



BOMBER MATMEN - Members of East Rochester High School wrestling team are back row, left to right: Jeff Kier, Dennis Essom, Kevin Maynard, Joe Baldo, John Zito, Kevin Kronenberger, Rick Consaul, Bruce Kier. Middle row: Dave Yacono, Romeo Battazzi, Bob Marianetti. Front row: John Walczyk, Pat Zito, Mike Brien. Jeff Kier, John Zito, Baldo, Brien and Battazzi won Section 5 Class A championships.

Bombers Move Nine Matmen

Into Interclass Tourney

East Rochester High School's surprising wrestling team continues to add to its season achievements on the mats. Last Saturday, the Don Quinn-coached Bombers out-scraped 19 other schools to win the Section 5 Class A team championship.

Five members of Quinn's club won division titles, two placed second and another pair were third. The nine will compete in the Section 5 interdivision tournament at Fairport High School, Friday and Saturday. The winners will move into the New York State intersectionals on next Friday and Saturday.

The Bombers nabbed five division crowns here last weekend. Junior John Zito continued to be the Bomber leader as he packed up the 167 pound crown and kept his undefeated record intact.

Joe Baldo rang down the tournament curtain around 10 p.m. last Saturday by scoring a pin in the 250 pound class.

Jeff Kier won his fourth straight Section 5 Class A championship this time in the 119 division.

Mike Brien was the 98 pound champ and Romeo Battazzi took the 112 pound laurels.

Finishing in second place were 91-pounder John Walczyk and 126-pounder Dave Yacono.

Third place honors went to 145-pounder Dennis Essom and 215-pounder Rick Consaul.

East Rochester racked up an amazing 167 points during the tournament, with Palmyra-Macedon second with 121.5; Mynderse Academy of Seneca Falls third with 108.5. Other teams finished this way: Victor 74, Livonia 64, Haverling 54, Dansville 53.5, Williamson 43.2, Alexander 40.5, Charlotte 32, Williamsville 29.5, LeRoy 26, Pembroke 14, Sodus 13.5, Midlakes 10, Marcus Whitman 3, Rochester Jefferson, Honeoye Falls-Lima and

North Rose Wolcott failed to net a point.

Brien was ER's first champ. In the qualifying round, he pinned Steve Wenderlich of Mynderse in 50 seconds. Mike Forshay of Pal-Mac was flattened at the 1:30 mark; Eugene Lehman of Wellsville at 3:25, and in the title scrap, Tim Mowry was his fourth pin victim at 2:51.

Battazzi scored three straight pins and a championship decision in the title tournament. His first fall foe

was Jeff Cahoon of North Rose-Wolcott in 50 seconds; Jim Scheer of Pal-Mac gave up at 2:35; Steve Gerlach of LeRoy of 1:12 and Albert Ashe of Williamson was crushed, 18-5.

Kier, who won the Class A title at 98 pounds in 1975 as a freshman; then repeated in 1976 in the same class and made it three in a row in 1977 at the 105 weight, took his first two matches by pins and the last two by decisions.

Kier pinned Terry

LaFrance of Pal Mac in 3:00; and Dom Caracillo of Mynderse in 3:47. An easy 13-1 decision in the semi-finals came over Tom Acomb of Dansville and in the title tilt, Tom Thurston of Sodus was crimped, 16-8.

Zito racked up the 167 pound chips with an opening round bye. He crumbled Peter Lloyd of Victor, 14-2; and Joe DiFrancisco of LeRoy 13-2. At the 1:27 mark, he had Steve Cleason of Pal-Mac groaning on the mat with a severe shoulder injury.

Baldo made his crowd-pleasing "we're number one" or "I'm number one" gallop around the mat after big John Schoonover of Livonia was pinned at 4:18.

The big Bomber won his first test after an opening bye by pinning Andy Hart of Victor in 33 seconds. Marty Stavish of Dansville lasted 1:22.

Second place was the finish for Yacono. At 126 he started by netting a 44-second pin over Dan Chamberlain of Midlakes; took a close 11-10 decision over Brian Fay of Mynderse and squeezed by Todd Eddy of Alexander, 7-6, but lost to Scott Wahl of Pal-Mac, 8-0, in the title tilt. Walczyk gave Coach Quinn a good surprise despite a loss in the championship fray of the 91 division.

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Walczyk pinned Tim Simmons of Marcus-Whitman in 3:27; decisioned Larry Lee of Pal-Mac, 8-1; Dan Duffy of Dansville, 6-2, but was beaten by Steve Siegfried of Mynderse, 10-2, in the title battle.

Consaul, hampered by a late season injury, took four of five matches to gain a third place qualifier to the interdivision tourney. He decisioned Andy Fosmire of Pal-Mac, 17-8, and Tom Urbanek of Williamson, 13-11. He lost to Dan Ashley of Dansville in the semis but bounced back with a consolation round 5-3 decision over Dave Hauf of Mynderse and a 9-4 nod over Terry Urbanik in their second clash.

Essom had to win his third

match in the 145 class after opening with an 8-2 verdict over Ron Blondale of North Rose-Wolcott; losing by a pin at the 5:30 mark to Tom Kelly of Mynderse; then keeping his hopes kindled by pinning Tom Finster of Livonia in 2:20; moving into the consolation round by topping Brad Thompson of Wellsville, 16-0, and nabbing third place with a pin in 2:35 over Darrell Kelsey of Alexander.

In other results, 105-pounder Pat Zito was eliminated in the first round when he was pinned by Ted Williams of Alexander in 3:53. Bob Marianetti, at 132 pounds, drew a first round bye and then lost to Gordon Cummings of Pal-Mac in overtime, 5-0. He nabbed a 6-2 decision over Andy Schmecker of Alexander and an injury caused him to default to Peter Galens of Midlakes.

In the 138 class, Bruce Kier was a 17-4 winner over Jim Capacci of Mynderse and then suffered two straight reverses. The first to Tom Collier of Victor, 10-5, and the second to Dave Konerski of LeRoy, 5-1. Collier won the division championship.

In the 155 class, Kronenberger was ousted from contention by an opening 8-1 loss to Ken Casella of Pal-Mac.

And in the 177 division, Kevin Maynard was pinned by "Chuck" Dove of Mynderse at 5:50.

John Zito repeated as a Class A champion. Last year, the strong junior was the "A" 177 peer.

In the Monroe County Jayvee tournament, Coach Jimmy Tortorici's East Rochester team nabbed two championships; three second place honors and a third and fourth place.

The champs were Tom Pagano at 91 pounds; Joe Walczyk at 132. Pat Zito was number two at 105 pounds, Scott McIntosh at 112 and Craig Venette at 138.

Billy Condon finished third as a heavyweight and Mike McIntosh fourth in the 119 division.