

ER's mid-season victories taught wrestlers 'we're better than we thought'

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Blame it on the athletic director.

That was what East Rochester Coach Don Quinn was preparing to do midway through this high school wrestling season.

His team had lost two meets in three days and vacated the No. 1 spot in the *Democrat and Chronicle* Section 5 coaches poll for the first time in 2½ years.

Trouble at the home of the champions. Quinn was "ready to go to a basketball game somewhere."

"We had Webster coming up," he recalled yesterday, "and the athletic director had done a nice job of scheduling Le Roy and Canandaigua on the same day."

Quinn is East Rochester's AD. He also is the coach responsible for building one of this state's best wrestling programs. In-

deed, one of the best this side of the Mississippi.

ER responded to its tough schedule in true Bombers' fashion, however. They defeated Webster (32-18), Le Roy (36-15) and Canandaigua (28-22) and went on to finish their dual-meet schedule with a 12-2 record.

"That was the turning point of our season," said Quinn, whose 27-year record at ER (318-45-7) is third-best in the nation.

"The kids and I both stopped and said, 'Hey, we're better than we thought.'"

ER went on to win its ninth consecutive Section 5 championship Saturday when it easily outdistanced 21 other Class B teams at Geneva.

The Bombers also earned the title of wrestling Team of the Year for the third consecutive season by finishing as a

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unanimous No. 1 pick in the *Democrat and Chronicle's* final poll.

"I'm a believer that until you get beat you're the best," said Quinn, "but I really didn't think we'd be the Team of the Year at the beginning of the year. We lost seven good seniors last year (to graduation). I didn't know if we had the leadership coming back."

However, seniors Chris Schojan and Frank Rossi provided the necessary leadership, Quinn said.

"And," he added, "some of the young kids that filled in did a great job."

"Steve Marcoccia came in from junior high wrestling to the varsity," he said.

"He wasn't even seeded in this (sectional) tournament and he made the finals."

Marcoccia was defeated in the 98-pound title bout by Penn Yan's Bruce Lafler, 7-1. He was one of six individuals to reach the finals for ER, which out-scored runner-up and eighth-ranked Le Roy, 184½-124. Palmyra-Macedon was third with 117 points.

Schojan (177 pounds) and junior Mike Condello (132) won titles. It was Schojan's third straight sectional crown. A two-time state runner-up, he is 30-0 on the season and 129-10 as a varsity competitor. He is the school's all-time winningest wrestler.

In all, nine Bombers will advance to the Super Sectionals, the Rochester area's

state qualifying meet Saturday at Brockport State.

Canandaigua, the area's second-ranked team, will send eight to that qualifier. Three Braves — Mike Lacognato (98), Paul Lamphier (112) and Butch Hibbard (119) — won individual championships as the team easily claimed the Class A title Saturday at Monroe Community College.

It was Canandaigua's 10th sectional championship in 11 years.

"We got a lot of help from a lot of people," said Coach Larry Reynolds, who had 12 of 13 individuals score points for his team.

Reynolds called it his team's best performance of the season.

But Spencerport Coach Bill Jacoutot said, "That is the best I've seen Canandaigua wrestle in my four years."

Canandaigua finished 44½ points ahead of third-ranked Brockport and 19 other teams. Included in the long list of runners-up were fourth-ranked Spencerport in third place, No. 5 Brighton in fourth, No. 6 Webster in fifth, No. 7 McQuaid in sixth, and No. 9 Hilton in seventh.

Marion, which shares the No. 10 spot with Palmyra-Macedon, was the Class C champion. The Knights did not win their third title by a huge margin, however.

Jeff Marchionda (126), Jim Newby (145) and Tim Habecker (155) claimed individual titles as Marion edged Wil-

liamson, 159-154. Habecker, the son of 19th-year Coach Steve Habecker, is 32-0 on the year. It was his first sectional crown.

"It was the best sectional win for me because my son is involved," said Steve, who coached Marion to team titles in 1977 and '78.

"Williamson was stronger all the way through," he said. "They had a more solid team. I thought they had the power to take it."

Perry's Emery Uveino helped Marion clinch the title with a 5-0 overtime decision over Williamson's Jody Pieters at 167 pounds.

