

Canandaigua again dominant in FL wrestling



Tough situation

Ken Block of Newark (top) strains to escape from Canandaigua's Matt King last night. King won a major decision in the 112-pound match. (Times photo).

By DICK PATRICK

CANANDAIGUA—The match was supposed to be close.

Canandaigua and Newark, the only undefeated wrestling teams in the Finger Lakes East Division, were to decide the league title in the last night's end-of-the-season match.

The match was broadcast live on a Canandaigua radio station, videotaped for a cable TV station. There was enough drama to attract several coaches and wrestlers from other league schools as well as fans for both teams.

Canandaigua, the winner of 58 straight FL and the state matches and the state's eighth-ranked team, took Newark's challenge seriously. The Braves locked themselves in their workout room, turned out the lights and played rock music.

When they emerged, Coach Weldon Canough announced, "I think we're ready. The kids are right up in there somewhere." He pointed to the ceiling of the Canandaigua gym.

He was right. Canandaigua (9-0 league, 13-1 overall) won its 59th straight league match and ninth consecutive league title by blitzing Newark (8-1, 12-1) 55-6, turning the anticipated close encounter into a laughter.

"The kids come out moving," said Canough. "That's the best we've wrestled all year."

Canandaigua took control from the start. John Hadsell (91) scored a pin after 1:23 of the first match. Canandaigua won the 98 and 105-pound matches by forfeit. Presto, the Braves led 18-0.

A pin by Dave Lynn (138), a superior decision by Scott Elia (119), major decisions by Matt King (119) and Greg Wild (126), and decisions by Mark King (132), Bill Hadsell (145) and Ron Lynn (155) gave Canandaigua a 46-0 lead.

Bart Howlett (167, 10-1-1 in dual meets) of Newark stopped the shutout with a decision. The Reds only other winner was Bob Burton (215). A freshman, Burton is 13-0 in dual meets, with 11 victories by pins, and 17-2 overall.

Canandaigua finished up with a decision by Karl Housel (177) and a pin by Joe Mender (250).

Newark had plenty of trouble before the match started. Jeff Palermo, the regular 119-pounder, was out with a knee injury. Mike Block (105) failed to make weight, giving Canandaigua a forfeit. Mike Eberhardt (126) and Darrell Parkison (177) were weakened from the flu.

"A lot of things snowballed against us," said Newark Coach Jack Fisher, whose team has finished as runner-up



Alright!

Canandaigua wrestling coach Weldon Canough had plenty to clap about in last night's 55-6 win over Newark. Canandaigua won its 59th straight Finger Lakes East Division match and ninth consecutive title. (Times photo).

to Canandaigua three times in the last four years. "Canandaigua's an outstanding team but we didn't wrestle up to par. They were really up and I guess our kids weren't."

The loss ended a successful Newark season. The Reds won the Webster and Newark tournaments.

Canandaigua had one close call, a 30-29 win over Mynderse last week, in preserving its winning streak. "We had seven regulars missing for that one," said Canough. The team's only loss was to Olean, the third-ranked team in the state.

The next challenge for Canandaigua is the Feb. 24-25 Section 5 Class AA championships, a meet the Braves have won for the last three years. Canough figures several of his wrestlers will be seeded high.

Dave Lynn (24-1) and Matt King (20-3) are the only Braves with gaudy records. Others standing a good chance of being top seeded include twins John Hadsell (14-6) ("Can you

believe my 91-pounder and 145-pounder are twins," asked Canough), Mark King (16-5), Matt's brother, Ron Lynn (16-7), Dave's brother, Housel (17-7) and Mender (12-4-1).

"Stopping Newark like this has got to help our seeding," said Canough. "Newark had some kids with better records because some of our kids got pounded against Olean, East Rochester, Rush-Henrietta, the bigger schools. This gives us something to argue with. We've got a good shot at getting a lot of guys seeded."

The summary:

Canandaigua 55, Newark 6
 91—John Hadsell (C) pinned Clark Johnson, 1:23.
 98—Nick Defforte (C) won by forfeit. 105—Don Jones (C) won by forfeit. 112—Matt King (C) decided Ken Block, 12:2. 119—Scott Elia (C) decided Jeff Yost, 13:1. 126—Greg Wild (C) decided Mike Eberhardt, 15:5. 132—Mark King (C) decided Jay Vankouwenberg, 5:4.
 138—Dave Lynn (C) pinned Greg McKinney, 5:46.
 145—Bill Hadsell (C) decided Scott Eberhardt, 2:0. 155—Ron Lynn (C) decided Matt Hetherley, 7:1. 167—Bart Howlett (N) decided Bill Vaughn, 9:2. 177—Karl Housel (C) decided Darrell Parkison, 6:5. 215—Bob Burton (N) decided Guy Parker, 7:1. 250—Joe Mender (C) pinned John Zehr, 1:33.

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Random shots

By Norm Jollow



Random shots while being amazed that in spite of all of the weather problems, the three area high school basketball leagues have just about cleaned up their schedules and should have all of their games played by next Wednesday, when the Section 5 seeding luncheon will be held at Monroe County Club.

Although the story is quite long, we were sure you'd be interested in reading the feature today on Bob Hartsfield, our Geneva Cubs' manager, who also is a basketball referee, mostly in the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Southeastern

"but it still was a helluva play to score two runs on a sacrifice fly."

Because the Syracuse Orangemen have picked their television games to play some of their worst basketball — on the road — there has been a lot of talk about just how good (or bad) the Orangemen are this year.

Jim Boehm, for one, doesn't think his team is bad, but he does wish he had one good outside shooting guard.

And Boehm says that if you catch the Orangemen on TV tomorrow at St. John's, you might be surprised.

Though Boehm feels that the

Marion pins Midlakes

PHELPS-CLIFTON SPRINGS—Marion won five bouts by pins in defeating Midlakes 62-6 in a non-league wrestling match last night.

Brent Bushart (91), Rich Levan (105), Jeff Fultz (135), Nick DiCesare (155) and Bob Jones (177) scored pins for Marion.

Midlakes' Pete Galens (132), a winner by decision, improved his record to 16-1.

The summary:

Marion 62, Midlakes 6
 91—Brent Bushart (Mar) pinned Scott Hess, 2:46.
 98—Kevin DeRidder (Mar) won by forfeit. 105—Rich Levan (Mar) pinned Glenn Ford, 2:37. 112—Jeff DeRidder (Mar) won by forfeit. 119—Al Pulcini (Mar) decided Al Vanderwall, 14:3. 126—Bob Newby (Mar) decided Dan Chamberlain, 10:2. 132—Pete Galens (Mid) decided Paul Fisher, 11:5.
 138—Jeff Fultz (Mar) pinned John Crouch, 3:23. 145—Bob Kohler (Mar) won by forfeit. 155—Nick DiCesare (Mar) pinned Greg Robinson, 2:59. 167—Gary Vankouwenberg (Mar) won by forfeit. 177—Bob Jones (Mar) pinned Eric Walborn, 5:24. 215—Craig Syron (Mid) decided Mike DeCann, 5:4.