



Canandaigua waits for next year —

Pins help Baldwinsville remain No. 1

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BALDWINSVILLE — All week long the heat had been turned up, rock music had been blaring and a siren had been wailing in the Canandaigua Academy wrestling room. Coach Weldon Canough wanted to prepare his team for the bright lights of television, the 1,300 fans and the noisemakers that would be part of Saturday's match against Baldwinsville.

In the match billed as the Super Bowl of New York state high school wrestling, the only sound that turned out to bother Canandaigua was the referee's hand slapping the mat. Baldwinsville, the state's top-ranked team and the defending poll champion, recorded four pins to beat second-ranked Canandaigua 35-19.

Baldwinsville (15-0), which has won 51 consecutive dual matches and 120 of its last 122 duals, got off to a good start when Rob Allen (17-3) pinned Joe Ricciotti (15-3) at 98 pounds and Dave Peters (11-8-1) pinned Dan Scheele (14-7-1) at 105.

"That was the whole ball game right there," said Baldwinsville Coach Leo Johnson.

Baldwinsville took a 15-0 lead after three matches and had a psychological advantage. "I didn't believe it," said Canandaigua's Bill Hadsell of the two quick pins. "That puts you down. You know you have to win and that puts a lot of pressure on you."

"They were a little too mature; they had too much experience," said Canandaigua Coach Weldon Canough. "Our little kids got hit with some big moves — headlocks, lateral drops and pancakes."

Baldwinsville also picked up falls at 126, where Steve Gregory (17-3) pinned Steve Finnick (16-5) and at 155, where Jeff Beaver (18-2) pinned Mark Henderson (4-7).

"Four pins are too much," said Canough. "If you get just one kid pinned against a good team you're in trouble."

Canandaigua (10-1) got superior decisions from Matt King (21-1) at 132 and Hadsell (18-2) at 167 and decisions from Ron Jones (20-2) at 119, Morris White (24-3) at 138 and Mike Reho (18-3-1) at 145.

But the Braves couldn't come up with



Rocking the cradle

Don Jones (front) of Canandaigua was caught in a cradle by Baldwinsville's Dave Zimba but Jones went on to win their 119-pound bout 6-3 on Saturday. Top-ranked Baldwinsville beat second-ranked Canandaigua 35-19. (Times photo).

any pins. "They were tough," said Hadsell. "They wrestle for six minutes; they don't stop. If we stopped on the bottom, they put us on our backs. If we stopped on top, they got out."

"If we hadn't gotten pinned, it would have cut their score by 12 points and we'd have been right in there."

Hadsell, Ron Jones and twin brother Don Jones, the three seniors in Canandaigua's lineup, won't have another shot at Baldwinsville. The underclassmen, however, will have an opportunity for revenge next year when Baldwinsville travels to Canandaigua.

"I don't want to go down there," said Johnson. "We lose nine seniors. We'll

be down."

"They'll always be tough," said Canough, noting the Bees won the junior varsity match 38-17.

"A year is a long time away," said Reho. "We've got to get our minds on sectionals coming up." The junior paused for a few moments. "We'll get them next year for sure."

NOTES — Both teams practiced psyche tactics. Baldwinsville entered the gym for warmups to the tune "We Are The Champions" and marched around the mat with a "We're No. 1" salute. . . Prior to the introductions, Canandaigua stood with arms raised in a No. 1 gesture. . . Part of the

Baldwinsville tradition calls for a large bell by the team bench to be rung after each bout victory. . . Canandaigua Athletic Director Mike Foster expects the two teams to "continue the series as long as both schools are strong. I think it'll be the best dual match in New York for the next three or four years". . . Canandaigua is considering leaving the Finger Lakes East to wrestle a more competitive independent schedule. "There's nothing concrete," said Foster. "It's against the league constitution right now but we can request that an amendment be passed. If the league says 'no' then we won't fight it". . . Canandaigua has won the last 10 league titles and has a winning streak of 74 league matches. . . Neil Kerr of the Syracuse Post-Standard, who compiles the New York State Sports Writers Association poll, said Canandaigua's second-place position would most likely not be affected by the loss.

Only coach running scared at DePaul

(The Associated Press)

Clude Bredehaw, twinifier, the

Indiana 89-68.

In a Sunday game, 10th-ranked Duke

"I couldn't be any more pleased with the way we came back," said Duke

HS wrestling

Non-league

Baldwinsville 35, Canandaigua 19

- 98 — Rob Allen (B) pinned Joe Ricciotti, 3:00.
105 — Dave Peters (B) pinned Dan Scheele, 1:08.
112 — Dan Allen (B) decisioned Don Jones, 9-7.
119 — Ron Jones (C) decisioned Dave Zimba, 6-3.
126 — Steve Gregory (B) pinned Steve Finnicks,
2:23 132 — Matt King (C) decisioned Tim Ward,
19-6.

- 138 — Morris White (C) decisioned Matt McGinnis, 8-5 145 — Mike Reho (C) decisioned Dave Filsinger, 6-2 155 — Jeff Beaver (B) pinned Mark Henderson, 2:57 167 — Bill Hadsell (C) decisioned Steve Earle, 16-2 177 — Mike Conners (B) decisioned Bill Condon, 12-0 215 — Randy Shute (B) decisioned Joe Kuras, 10-6

Geneva 39, Bath 32

- 91 — Ed Principio (C) decisioned John Spiers, 7-6 98 — Don DeVaney (C) pinned Kent Williams, 4:35 105 — John Koch (B) won by forfeit 112 — Tom Mosen (C) decisioned Randy Metz, 10-0 119 — Tom Padon (C) drew with Jim Pulzani, 10-10 126 — Jeff Principio (C) pinned Scott Aldrich, 2:30 132 — Dan Sheehan (B) decisioned Vaughn Nelson, 5-1.

- 138 — Mark Savino (B) decisioned Dana Bentley, 4-2 145 — Tom Simmons (B) pinned Jim Beniamino, 1:52 155 — Scott Arnold (B) pinned Dan Miller, 5:12 167 — Duane Flynn (B) pinned Jim Emerson, 5:55 177 — Andy Coots (B) won by forfeit 215 — John Cosentino (C) pinned Phil Weaver, 3:35 250 — Dave George (C) pinned Dave Northrup, 40

Canandaigua Athletic Director Mike Foster on the Canandaigua wrestling team's 35-19 loss to top-ranked Baldwinsville on Saturday:

"We made a lot of key errors probably caused by emotion. Our kids had never been in a pressure-cooker match like that before. They were functioning on emotion and letting emotion over-rule reason.

"The desire was there but the mental processes weren't always there."

