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East Rochester's Tim Quinn (top) tries to break down Canandaigua's Marty King in a 132-pound match. King

avanged a loss to Quinn last year when he gained a 5-3 decision and improved his season's record to 29-0-1.

ER outlasts Canandaigua, 24-23

No. 2 Bombers gain tie in last match for victory over top-ranked Braves in wrestling showdown

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East Rochester's wrestling team earned Section 5 bragging rights last night.

The Monroe County League East Division champion Bombers edged Finger Lakes East champion Canandaigua, 24-23, in a non-league meet that matched Section 5's top two high school teams. A crowd estimated at 1,400 was at East Rochester for the regular-season finale.

Canandaigua, which has won eight straight sectional titles, was ranked No. 1 in the *Democrat and Chronicle's* poll and No. 5 in the state sportswriters' poll. The Braves, who had not lost to another Section 5 team in a dual-meet in several years, finished with a 13-5 record.

"They've kind of dominated wrestling in the area for a long time," said East Rochester Coach Don Quinn. "This was a real big win for us. They have a super program and a bunch of super kids. To beat them, that's a plus for us."

East Rochester, a six-time defending sectional champion that was ranked No. 2 in the *Democrat and Chronicle* poll and No. 14 in the state, finished with a 12-2 record.

East Rochester picked up victories in the 112-pound weight class, at 119, 126, 155 and 177. Canandaigua won at 98, 105, 132 and 138. There were ties at 145, 167 and 215.

The meet came down to the heavy-



Canandaigua Coach Larry Reynolds reacts during a 124-pound match.

weight match, a 2-2 draw between ER's Tony Rossi and Canandaigua's John Bradshaw.

Canandaigua had forfeited the 177-pound weight class, giving the Bombers six points and the lead, 22-21.

"I have to win, that's all I was thinking," said Rossi, a 195-pound senior who has a 24-2-1 record. "I wasn't even thinking about tying. Tying is a very rare thing in wrestling."

Rossi scored two points with a second-period reversal. He led, 2-0, until he was

penalized a point for stalling with :45 left in the match.

Bradshaw, a 211½-pound senior who wore a foam facemask to protect six stitches under his left eye, then tied the match when he escaped with :30 left.

"I thought we could win it (the heavy-weight class)," said Canandaigua Coach Larry Reynolds.

"There was a lot of pressure on both kids," said Quinn. "I felt confident when Tony went out there . . . I was happy with a tie."

The tie gave both teams two points and kept East Rochester ahead by one, 24-23.

Reynolds said the defeat won't bother his team, which will defend its Sec. 5 Class A championship this Friday and Saturday at Hilton.

"We're shooting for sectionals," he said. "All our guys wrestled light . . . they all wrestled up (at a heavier weight class)."

"Nobody has wrestled the competition we have this season," the third-year coach continued. "We may have lost some, but I don't care. We'll see what happens at the end of the year. Our season just starts right now."

Canandaigua took an 11-0 lead with a pin by sophomore Butch Hibbard (22-0) and a 20-2 superior decision by sophomore Tom Ricciotti (23-7).

East Rochester then won three straight matches.

Junior Joe Taverite (17-3-2) decisioned Canandaigua sophomore Paul Lamphier at 112, 5-2; junior John Hanselman (16-5-1) decisioned sophomore Tracy Foster at 119, 11-6, and sophomore Frank Rossi (15-10) decisioned junior Pat Garrison at 126, 6-3. The Bombers were within two, 11-9.

