

WRESTLING

East Rochester claims the top in county league

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East Rochester is the outstanding high school wrestling team in the Monroe County League. It proved that last night on the mat at Spencerport.

The East Division champion Bombers defeated West Division champion Spencerport, 30-15, before a capacity crowd estimated at 1,200.

It was the final meet of East-West day. The top three finishers from each division met last night at Spencerport. Brockport dumped Fairport in the meet between second-place finishers, 26-21, and Brighton defeated Hilton in the meet between third-place finishers, 31-18.

East Rochester, which has an 11-2 record and is ranked second in the *Democrat and Chronicle* poll of Section 5 teams, led from start to finish. It won seven of the 12 matches.

Spencerport (12-1), which was ranked third in the *Democrat and Chronicle* poll, won four matches. One match was a draw.

"Their moving some of their kids up hurt them," said ER Coach Don Quinn. "They were weaker. I had it six and six before they started moving people.

"At 126, I figured we'd lose, but we got a pin," Quinn added.

The 126-pound weight class was the key to the meet.

Rich Suhr of Spencerport normally wrestles at that weight, but because of illness he ended up at 138.

"We didn't move them around by choice," said Spencerport Coach Bill Ja-

coutot, "Rich Suhr's usually at 126, but he was ill all week. To bring him down might have hurt him next week (at sectionals).

"This was the gravy match," Jacoutot continued. "Next week's the big match. So we decided to go for the best athletes we could put out on the mat. We were going for six wins — we won four.

"They won the scraps," he added. "They're a good team."

Bill Herko (98) and Chad Bucker (105) won major decisions to give ER an 8-0 advantage. Joe Taverite and Spencerport's Mike Lopresti then wrestled to a 6-6 draw.

John Hanselman won a 5-4 decision at 119 with an escape with :08 left in the match. Then Frank Rossi pinned Spencerport freshman Tom Ange in 2:28 at 126.

"Hanselman did a heckuva job," said Quinn, referring to the junior, who owns a 15-6-2 record. "That was a mild upset (over Spencerport's Al Beaney)."

Spencerport's Angelo DeAngelis (132), Rich Suhr (138) and Gary Kozlowski (145) won the next three matches to cut the Bombers' lead to seven, 19-12. ER's Nick LaPietra then decisioned Jim Goetz at 155 and Spencerport's John Suhr decisioned Kevin Condon at 167.

Sophomore Chris Schojan then helped ER win the outstanding team trophy with a meet-clinching 17-1 superior decision at 177. His five-point victory gave the Bombers an insurmountable 27-15 lead with just one weight class to be contested.

ER's Tony Rossi added the finishing touch with an 8-6 decision at 215.

Miller plays the heavy

Jeff Miller, a junior who normally wrestles in the 177-pound weight class, pinned John Fee of Fairport at 3:50 of the 215-pound match to lift Brockport over the Red Raiders.

Brockport, which finished second in the Monroe County West, is 13-1. The Blue Devils were ranked fifth in last

week's *Democrat and Chronicle* poll.

Fairport, which finished second in the Monroe County East, is 9-2. The Red Raiders were ranked fourth in the *Democrat and Chronicle* poll and No. 20 in the state poll.

Brockport forfeited the 177-pound weight class to give Fairport the lead, 21-20. That put Miller (23-5) on the mat for the heavyweight match.

Fee took down the 181-pound Miller to take a 2-0 first-period lead. The Fairport senior then escaped in the second period for a 3-0 lead.

Miller then took down Fee to his back and pinned him with just :10 left in the second period. The fall gave Brockport six points and the meet.

"I was ready to do it (wrestle Miller up at 215) if we had to," said Brockport Coach Jeff Brown. "I had been counting on winning a few bouts that we lost — 112, 119, 126, 132. I figured we'd win two of those."

Instead, Fairport's Jim Santini (10-1-1) decisioned Nathan VanDuzer (24-5) at 112, 11-5; John Gaffney (13-8) decisioned Andre Jones at 119, 10-4; Mark Giambrone (10-9) decisioned Greg Avery at 126, 10-3; and Nick Whitcombe (16-4-1) decisioned Rob Lupisella (20-6) at 132, 7-2. Fairport led, 12-10.

Brighton 'surprisingly' 13-2

John Wolfe (145), Brian Kurlander (155) and Steve Salzman (167) triumphed to help Brighton defeat Hilton.

Brighton, which was third in the Monroe County East, is 13-2. The Barons were ranked sixth in the *Democrat and Chronicle* poll.

"If anybody told me we would go 13-2 this season, I'd have told them they were crazy," said Brighton Coach Mark Hoyt. "We lost those 11 good guys (to graduation) last year."

Brighton lost matches at 98, 105, 132 and 138 yesterday.