

Championship Looms For Bomber Matmen

East Rochester High School wrestling coach Don Quinn has another Monroe County Eastern Division championship all but wrapped up.

And with a last league match on Saturday night at Webster Schroeder left to play, it will take a major upset to deny the Bombers the crown in the Bicentennial year.

After the scrap at Schroeder, the Bombers have one last dual team tilt. It's a non-league match, but rates highly for the Bomber season

record. It is a trip to Canandaigua on next Thursday for a clash against the Ontario-Finger Lakes powerhouse.

The Bombers have an 8-0 record in the East circuit and lead second place Fairport by a point.

Overall, ER is 12-0. A major reason for the success of the team is the undefeated status of three of its members.

Robert Steinruck at 145 pounds has erased eight rivals in league arguments and has added four more in

non-loop tilts.

Five others fell in a pair of tournaments. His only loss came in the Baldswinville Tourney.

Andy Brien is the loop's 177-pound kingpin. Like Steinruck, Brien has notched eight loop wins and four others in non-league dual clashes. He also tabbed five tourney victories and lost only in the Baldswinville finale.

Heavyweight Phil Pizzingrilli is 5-0 in league matches and 6-0 in dual tilts. He had a tie in the Victor

match.

Quinn's agile club again showed why it's the class of East wheel and parts east, west, south, and north.

The locals gave visiting Victor a 18-10 lead half way through the collision between the East County league leaders and the Finger Lakes' power club.

Victor tallied three pins in forging ahead of ER in the first three matches. After Jeff Kier opened with a three point 4-2 verdict over Terry Moore in the 100 class and Jack

Conners posted a 3-1 nod over Mike Mahoney in the 107 division, it became a 6-6 affair when Victor's 114-pounder, Tim Garlock, pinned ER's Mark Morabito at the 4:43 mark.

Victor ran ahead 12-6 when Bomber John Gueli faded in the last period after grabbing a 7-0 lead in the 121-pound division. His opponent, Tim West, caught Gueli for a pin at the 5:10 time.

Tom Rosati netted four points for ER in the 128-pound class with a major 11-2

decision over Larry Johnson. Tom West of Victor got the visitor's 6 when he pinned Bomber Bob Petrone after 3:28. Petrone had a 1-0 lead at the time.

John Barber cut Victor's margin to 5 as he lathered Jim Flora for a 9-3 decision in the 140 weights.

It was 18-18 after Steinruck had mashed Ray Dorscheid for a 5-point superior 24-7 verdict. His points by periods were, 11-7-6.

Quinn's team then won

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three in a row to take a 27-18 lead into the last heavyweight tilt.

John Antonelli (157) beat Jim Abraham, 11-5; Jeff VanThof (169) topped Chris Hahn, 6-0; and Brien had one of his hardest matches of the season. He just eased by Dave Condon, 6-5. Pizzingrilli then closed with a 4-4 tie against Mitch Bessette.

The Bombers made Iron-dequoit their eighth league victim of the season last Saturday night and notched a 32-12 easy decision on the losers' mats.

Quinn's team succumbed in only four of the 12 scraps. Jeff Kier (100) lost a tight 7-6 nod to John Lehmann to start the action.

Mark Morabito was a 6-4 victim of Jim Lehmann in the 114 tilt; Tom Rosati bowed at 128 to Ned Owen, 7-1; and Bob Petrone was taken by Jerry Fischer, 9-3, in the 134-pound clash.

ER's winners were Jack

Conners (107) by a 6-3 verdict over Tom Benedetto; John Gueli (121) by a pin in 3:31 over Brian Etter; John Barber by a 11-4 lead over Tony Gentile in the 140 class; Bob Steinruck by a superior 5-point win, 19-4, over Steve Vetura in the 147-pound match; Jeff VanThof (157) by a 7-5 score over John Etter; and freshman John Zito by a 5-2 decision over Jerry Belair in the 169-pound test. Phil Pizzingrilli beat Tom Brayer, 5-4, in the heavyweight group, and Andy Brien won by a forfeit in the 179-pound class.