

IC matmen shock CU in 17-15 thriller



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Ithaca College's wrestling team, ranked first in the nation in Division III, went up East Hill Monday night to fetch history. It came down with it in spectacular fashion.

When it was over, the Bombers raised their fists and leaped into each other's arms after defeating Cornell for the first time, 17-15.

"It's nice," John Murray, Ithaca College's head coach and 1978 Cornell graduate, said. "Now most likely we'll have a 15-0 season - our first perfect season in the school's history. But this was the biggest hurdle and we're really pleased." The Bombers, ranked fourth in the state, visit Potsdam Saturday night in hopes of keeping their unbeaten streak and No. 1 ranking in Division III intact. Then it will organize for the crucial Eastern Regional meet at Trenton State (N.J.) which is the first and last stop before the nationals.

Cornell coach Andy Noel was shaking his head in amazement following the loss. The Red, ranked fifth in the state, was the last team to beat IC, 25-18, on Feb. 4, 1984.

"It's a great moment for them, a disappointing one for us," Noel said. "This is the first year they had a shot at beating us and it hasn't even hit me yet. But it was a great match."

Cornell, now 2-4 overall, gets back into Ivy League action for the remainder of the season Friday and Saturday, when it visits Harvard and Yale, respectively.

The Red, which has won two straight Ivy League titles, has already beaten Brown, 33-12.

Although it wasn't a championship meet, the estimated 600 fans at Teagle Hall Monday night were treated to a thrilling battle between these cross-town rivals.

The Bombers were without their two best grapplers in Bob Panariello (118 pounds) and Glenn Cogs-

well (126). Both suffered injuries Saturday which may keep them sidelined for the season.

"That's a tough thing to get over mentally and a lot of Division III coaches would have counted us out," Murray, a former Cornell co-captain, said of losing his two All-Americans. "To come back and win the toughest duel meet of the season without them says a lot. The cohesion of our team won the match."

And this duel meet, in which there were no pins, came down to the big guys - the heavyweights.

With the Bombers ahead 15-13 going into the final match, it was up to Ithaca's Rich Kane and Cornell's John Phelan, both sophomores, to salvage a win for his respective team.

With 1 minutes, 30 seconds left in the third and final period, Teagle Hall began to rock as Kane and Phelan were tied at 4-4.

Kane and Phelan couldn't budge each other earlier in the match as they did battle on their feet. Each would score two more points on stalling penalties in the final 32 seconds as it ended in a 6-6 deadlock.

"I tried to do what the coach told me," said an elated, exhausted Kane. "Keep shooting for his legs and try to ride him as long as I could. I should have won but I couldn't get enough riding time."

Ironically, it was Kane who protected IC's unbeaten mark last Saturday. With the Bombers trailing Albany State, 22-20, Kane pulled out a 5-2 decision over Gene Faughnan to give IC a 23-22 win. "I can't take many more of these (close meets)," Murray said with a smile.

The Bombers' All-American Bill Condon edged Mike Carducci, 6-5, at 190 pounds to bring the visitors back from a 13-12 deficit. Condon upped his seasonal record to 6-1-1 but this was an important one.

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Two key wrestlers for each team, Bart Morrow of IC, and Pat Welch of Cornell, recorded victories. Both are three-time state champions.

Morrow (134) defeated Pete Shaifer, 5-3, in a close encounter. Shaifer rallied from a 4-1 deficit to come within 4-3 with 32 seconds remaining in the match before Morrow squeezed out the win.

Welch (158) extended his unbeaten string to 19 duel-meet wins by beating Larry Iacovelli, 12-6 to give the Big Red a 10-9 lead going into the 167-pound bout.

There, Cornell's Scott O'Neil broke open a close one to record a 15-10 win over Steve Hile. Earlier Hile had a 5-0 lead and nearly had O'Neil pinned in the opening minute of the match.

At 177, Cornell's Mike Salm knew he'd be in a battle with Dave Kittay, who entered the match with an 11-0 record. Salm, hampered by two bruised shoulders according to

Noel, fell behind 4-1 and lost, 5-3. That made the team score, 13-12 in favor of Cornell, going into the 190-pound match.

"It's a shame, because he's one of my best kids," Noel said of Salm. "He was only at 50 percent."

In other matches, Cornell co-captain Dave Chae routed Paul Schumann at 126 pounds, 13-4. At 118, IC's Jim Prestifillippo defeated Jeff Witt, 7-6, as he filled in for Panariello. It was Witt's first collegiate match.

In possibly the most exciting match of the night, Cornell's Phil Wiles got two points with two seconds left to beat Paul Mankowich, 8-7, at 150 pounds.

Mankowich's brother, Pete, a state champion at 142 pounds, decisioned Cornell's John Cvetic, 7-4. Pete broke it open early in the third period to take a 5-2 lead.

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158: Pat Welch (C) dec. Larry Iacovelli, 12-6.

167: Scott O'Neil (C) dec. Steve Hile, 15-11.

177: Dave Kittay (IC) dec. Mike Salm, 5-3.

190: Bill Condon (IC) dec. Mike Carducci, 6-5.

Hvywt: John Phelan drew with Rich Kane, 6-6.

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