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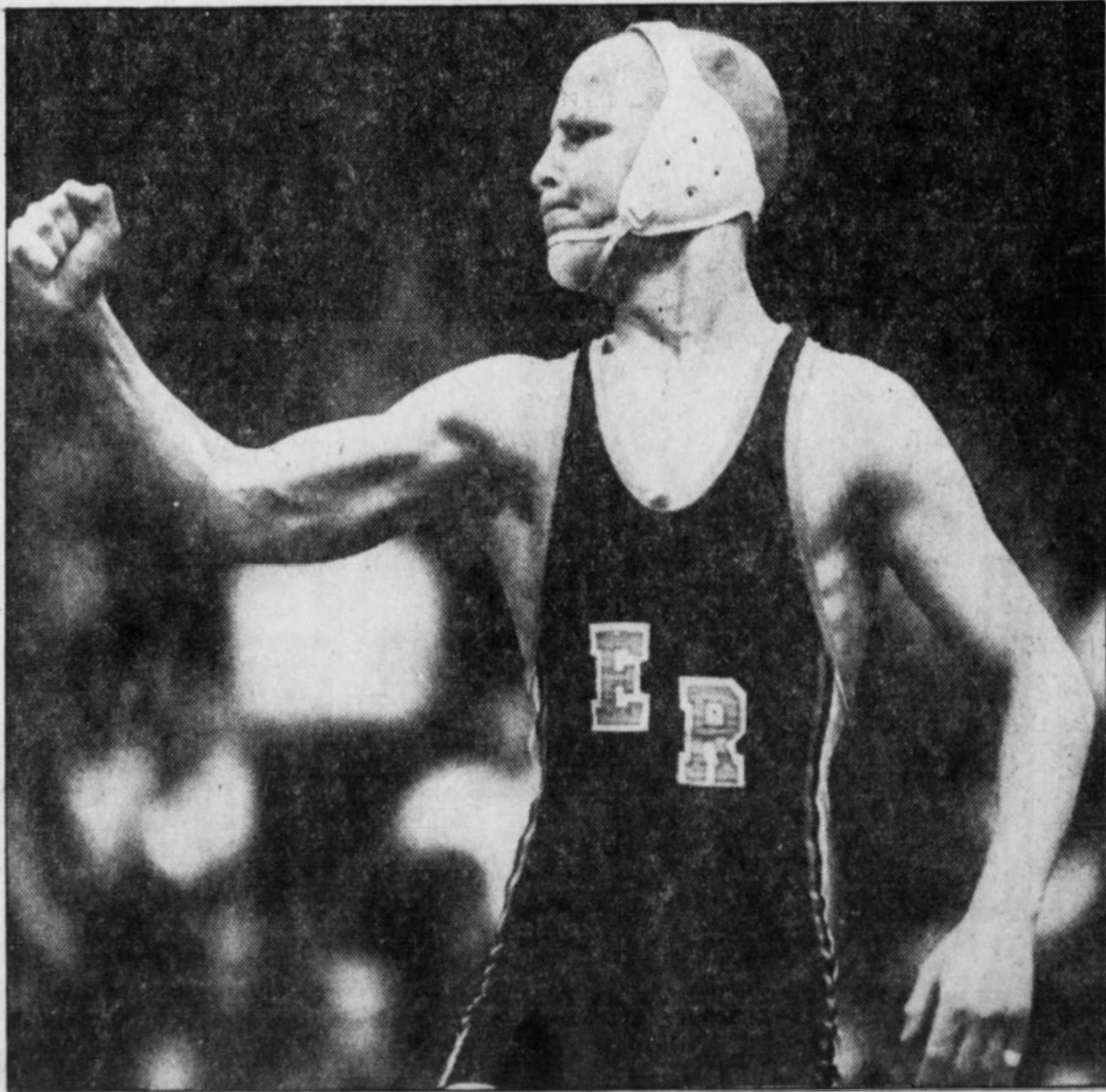
Canandaigua wrestled without junior Joe Hibbard (23-1-1), who missed the meet because of a pulled muscle in his back. Hibbard is top-seeded in the sectionals at 112 pounds.

Canandaigua junior Marty King (29-0-1) avenged one of the few defeats he has suffered in four seasons when he decisioned junior Tim Quinn (19-5) at 132, 5-3.

King, who will be top-seeded in the sectionals at 119, has a career record of 129-10-1. He lost a 4-2 decision to Quinn last season.

Senior Dan Scheele (25-6) followed King's victory with a narrow 9-8 decision over ER's John Morabito (2-8) in the 138-pound weight class. Canandaigua led, 17-9.

ER's Tony Marcoccia and Canandaigua's Rich LeGrett tied, 4-4, at 145. LeGrett led, 4-2, before giving up two penalty points in the final period. Canandaigua led, 19-11.



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East Rochester junior John Hanselman clenches his fist in a victorious gesture to his teammates after winning a decision in his 119-pound match against Canandaigua sophomore Terry Foster.