

# Bomber Express continues on Class B mat

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The Bomber Express just keeps rolling along the wrestling path and has not shown any signs of possible derailment when it comes to sectional tournament time.

East Rochester, aided by two weight class champions, four runners-up and two consolation-place finishers, defeated 22 other schools to win Saturday's Section 5 Class B tournament at Geneva High School.

The Bombers win yet another trophy for their athletic showcase, capturing their fourth consecutive Class B championship and the 14th year in a row they have come away with a sectional crown.

ER, with class champions in Rich O'Lena at 98 pounds and Paul Fioravanti at 145, tallied 165½ points, leaving behind a host of Finger Lakes-area teams.

Waterloo was runner-up with 119 points, Newark was third (101), and North Rose-Wolcott, which had the most dramatic increase raising from 11th place last year to fourth, accumulated 100 points.

Geneva finished fifth (97), Midlakes was sixth (95), Victor, last year's runner-up, was eighth (70½) and Palmyra-Macedon ninth (56).

The top four matmen in each weight class (A-B-C-D) advance to next weekend's Super Sectionals (the state qualifier) at Geneseo State College where a total of 226 wrestlers will participate.

Only one wrestler from each class can represent Section 5 at the state meet the following weekend at the Syracuse War Memorial.

The Bombers had a little more breathing room in this year's sectional triumph, beating Waterloo by 46½ points. Last year's margin of victory was 21 points.

"We wrestled the best we could," ER veteran coach Don Quinn said. "O'Lena and Fioravanti had to overcome some very tough opponents to win championships. I'm happy for them."

O'Lena had a technical fall over Geneva's Tom Vasquez at 5:02 in the 98 finals, while Fioravanti successfully defended his sectional title, winning 145 with a 5-4 decision over South Seneca's Scott Smith. Fioravanti, who won 138 last year, handed Smith his first loss of the season.

Waterloo's Shawn Knisely, son of the late Geneva Coach Don Knisely, captured his third straight sectional title, with a 6-0 win over ER's Phil Lopez at 112. Knisely's previous crowns came at 91 in 1986 and 98 last year when he placed fifth in state competition.

Mynderse's Ed Caraccilo (126) and Victor's Jeff Woodring (215) won back-to-back titles.

Caraccilo, who also won at 126 last year, nipped ER's Sean Rucker, 7-6, while Woodring, who beat Waterloo's Tim Spina in last year's 177 final, was also a one-point victor, 3-2, over Livonia's Jesse Phelps.

Spina, whose nemesis in recent years has been Woodring, returned to 177 and won that bracket with a 6-3 decision over Livonia's Brad Braun.

The Midlakes brother combination of Matt (91) and Bryant Ranger (105) captured sectional titles as th

## Sports

Screaming Eagles, Waterloo, Victor and Newark each had two titlists.

Matt Ranger decisioned Livonia's Dan Sweet, 8-4, while Bryant blanked Geneva's Bobby Pollino, 4-0.

Newark's Roger LaClair (250) took his first sectional title and fifth tourney crown of the season, winning by default over Attica's Mike Thore.

Scott Rush of Newark captured the 138 final with a 2-1 decision over ER's Rick Walters.

Victor's Steve Amyot (155) dealt Geneva's Jayson Post a 6-2 loss in the finals, while the Panthers did come back in the next class with Eric Eckenrode (167) taking a 6-3 decision over Waterloo's Bob Bufone.

NR-W's John Brooks was the last area champ, continuing his mastery over South Seneca's Ted Messmer in the 132 finals. Brooks pinned Messmer with six seconds left in the first period, for his fourth straight win over Messmer.

In the previous weekend's Finger Lakes West league tournament, Brooks, who is 4-1 lifetime against Messmer, had a technical fall over the South Seneca senior in the 132 final.

In the consolation finals, Waterloo's Jason Knisely (98) and Eric Jensen (153) each took third place with a 4-2 win over Pal-Mac's Mark Roberts and a 4:44 pin over NR-W's Mike Van Duyne, respectively.

