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University of Buffalo's Jim Young (top) takes control in his match with Brockport's Scott Hill.

Odd style pays off

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Frank Calabria's wrestling style is similar to his way of life — unusual. When the 21-year-old Brockport State junior walks out on the mat, his coach, Don Murray, and his opponents don't know what to expect.

"That's just the way I wrestle and the way I live," said Calabria, whose decision in the 167-pound class gave the Golden Eagles their first lead of the meet before losing to the University of Buffalo, 19-18, last night at Brockport.

"The reason I'm here is because the coach lets me wrestle the way I do. Other coaches have tried to make me change my style, but I don't like it," Calabria said. "Coach Murray teaches individually, not the whole team as a team."

Calabria won the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III 158pound title last year after wrestling only one match prior to the tournament. That's where his unorthodox lifestyle enters.

"I work half the year and go to school half the year," Calabria said. "I don't

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expect my parents to pay for my schooling and they agree.

"For half the year, I go back home to Long Island and work for a trucking company and a flower shop for a friend of mine. The other half, I go to school and wrestle. I just missed making the Dean's list last year."

Calabria tied the only match he wrestied last year before the tournament and last night's 8-5 victory over the Bulls' Bob Martinek was his second against one loss this year.

"I came back to school last month," he said. "I work out on my own when I'm not going to school, but I'm still a little out of shape. A couple more weeks and I'll be in top shape again."

Brockport State's loss was its first of the season after eight victories. The Golden Eagles still are unbeaten in the State University of New York Athletic Conference, however, with a 5-0 record.

"That's one thing I can't figure out," said Murray, who has guided Brockport to three SUNYAC titles in his four years at the school. "Buffalo beat Clarion State and lost to Binghamton State. We've already beaten Binghamton State."

Murray said two major factors in the loss were a University of Buffalo pin at the 134-pound weight class and a draw at the 150-pound class.

"Scott (Hill, who was pinned by the Bulls' Jim Young with 44 seconds left in the match) is only a freshman," Murray said. "He wrestled well until he was pinned. If we could have won the one we tied (Buffalo's Bruce Hadsell tied Tom Maddock, 4-4, on riding time), it would have been different, too.

"I'm really not too upset we lost. The kids wrestled hard and that's all you can ask for. If it was for the conference championship, though, then I would have been hollering to the boys a lot more."

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Ray Pfeifer scored a superior 19-5 decision over the Golden Eagles' Ray Parteus to give Buffalo a 4-0 lead after the 118-pound match. The bulls stretched their advantage to 10-3 after the meet's only pin before Brockport rallied to take a 14-12 lead on Calabria's decision.

Buffalo's Emad Faddoul then defeated Brockport's Blair Buchholz, 12-2, at 177 pounds to put the Bulls back ahead, 16-14, before the Golden Eagles' Dan Harmon scored a superior 15-5 decision at 190 pounds to give Brockport an 18-16 lead entering the final match.

Charlie Wright defeated Brockport's Mac Tyndall, 8-5, in the heavyweight division to give Buffalo the victory.