Tampa.

MARK SHOREY, PEABODY: 'Feared' is the word most used to describe Shorey, whose demeanor in the batter's box was simply horrifying to opposing pitchers. The Greater Boston League MVP as a senior in 2002, Shorey hit .438 — with wood bats, no less — and was a two-time GBL batting champion. A hard-throwing lefty, Shorey also compiled a .70 earned run average as a senior.

He went on to star at High Point University, earning Big South MVP honors as a senior, and has elevated himself to Triple-A Memphis in the St. Louis Cardinals system.





Swampscott standouts Jason Bydell, left, and Tim Kiely were two of the decade's best.

Pitchers

JEFF ALLISON, PEABODY: Each start a spectacle on par with a 1960s Beatles appearance, Allison's senior season featured a perfect 0.00 earned run average, a 7-0 record and an unforgettable swipe of home to beat St. John's Prep in 2003. Behind heat that topped out at 96 miles per hour, Allison fanned 118 batters as a senior, allowed just 15 baserunners and was Baseball America's High School Player of the Year.

Drafted by the Florida Marlins in the first round in 2003, Allison's pro career was derailed by substance abuse. He returned in 2008, was twice named a Florida State League all-star in single-A and is hoping to stick in Double-A Jacksonville this spring.

CHRIS BOWSER, DANVERS: Didn't do much in high school besides win — and win at a rate better than most all his peers. Bowser was victorious 11 times as a senior during the 2001 state championship season, a Falcon record. A season earlier Bowser put up a sparking 0.38 earned run average. His crowning moment was a 2-hit gem to lead Danvers over Oxford, 8-0, in the 2001 Division 2 state title game.

BOBBY DEAN, DANVERS: The Salem News Player of the Year in 2008, Dean went undefeated throughout his high school career until his final start in the Division 2 North final his senior year. The hard-throwing righty graduated with 16 wins, struck out a school-record 92 batters as senior and amassed 117 Ks over his career. He pitched for Vermont before the Catamounts folded their program and is now at Rhode Island.

HUNTER GORDON, SWAMPSCOTT: The Big Blue's ace was Salem News Player of the Year in 2009 and struck out 133 batters over his junior and senior seasons. A strong-armed righty, Gordon won 11 games over 2008-09, including a complete game shutout over the top seed in Division 3 North as a senior. No slouch with the bat, Gordon blasted 10 homers in just 19 games his senior year. He is currently a freshman playing at Boston College.

TIM KIELY, SWAMPSCOTT: The Big Blue's crafty right-hander was at his best in big games, 2-hitting Bishop Fenwick in the Division 3 North final as a junior and authoring a 4-hit win to repeat as North champs as a senior in 2003. Kiely went 8-1 as a senior and was also a star as a football wide receiver and shooting specialist on the basketball court.

Kiely went on to throw the first perfect game in the history of Trinity College in 2007 and helped the Bantams win the NCAA Division 3 title. He was drafted by the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim in the 27th round in 2008 and advanced to Double-A Arkansas by the end of last season.

JAKE MARSELLO, ST. JOHN'S PREP: A big-game pitcher, Marsello was named state tournament MVP while helping the Prep win the Division 1 title as a sophomore in 1999, then was runner-up for the honors as the Eagles repeated in 2000. The Lynn native was Catholic Conference MVP in football as a senior as well and hit a grand slam in one of the Prep's more memorable wins of the decade, 19-0 over Peabody in 2000. He went on to pitch at Boston College and enjoyed a stint in the Chicago Cubs system.

RYAN MOORER, PEABODY: Powerful right-hander was named Massachusetts Gatorade Player of the Year as a senior in 2004 after going 9-1 on the hill and helping the Tanners win the Division 1 North title. Moorer fanned 117 batters in 65 innings of work and won two state tournament starts. He was taken by the Chicago Cubs in the 2004 MLB draft, but opted to pitch for the University of Maryland. The Seattle Mariners selected him in the 12th round in 2007, and he's still pitching in their system.

MATT SMALL, IPSWICH: A dominant pitcher, Small was anything but his namesake on the hill. The 6-foot-3 hurler was MVP of the Cape Ann League as a senior in 2006 and was also Salem News Player of the Year. Small compiled an earned run average south of 1.00 and was a major punchout threat.

Small was drafted by the Atlanta Braves in the 12th round of the 2006 MLB draft and played a year at Lake City Community College in Florida before turning pro. He's hoping to earn a minor league closer's job this spring.

Coaches

ROGER DAY, DANVERS: The long-time Falcon skipper won at least a share of the NEC title eight times in the 10-year period we're looking at while totaling an area-best 184 total wins — that's better than 18 wins per season for the decade. He also guided Danvers to the Division 2 state title in 2001. Nearing 350 career wins, Day's copious knowledge of the game makes him the obvious choice to lead this talented crop.

PAT YANCHUS, ST. JOHN'S PREP: The Eagles' mustachioed bench boss is the master of the big game, having engineered 30 state tournament wins from 2000-09. St. John's — Around the Horn's Program of the Decade for 2000-09 — won at least one playoff game in every season of the decade while taking the state title in 2000 as well as North crowns in 2002 and 2006.

For good measure, Yanchus totaled 171 total victories and brought home four Catholic Conference titles.

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