

Finger Lakes gangs up, can't unseat Bombers

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EAST ROCHESTER — Four Finger Lakes schools tried their best to knock off the king of sectional wrestling. But, the king will reign for another season.

Victor, Waterloo, Palmyra-Macedon and Newark ganged up on East Rochester at Saturday's Section 5 Class B wrestling tournament, but the Bombers' savvy paid off for a lucky 13th time Saturday night.

ER captured its 13th straight sectional title and third consecutive in Class B crown by beating runner-up Victor by 21 points. The Bombers had won their previous titles in Class C.

ER, with two champions at 112 and 138 pounds, totaled 137½ points while Victor had 116½. Waterloo was a close third (116), Pal-Mac fourth (113) and Newark fifth (109½).

"The Finger Lakes schools did very well," stated Victor Coach Jeff Kaller. "We (FL schools) did well in the head-to-head competition against ER, but they always find a way to sneak in there and get that sectional title. They do well in the wrestlebacks and pick up additional scoring points with pins. They are always tough to beat in sectionals."

The competition was heavy this year for the Bombers, who won by 21 points this time compared to a huge 96-point margin over LeRoy in last season's tournament.

"Our wrestlers performed to their capabilities," said ER Coach Don Quinn. "We had a tremendous amount of effort, not only by our finalists but by everybody who wrestled. I'm glad we did so well again."

Waterloo and ER each had 54 points through the semifinal round before the Bombers pulled away.

The top four matmen of each weight division in each class (A-B-C-D) all advance to Saturday's Super Sectionals (state qualifier) at Brockport State College at 10 a.m. Only one wrestler from each weight class can represent Section 5 at the state meet the following weekend at the Syracuse War Memorial.

The other area schools that placed included Mynderse eighth (72 points), Midlakes ninth (68½), North Rose-Wolcott 11th (61), Wayne Central 12th (53), Marcus Whitman 15th (35), South Seneca 17th (33), Geneva 18th (32) and Penn Yan 20th (19).

Victor and Pal-Mac led the area winners as each school produced two champions, while Newark had four finalists.

Gary Gilbert (25-3 overall record) and Jeff Woodring (23-4-1) were Victor's titlists at 145 and 177,

respectively. Gilbert decided Newark's Mike Briggs (27-6-1), who had only 10 career wins before this season, 5-2, while Woodring beat Waterloo's Tim Spina, 4-0, in the finals.

Victor also got a third place as Larry Crandall (215) pinned Wayne's Brian Lange in 2:55 in the consolation finals, while teammates Steve Amyot (138), Ted Bauer (167) and Sean Pancoast (215) each took fourth.

Darwin Michielsen, a runner-up last year at 98, captured the 105 bracket for Pal-Mac with a 9-0 win over ER's Pat Quinn.

Tim McDonald (215) avenged his only loss of the season by winning over Mynderse's Scott Swenson, 10-7, in the finals for the Red Raiders' second titlist of the day.

Mark Roberts (98) took third for Pal-Mac with a 1:59 pin in overtime against Whitman's Aaron Goodenow, while teammate Don Craig (119) was a consolation winner with a 7-2 win over a Batavia wrestler. Pal-Mac's Ken Kelly (126) was fourth.

Mike Steingass (132), who was fourth last year at 132, captured a title with an 11-5 win over North Rose-Wolcott's John Brooks. Steingass has won 30 of 31 matches this season for Newark.

Greg Priebe (119) of Newark suffered his first loss of the season in the finals as he was nipped by Eastridge's Fritz Zagorski, 5-4. Priebe is 31-1 overall this season.

Roger LaClair (250) was Newark's fourth finalist, losing a 7-2 match to Batavia's Joe Amico, while teammate Ed DeWolf (177) won via default over Mynderse's Ernie Foulkrod in the consolation finals.

Shawn Knisely (98) of Waterloo won a sectional title for the second straight year with a 4-0 win over Midlakes' Bryant Ranger in the final. Waterloo's Tom Finnerty (105) and Bill Norberg (145) were third and fourth, respectively.

Ed Caraccilo (126) of Mynderse was the area's seventh and last champ with an 11-4 win over South Seneca's Ted Messmer in the finals.