"To me," Coach Habecker said, "that match went on for about an hour."

Bolivar enjoyed its finest hour in the history of that school's wrestling program Saturday night at Geneseo. The Bulldogs won their first sectional championship over 19 other Class D teams.

"I told them at the beginning of the year, I thought we had a good chance at taking it," said sixth-year Coach Mike DeBarbieri. "This is the best team I've ever had."

Brad Schiralli (112) and Larry Smith (167) won individual titles and six wrestlers, in all, earned a trip to the state qualifier.

Bolivar got off to a fast start Friday night when nine of its 11 competitors won first-round bouts with pins.

WRESTLING**Section 5 championships**

(Top 4 individuals to state qualifier)

Class A**At MCC****Team**

Canandaigua 172½ points, Brockport 128, Spencerport 122½, Brighton 121½, Webster 97½, McQuaid 94½, Hilton 88, Fairport 76½, Bishop Kearney 58½, Gates-Chili 58½, Edison 51½, Greece Athena 49, Irondequoit 38½, Greece Olympia 34½, Penfield 31½, Monroe 21, Pittsford 19, Cardinal Mooney 18, Rush-Henrietta 10, Greece Arcadia 6½, Churchville-Chill 6.

Individual

91 pounds—Dan Goodwin (Hilton) d. Dave Delforte (CA) 3-0; 3rd Ed Porto (McQuaid), 4th Mitch Stern (Brighton). **98**—Mike Locagnato (CA) d. Neal Hoffman (Fairport) 5-2; 3rd Greg Gibson (Brighton), 4th Anthony Forgiione. **105**—Dave Pitoni (Hilton) d. Tom Billone (Spencerport) 7-2; 3rd Tom Cunningham (CA), 4th Joe Palmeroni (Brockport). **112**—Paul Lamphier (CA) p. Ray LeChase (Spencerport) 5:47; 3rd Todd Jenner (Webster), 4th Quoc Doan (Hilton). **119**—Butch Hibbard (CA) d. Kevin Bishop (Athena) 5-2 OT; 3rd Marcus Barner (Penfield), 4th Pat Serafino (Hilton). **126**—Tony LaDuca (Webster) d. Tracy Foster (CA) 4-3; 3rd Jim Lupisella (Brockport), 4th Steve Lawlor (BK). **132**—Nathan Van Duzer (Brockport) p. Mike Lopresti (Spencerport) 3:03; 3rd Buddy Hutt (CA), Dan Patterson (Webster). **138**—Mike Scott (McQuaid) p. Greg Lechner (Brighton) 1:51; 3rd Steve Velieri (G-C), 4th Jay Salamone (Irondequoit). **145**—Mike Cronmiller (Edison) d. Sean Yengo (Webster) 4-3; 3rd Mike Pelano (Spencerport), 4th Rob Fuller (Brockport). **155**—Rick Suhr (Spencerport) d. Ben Weinthal (Brighton) 5-1 OT; 3rd Jacques Monte, 4th Mike Rinck (G-C). **167**—Phil St. George (Brockport) d. Todd Mirabella (Brighton) 20-4; 3rd Todd English, 4th Nick Castiglia (CA). **177**—Darryl Madison (Edison) d. Tim Soudan (Fairport) 15-3; 3rd Mike Fusili (BK), 4th Gareth Grayson (Monroe). **215**—Mike Van Horn (Brighton) p. Tom Dear (Athena) 4:48; 3rd Dave Currie (Olympia), 4th Mark Massa (BK). **250**—Keith Knight (BK) d. Joe Loverdi (McQuaid) 5-3; 3rd Doug Schroth (G-C), 4th Andy Colvin (Webster).

Class B**At Geneva****Team**

East Rochester 184½, Le Roy 124, Palmyra-Macedon 117, Wayne 110, Victor 100½, Batavia 90½, Penn Yan 85½, Midlakes 76½, Geneva 74, Marcus Whitman 65½, Waterloo 70½, Bath 57½, Wellsville 56, Mynderse 35, Hornell 53, North Rose-Wolcott 35½, Livonia 32, Newark 27½, Honeye Falls-Lima 19, Dansville 15, Attica 6, Eastridge 0.

