

O'Mara Winningest!

Arcadia-Spencerport Mat Jinx Holds

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A week ago against R.L. Thomas the meet came down to the last match of the day, the heavyweight battle. The pressure was on the shoulders of junior Mike Palumbo, who was pinned by the only unbeaten heavyweight in the County, John Kinley. In that meet Arcadia lost by one, 29-28.

Well that is history, and so is the easy 44-14 win over Jefferson, the Titans first non-league match-up. Once again on Saturday the entire meet came down to the final match, and the outcome rested on the result of the heavyweight clash. This time Mike Palumbo needed to pin his opponent, just the opposite of the week before.

The score was in Spencerport's favor 24-19, in a see-saw meet wrestled at Spencerport. Palumbo faced Ranger senior Mike Wilmart, and throughout the first period it looked as if Palumbo would get the pin, and Arcadia would win by one. The match went thirty-nine seconds before any points were scored, but then Palumbo took control with a take down. Seconds later he had Wilmart on his back and near a pin, but the slap never came as Wilmart scored two on a reversal with only seven seconds left in the period. It made the first round score 5-2 in the Titan favor. In the second period Wilmart escaped and scored on a take down to tie the match at 5-5. After that Palumbo scored to escapes to win the heavyweight battle, 7-5. The needed pin was no-where to be seen. The Palumbo decision gave Arcadia three points but that wasn't enough as Spencerport edged the Titans 24-22.

The win kept Spencerport undefeated, and in first place of the Monroe County Western Wrestling division with a 6-0 league record, and an 8-0 standing overall. The loss dropped Arcadia into fifth place behind Olympia, whom they meet next Saturday. The Titans league record was

broken down to 4 wins and 3 losses, and an overall mark of 5 wins and 3 losses. But the biggest result of the defeat was the continuation of a twelve year losing streak to Spencerport, for Arcadia, who have never beat the Rangers.

Last Tuesday against Jefferson the Titans Don O'Mara became the all-time winningest wrestler at Arcadia with his 59th overall victory, O'Mara broke Chuck Grossman's standing fifty-eight win record as a Titan-wrestler. O'Mara's record breaking win against Jefferson's Lou Barridi was a pin at 2:10, of the match. The senior, tri-captain, then captured his sixteenth win against Spencerport's John Kozlowski, previously unbeaten O'Mara won an easy 13-3 decision over the Ranger senior, now 6-1. The win made O'Mara's season record 13 wins and 0 losses overall, 8-0 in dual meets, and 7-0 in league matches.

Coach Mike Lopa was "really pleased" with his teams effort against Spencerport. "They never gave up" he said about his defeated Titans. Arcadia gave Spencerport an early scare when Brian Needler won a 6-2 decision and Jim Pascucci pinned at 2:50, in the 100 and 107 lb. classes respectively. Those first two victories opened a 9-0 Titan lead, that only lasted two more matches as the score was soon tied up 9-9. From there it was a see-saw meet, winners for Arcadia were: Greg Locke (128 lbs.) scored a 5-2 decision over previously undefeated Shane Graham; Don O'Mara then beat John Kozlowski in the 140 lb class; Steve Wood (169 lbs) also beat an undefeated Ranger, Rich Benson, by a 4-0 decision; and then Palumbo's decision in the heavyweight class.

The biggest losses were in the 157 lb. class when Dave Goodwin lost a 17-12 decision, and in the 179 lb. class when Paul Brigandi was beat 11-7. Goodwin was denied take down three times, as he injured his opponent twice, once

he needed smalling salts to return to action. Brigandi's loss was his first of the season, leaving only Don O'Mara undefeated. Emotions were high throughout the Spencerport meet, and the fans showed their appreciation with standing ovations after every match.

Winners against Jefferson were: Brian Needler (100 lbs) pin at :50; Greg Locke (128 lbs.) pin at 5:18; Mark Sullivan (134 lbs.) pin at 1:56; Don O'Mara (140 lbs.) pin at 2:10; Bob DelDuca (147 lbs.) pin at 3:43; Dave Goodwin (157 lbs.) by forfeit; Steve Wood (169 lbs.) a 5-2 decision; Paul Brigandi (179 lbs.) a 4-0 decision; and Ed Ellis (121 lbs.) had a 3-3 tie. Coach Mike Lopa said about his teams 44-14 win over Jefferson, "we just wrestled. They did alot better than last

time out against Thomas. If you wrestle well you win, if you don't you lose, it's as simple as that. I don't think either Jefferson or R.L. Thomas were that tough. After a win like this you can't say much, the kids just did an outstanding job."

JUNIOR-VARSITY

The Titans J.V. wrestling team lost 39-20 to the Spencerport Rangers last Saturday. Winners for Arcadia were: Mike Fitzgibbon (107 lbs.) by a 7-1 decision; Grant Leshander (169 lbs.) by a 12-0 decision; and Tom Leo (Heavyweight) pin at 1:59. Having ties were: Mike Toal (100 lbs.) at 5-5; Dave Bittlingmeier (134 lbs.) at 9-9; and John Schiefer (147 lbs) at 8-8. The Titans led only once, 5-2, after Fitzgibbon's victory.

Marlin Girls Win In Two Divisions

The Blue Marlin Swim Club girls swam the Spencerport swim club Sunday, January 11. The mini division showed its strength winning in "fine style." The prep division won the division by only one point. Both clubs were cheered on by many supporters. This proved to be an exciting meet.

The mini division (8 and under) showed their strength by winning 48-6. Winning points for the minis were: 25 yard free; Janet Thompson 1st (18.6), Cherie Smith 2nd. 25 yard breast; Renee Smith, 1st (23.9), Amy Drum 2nd. 25 yard back; Joan Thompson 1st (21.6), Kathy Dengler 2nd. 25 yard fly; Cherie Smith 1st (23.6). 100 yard IM; Janet Thompson 1st (145.5) Taking 1st place was the medley relay of Thompson, Smith, Thompson, and Smith with a 124.9. Also placing 1st was the freestyle relay of Darlene Trost, Drum, Dengler and Joan Thompson. (1:36.3).

The prep division (11-12) gave their supporters something to cheer about as

The midgets (9 and 10) were taken by surprise by a strong Spencerport team losing their division 29-39. This is only the 2nd loss of the season for the midgets. Point winners were: 50 yard free; Karen Allen 2nd. 50 yard breast; Ann O'Neil 2nd. 50 yard back AnneMarie Dengler 1st (39.5). 100 yard free; Karne Allen 2nd. 50 yard fly; Sue Ange 1st (40.5). 100 yard IM; Sue Ange 2nd. The free relay of Heidi Philpatt, Ann O'Neil, AnneMarie Dengler and Coreen Bacon placed 1st with a 2:38.4.

The small Junior team tried their best, but lost to the larger Spencerport team 20-63. A big welcome to two new members of the Junior Blue Marlins, Mary Lou Dengler and Barb Brown will be adding some strength to the division.