Gerry Hagers (167) of Midlakes was a finalist, losing 2-1 in overtime to Bath's Bob Weaver.

Other consolation winners in the area included Chris Gelder (112) of Midlakes, Robert Quigley (132) of Geneva after a scoreless overtime and was awarded third by the referee's decision, and Scott Smith (138) of South Seneca.

NR-W's Gary DeCarr (98) and Rich Steves (105), Wayne's Corky Kelsey (155) and Penn Yan's Ted Thompson (112) were fourth-place finishers.



Arm hold

Newark's Mike Steingass (top) has North Rose-Wolcott's John Brooks tied up in knots during the 132-pound final of Saturday's Section 5 Class B wrestling championships at East Rochester. Steingass, one of four Newark finalists, won for the 30th time in 31 matches this season with an 11-5 win over Brooks. (Times photo by Michael Boncaro)

Ferguson's pin lifts Bloomfield to 2nd

Dave Ferguson's pin with one second left in the 215-pound finals enabled Bloomfield to capture second place at Saturday's Section 5 Class C wrestling tournament at Genesee State.

Ferguson's pin at 5:59 over Genesee's Keith Peri helped Bloomfield amass 118 points and finish second to Class C champion LeRoy (139½), which moved down from Class B this season.

Sodus was third (117½), Marion fourth (102½), Williamson ninth (64) and Lyons 18th (26) among the other area teams.

In other wrestling championships over the weekend, Canandaigua was at the Class A meet at Rush-Henrietta Sperry, while Red Creek, Dundee and Red Jacket were at the Class D championships at Genesee State.

The top four individuals of each weight class in the four tournaments (A-B-C-D) advance to Saturday's Super Sectional state qualifier at Brockport State at 10 a.m. The state meet will be the following weekend in Syracuse and

only one wrestler from each weight class can represent Section 5 in states.

Class C

Bloomfield has six wrestlers going to the state qualifier.

Ferguson, who successfully defended his 215 title, was one of three Bombers who captured crowns.

Bill Opett (91) and Barry Barklund (98) were the other Bombers who took titles, while Rob Opett (126), Tim Lucero (145) and Terry Lucero (155) were semifinalists.

Sodus was paced by Vaughn Petersen (145), who was the 132 titlist last season, and runners-up Barrett Cotter (119) and John Paul Rudolph (138).

David Laird (91), Mike Freeman (105) and Phayvanh Chanthysack (112) each finished third for the

Spartans.

Williamson had two champs in Chris Vandewinkel (119), fourth last season, and Joel Smith (138), fourth at 126 last year, and a fourth place by Josh Smith (98).

Lyons' Lucas Dobbins (112) won a sectional title again after capturing 105 last year. He beat Marion's Jeff Beiter in the finals.

In addition to Beiter's second, the Black Knights got a runner-up slot from Jeff Henrie (126), a third from Alex Beiter (132) and fourths from Gary Schojan (105) and Jeff Rayfield (177).

Class A

Canandaigua had four wrestlers advance to the state qualifier as the Braves placed seventh with 108 points.

Brighton won for the second year in a row with 181½ points, nipping runner-up Spencerport (180).

Cory Sinton (98) and Jon Welch

(167) were the Braves' titlists as Sinton beat Gates-Chili's Joe Giglio, 7-0, and Welch downed Spencerport's Jeff Hafler, 3-1.

Kerry Foster of Canandaigua, the 98 champ last year, was a runner-up at 105, losing 3-0 to McQuaid's Chris Passero.

Craig Buck (132) was fourth after dropping a 6-3 consolation final to Rush-Henrietta's Mike Kephart.

Class D

Red Creek placed 10th with 53 points, Dundee was 14th (27) and Red Jacket 18th (8) as Lyndonville amassed 174 points in knocking off defending champ Canisteo.

Marty Livingston's title at 215 lifted Red Creek and teammate Chuck Ferguson was fourth at 145. Livingston captured the 177 crown last season.

Other fourth-place finishers were Red Jacket's Eric North (126) and Dundee's Bob Sprague (177).

Sports

Heron's 4th in state swimming