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## GAME OF THE DAY | Canandaigua wrestling

# CA pins Victor

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**C**ANANDAIGUA — Heavyweights Ryan Macomber and Peter Thomas anchored the Canandaigua wrestling team's Finger Lakes League win over rival Victor Wednesday night.

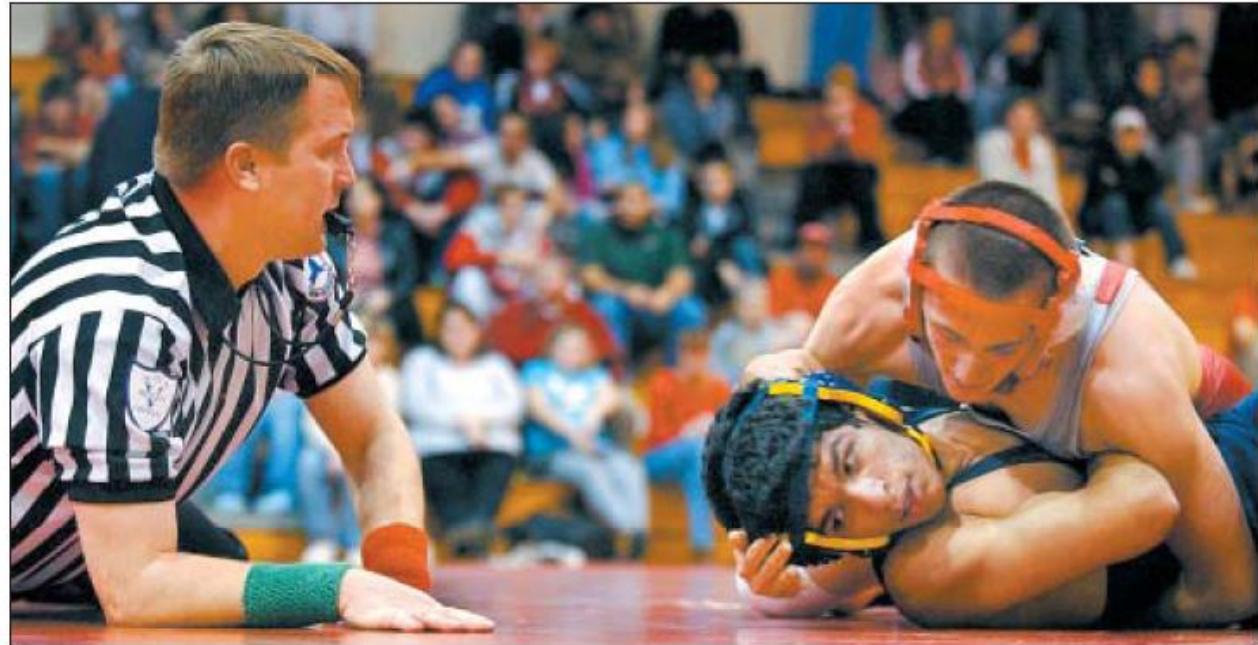
But both veterans were quick to point out that the 2006-07 version of the wrestling Braves is younger than in recent years.

"We have a bunch of young guys this year who came out tonight and gave it all they had," said Thomas, who used an ankle pick move to win by pin in the 215-pound match.

Macomber, who won at 189 by a technical fall after building a 19-4 lead, echoed his teammate's thoughts after the Braves' 42-22 win.

"We have a lot of young kids who are doing a good job of stepping it up this year," he said, noting that he was a bit frustrated by not getting a pin in the first period when he thought he should have.

"I think as a team we wrestle well," Macomber said. "And as a team, we try to score as many points as possible. We were all looking for pins, and I feel I let mine get away in the first period."



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**Referee Matt Smith watches closely as Canandaigua's Bobby Bradshaw works against Victor's Omran Alsulehs in the 145-pound bout of Wednesday night's wrestling match.**

Even though the Braves were never really threatened, CA assistant coach Eric Mullen was happy with how the Braves battled all night.

"Our wrestlers did a good job of making up points that we lost earlier in the match," Mullen said. "Victor came out strong but our guys were able to keep it together."

The Braves started things off with Corey Mahoney's hard-fought 3-1 decision over Mike Datillo at 140 and followed that up with Bobby Bradshaw's tech fall win at 145.

After a pin by the Braves' Skyler

Miller at 152, the Blue Devils got on the scoreboard with a Mark Collins pin at 160. Victor's Nick Burke followed win a pin at 171, but just when it seemed the Blue Devils were building some momentum, Macomber and Thomas put out the flames with their wins.

The Braves then followed those with two more victories — by Seth Gilligan, 9-0 at 103, and by David Bradshaw, by pin at 112.

Victor won by forfeit at 119 before CA's Max Krueger picked up a tough 3-2 decision over James Carney at 125

and Dan Mandara won by a pin at 130.

The match ended with a Blue Devil win, 13-0 by Chris Payne at 135.

Thomas thinks that if the Braves' young wrestlers keeps working hard, things should work out well for the team come sectional time.

"I think if we keep progressing as a team and to continue to work hard in practice like we have we should have a good season heading into the sectionals," he said.

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