NR-W's Gary DeCarr had a technical fall over Wayne's Brad Miller at 105, while teammate Rich Steves was a 9-5 winner over Hornell's Marc Smith at 112. Dan Bridson, the Cougars' lone senior, lost 9-0 to Wayne's Scot Gilbert in the 138 consolation final.

Whitman's Eric Voak, who missed most of the season because of a hand injury, captured third at 119 with a 10-0 win over Bath's Daren Kendall, while Pal-Mac's Ken Kelly (126) took third over Geneva's Chris Mittiga, 2-1.

Corey Comer, a Newark first-year varsity wrestler, and Midlakes' Torey Adams were consolation winners at 177 and 215, respectively. Comer pinned Whitman's Joe Raley in 1:52 and Adams was a 7-3 winner over Newark's Paul Cole.

**NOTES** — Midlakes' Jeff Facer was fourth at 145. Eastridge's Dave Konzal captured the 119 final with an 11-3 triumph over ER's Pat Quinn. In further team scoring, Mynderse tied Bath-Haverling for 13th place with 38 points, Wayne was 15th (36½), South Seneca-Romulus was 16th (35), Whitman was 17th (29) and Penn Yan was 18th (26). Trivia question: What was the last school to win the Class B team title before ER's four-year reign? Answer: Victor in 1984. Pal-Mac won it five years ago and Wayne won in 1982. ER previously competed in Class C before moving to B three years ago.



**Hand in face**

Geneva's Tom Vasquez puts his hand to the face of East Rochester's Rich O'Lena during the 98-pound final of the Section 5 Class B wrestling championships Saturday at Geneva. The distraction by Vasquez didn't work for long as O'Lena had a 5:02 technical fall. ER won its fourth straight Class B title. (Times photo by Dale Duchesne)

## Perseverance pays off for Dobbins

Lucas Dobbins persevered this season and it paid off for the Lyons senior.

Dobbins became a four-time sectional champion at Saturday's Section 5 Class C wrestling tournament at Geneseo High School after blanking Byron-Bergen's Lee Woodring 5-0 in the 119-pound finals.

The Lions' all-time win leader with 111, Dobbins missed most of the year because of disciplinary reasons. He lost 3-1 to Marcus Whitman's Eric Voak in last week's Finger Lakes West league tournament before heading into the sectionals.

But, rebounding with his sec-

In the Class A tourney at Rush-Henrietta, Canandaigua's Jon Welch repeated at 167, and in the Class D at Geneseo State, Bob Sprague (215) of Dundee was a sectional champ to highlight area action.

The top four finishers in each weight class participate in the Super Sectionals.

### Class C

The heroics by Dobbins, who won at 112 last year, 105 in 1986 and 98 three years ago, mostly contributed to the Lions' 44-point total that gave them 12th place overall.

Sodus was the top area team, placing fourth with 96 points. Bloomfield was fifth (95½),

Williamson's Josh Smith (112) and Albert Smith (250) were runners-up, both suffering pins in the finals.

Bloomfield's Tim Lucero (145) and Terry Lucero (167) were finalists as was Sodus' Barrett Cotter (132), who lost 5-4 to LeRoy's Andy Woodruff.

Mark Buda (91) and Jadd Peters (98) of Williamson, Todd Miller (132) and Jerry Newby (155) of Marion and Andy Roloson (167) of Sodus were third-place winners.

Bloomfield's Todd Hine (105), Sodus' Mike Freeman (112) and Tim McKay (138), and Marion's Chris Miller (145) and Jake Van Gee (215) all took fourths.

105 finals, while teammate Craig Buck (138) suffered a 36-second pin in the finals against R-H's Jim Quattriccioci.

Todd LeGrette (119) of Canandaigua finished fourth.

### Class D

Sprague, fourth at 177 last season, had a 5:35 technical fall over Canisteo's Don Dietrich in the finals.

Dundee finished 10th with 43 points, while Red Creek was ninth (60) as Pavilion (206½) knocked off defending champion Lyndonville to win the team crown. Canisteo was second (164) and Alfred-Almond (150) was fourth.