Individual

91—Tom Finnerty (Waterloo) d. Sean Rucker (ER) 7-6; 3rd Tim McKee (Bath), 4th Darwin Nicholson (Pal-Mac). **98**—Bruce Lafler (PY) d. Steve Marcoccia (ER) 7-1; 3rd Jim Kling (Wellsville), 4th Mark Robinson (Batavia). **105**—Eric Wolf (Midlakes) d. Towlet Hedrick (Wellsville) 7-0; 3rd Paul Hyland (Victor), 4th Steve Payne (PY). **112**—John Williams (Geneva) d. Ed Carl (Livonia) 6-0; 3rd Ken Halas (Victor), 4th Jim Hopkins (Bath). **119**—Joel Lamson (Waterloo) p. Pat Parker (Pal-Mac) 2:43; 3rd Bill Dempsey (Le Roy), 4th Matt Crane (PY). **126**—Ron Gross (Wayne) d. Kelly Boyle (Batavia) 12-7; 3rd Kim Doane (Wellsville), 4th Chad Rucker (ER). **132**—Mike Condello (ER) d. Gary Dempsey (Le Roy) 9-5; 3rd Jeff Howard (Wayland), 4th Mike Haines (Victor). **138**—Rick Wheeler (Wayland) d. Eric Barnes (Bath) 17-1; 3rd Clayton Duval (NR-W), 4th Nick Fenello (Batavia). **145**—Jack Priede (Midlakes) d. Don Stager (Pal-Mac) 14-11; 3rd Jeff Johnson (Newark), 4th Mike Zernick (NR-W). **155**—Jeff Kinslow (Pal-Mac) d. Ted Symonds (Victor) 3-1; 3rd Frank Rossi (ER), 4th Ed White (Le Roy). **167**—Jerrod Demeurisse (Pal-Mac) p. Mike Rossi (ER) 1:59; 3rd Mike Purset (Le Roy), 4th Matt Wulfurst (Hornell). **177**—Chris Schojan (ER) p. Burt Pangrazió (Le Roy) 3:00; 3rd Joe Mauro (Geneva), 4th Ernie Folkrod (Mynderse). **215**—Rich Carmel (Victor) d. Joe Lanzone (ER) 6-2; 3rd Dan Shoots (PY), 4th Scott Swenson (Mynderse). **250**—Joe Amico (Batavia) d. Kurt Harris (Wayland) 13-4; 3rd Kevin Brownell (Le Roy), 4th Warren Brant (ER).

Class C**At Marion****Team**

Marion 159, Williamson 154, Byron-Bergen 143, Sodus 119½, Avon 111, Kendall 102½, Letchworth 69, Wayland 57½, Addison 56, Alexander 46, Perry 40, Lyons 39½, Warsaw 29, Bloomfield 27, Caledonia-Mumford 24, Red Jacket 20½, Keshequa 11½, Pembroke 11, Holley 10½.

Individual

91—Thayvanh Chanthysick (Sodus) d. Bob Camerata (Ken) 5-4; 3rd Chris Bannister (Letchworth), 4th Pat Kuter (Williamson). **98**—Lucas Dobbins (Lyons) d. Matt Todaro (Letchworth) 2-1; 3rd Kurt Rice (Addison), 4th Robbie Norman (Holley). **105**—Don Read (B-B) d. Jeff Henrie (Marion) 2-0 OT; 3rd Glen LaVancha (Williamson), 4th Ralph Reis (Kendall). **112**—Brian Read (B-B) d. Lee Requa (Kendall) 11-0; 3rd Lance Bannister (Letchworth), 4th Stan Dauphinee (Avon). **119**—Pete McKendrick (Williamson) d. Eric Toal (B-B) 10-0; 3rd Richard Schartzenberg (Cal-Mum), 4th Ron Ikeler (Letchworth). **126**—Jeff Marchionda (Marion) d. Rob Motley (Williamson) 13-2; 3rd Matt Grisewood (Warsaw), 4th Gavin Furino (B-B). **132**—Vaughn Petersen (Sodus) d. Ryan Karpp (Marion) 9-1; 3rd John Furia (Wayland), 4th Steve Marano (Keshequa). **138**—Paul Petersen (Sodus) d. Pete Van Gee (Marion) 11-3; 3rd Trevor Regan (Avon), 4th Rick Clark (Alexander). **145**—Jim Newby (Marion) d. Sam Barnett (B-B) 5-0; 3rd Jeff Vandewinkle (Williamson), 4th Greg Creswell (Bloomfield). **155**—Tim Habbecker (Marion) d. Jody Pieters (Williamson) 10-5; 3rd Matt Wilbur (Sodus), 4th George Baker (Kendall). **167**—Emery Uveino (Perry) d. Burke Manuel (Williamson) 5-0 OT; 3rd Rich Wagner (Alexander), 4th Roger Toal (B-B). **177**—Gary Hively (Addison) p. Mike Purkiss (Marion) 5:59; 3rd Kurt Doyen (RJ), 4th Mike Harper (Kendall). **215**—Dave Csapo (Avon) d. Mike Flaitz (Wayland) 11-1; 3rd Jeff Thompson (B-B), 4th Mike Borrelli (Lyons). **250**—Bill Maher (Avon) p. Charles Spinks (Kendall) 3:20; 3rd Roger DeVries (Williamson), 4th Pat Kelly (Cal-Mum).

