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Rangers edge Gates-Chili to win team title

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Six minutes is a long time to spend on the mat, especially at the end of a week-end of wrestling.

Nine minutes constitutes forever. Banana republic governments are overthrown in less time.

"You never want to go to overtime," Spencerport junior Tom Foos said last night. "It's awful. You're already exhausted, and then your hearts and lungs have

to work even harder."

Foos can rest his cardiovascular system today, having emerged from a 3-3 overtime tie to win via referees' criterion in the 138-pound final of the Monroe County League tournament at Webster Junior High.

Foos led by a point until being penalized for stalling with five seconds to go in regulation. Neither he nor Pat Quinn of East Rochester could score in the mandatory three one-minute overtime periods.

The match was then decided by the most number of takedowns. Foos had the only takedown, and it cost Quinn his first loss of the season after 24 victories.

Foos' triumph, immediately following another criterion triumph by 132-pound teammate Joe LoPresti, helped lead the Rangers to the team championship.

Spencerport scored 198½ points to

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hold off Gates-Chili (183½) and Webster (170).

Foos watched much of LoPresti's match with Brighton's John Hill. LoPresti was docked a point with 30 seconds left in the third period for repeatedly pushing Hill, then moved to an 8-5 lead after two overtime periods. Hill escaped early in the third OT, and then LoPresti suffered a two-point stalling penalty to tie the score at 8.

Again it came down to the number of takedowns, and LoPresti improved to 25-1 for the season.

Jon Raines started the Rangers on their way by scoring a relatively convinc-

ing 5-1 decision in the 112-pound final against Shawn Bauer. The triumph was every bit as dramatic, however, because it came against a Gates-Chili wrestler.

Heavyweight Hasan Uyar gave the Rangers a fourth champion with a 3-2 decision in overtime.

Spencerport brought a 171½-169 lead over the Spartans into the finals, with Webster (158) and two-time defending champion Brighton (147) still close. However, Spencerport advanced four wrestlers to the championship finals and another seven to the consolations. Gates-Chili had six championship finalists and three more in the consolations.

"We were only 2½ points ahead, and that's not much," said Raines, a senior. Although consistently successful, Spencerport has been a team of extremes this season. The Rangers edged Gates-Chili by

three points for the Spencerport Rotary-Bernabi team title in December, despite earning no individual championships.

Five Rangers, including LoPresti and Foos, won last week en route to the Clayton Barnard championship at Hilton.

"Those were tough matches in the Bernabi," Foos said. "The chips fell our way tonight."

The falling chips included help from a couple of other teams. Gates-Chili placed finalists in the first five classes, but only 98-pound junior Rob Giannavola came away with a victory for the Spartans. Later, All-Greater Rochester football player Jeff Wittman brought the 177-pound championship to the Spartans with a 9-5 decision that improved his record for the season to 22-0.

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Wittman was the sectional and state qualifier runnerup to Jon Welch of Canandaigua.

Hilton senior Andy Antonucci also remained undefeated and earned his third straight Monroe County championship. Antonucci (24-0-1) took the 119-pound division in another step toward his

goal of returning to the state meet.

Rush-Henrietta senior Scott Reddick romped through the 145-pound division with two technical falls and two big decisions. He earned the most outstanding wrestler award and is 25-0-1 this season.

East Rochester's Rich O'Lena, another 1988 state qualifier, improved to 21-0-2 by winning at 105 pounds. Teammate Pietro Furgiuele started the night with a championship at 91 pounds.

**Monroe County Tournament
At Webster Jr. High
Team**

Spencerport 198½, Gates-Chili 183½, Webster 170, Brighton 153, East Rochester 141, Greece Athena 111, Churchville-Chili 88, Fairport 87, Brockport 76, Hilton 70½, Batavia 69, Pittsford 69, Greece Olympia 56, Irondequoit 51, Rush-Henrietta 44½, East-Stridge 44, Penfield, 37.

Individual finals

91 pounds — Pietro Furgiuele (ER) d. Joe Smallidge (G-C), 5-5 (ot, referee's criterion); **98** — Rob Giannavola (G-C) d. Sean Greiner (Gath), 6-2; **105** — Rich O'Lena (ER) d. Jim Barbato (G-C), 6-5; **112** — Jon Raines (Spen) d. Shawn Bauer (G-C), 5-1; **119** — Andy Antonucci (Hil) d. Joe Giglio (G-C), 10-3; **126** — Scott Daly (Brock) d. Chuck Leone (Bri), 11-2; **132** — Joe Lopresti (Spen) d. John Hill (Bri), 8-8 (ot, referee's criterion); **138** — Tom Foos (Spen) d. Pat Quinn (ER), 3-3 (ot, referee's criterion); **145** — Scott Reddick (R-H) d. Neil Cook (Bri), 13-2; **155** — Andy Berg (Web) d. Dan Goldstein (Bri), 3-3 (ot, referee's criterion); **167** — Matt DePoint (C-C) d. Ron Fenner (GO), 8-7; **177** — Jeff Wittman (G-C) d. Brian Marcinek (Web), 9-5; **215** — Rob Kessler (Web) d. Jerry Pelusio (Fair), 7-6; **250** — Hasan Uyar (Spen) d. Derek O'Connor (Pitt), 3-2 (ot).

Saturday wrestling

Rob Giannavola was ready for big-time wrestling sooner than he thought last season.

"He finished second in the Monroe County meet to Rich O'Lena (of East Rochester) in a heck of a match," Gates-Chili Coach Bill Christina said yesterday, "and he was second in sectionals. He lost to Alan Aceto (of Edison) and one of the reasons was it was his first sectionals and he thought maybe he was in over his head.

"That's not the case at all."

Giannavola continued to show on Saturday that he can handle the best. The 98-pound Spartan improved his season record to 21-0 with a 5-3 decision over Greece Athena's Sean Greiner in the Monroe County League tournament at Webster Junior High.

"I made up my mind that second place wasn't for me," the 5-foot-3 junior said. "I came out wanting to win everything this season."

The attitude shows.

"He's a very determined young man," Christina said. "He works very hard in practice and it shows on the mat."

Giannavola spent most of last season on the junior varsity because Jim Barbato held the 98-pound slot in the lineup. Barbato went down to 91 pounds late in the season and won the county and sectional tournaments.

Barbato was one of six Gates-Chili finalists Saturday.

Spencerport, with four titlists, won the team championship with 198½ points, with Gates-Chili finishing at an impressive 183½. Webster (170) was third.

• Teklu Yihedgo (98), Dan Shirley (112), Todd Englerth (132) and Terry Hagen (250) won at Perry Saturday night to spark Le Roy to the Livingston County Tournament title. The Oatkan Knights placed five wrestlers in the finals and easily outdistanced Warsaw, 204½-138½.

Jim Casey of Geneseo was selected the most outstanding wrestler after winning at 138 pounds.