Class D**At Geneseo****Team**

Bolivar 160, Campbell 126½, Canisteo 122, Geneseo 103½, Pavilion 99, Hammondsport 93, Lyndonville 83½, Red Creek 83½, York 72, Avoca 61, Jasper 57½, Notre

Dame 37, South Seneca 37, Elba 29, Savona 29, Northstar 24½, Dundee 24, Mt. Morris 22½, Alfred-Almond 18, Fillmore 6.

Individual

91—Peter Bower (RC) p. Greg Scarborough (Pavilion) 1:15; 3rd Ned Gould (Bolivar), 4th Steve Birch (Canisteo). **98**—Steve Peterson (Savona) d. Tim Cole (Campbell) 9-4; 3rd John Bannister (Pavilion), 4th Dave Cartella (Canisteo). **105**—Mike Siebert (Lyndonville) d. Dale Chapin (Campbell) 7-3; 3rd Arturu Martinez (Pavilion), 4th Steve Wheaton (Jasper). **112**—Brad Schiralli (Bolivar) d. Joe Guiles (Campbell) 7-2; 3rd Brian Brethen (RC), 4th Todd Wilkins (Canisteo). **119**—Jason Loughlin (Geneseo) d. Jim McDonald (Bolivar) 5-2; 3rd Scott Smith (SS), 4th Dave Dennison (Mt. Morris). **126**—Max McIntyre (RC) d. Brian O'Shea (ND) 12-1; 3rd John Norton (Geneseo), 4th Todd Wells (Lyndonville). **132**—Rod Ovenshire (Dundee) d. John Henderickson (York) 3-1; 3rd Mark Gould (RC), 4th Gary Hammond (Avoca). **138**—Rick Rulison (Geneseo) d. Mike Dunsmore (Bolivar) 3-0; 3rd Gary Bayne (Lyndonville), 4th Bill Oar (Hammondsport). **145**—Jerry Herrick (Campbell) d. Bob Weakland (Canisteo) 12-3; 3rd Mark Dickerson (Hammondsport), 4th Mark Cammilleri (Northstar). **155**—Steve Woodworth (Canisteo) d. Greg Leitten (Pavilion) 6-4; 3rd Tim Wilson (Campbell), 4th Ray Hammond (Avoca). **167**—Larry Smith (Bolivar) d. Bob Kennedy (Hammondsport) 7-6; 3rd Ken Stanford (Jasper), 4th Joe Hauslauer (York). **177**—Chris Chiara (Geneseo) d. Todd McAfee (Hammondsport) 12-0; 3rd Brad Geffers (Canisteo), 4th Tom Park (Pavilion). **215**—Shawn Wegener (York) d. Tim Stives (Bolivar) 5-2; 3rd Scott Weeks (A-A), 4th Ed Woods (Elba). **250**—Matt LeBaron (Campbell) d. Dan Cornell (Jasper) 6-2; 3rd Dan Dietrich (Canisteo), 4th Rich Burretty (Alfred-Almond).