

Vigliotti, Spencerport trip Brockport, 25-22

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Steve Vigliotti is wrestling's answer to a baseball relief pitcher, according to Spencerport Coach Bill Jacoutot. The 184-pound junior enters a high school meet at a crucial moment and, in Jacoutot's words, "takes care of business."

He took care of Brockport's Jim O'Brien last night and helped Spencerport take care of the visiting Blue Devils, 25-22, in a Monroe County League West Division meet before a capacity crowd estimated at 1,200. The meet between unbeaten and ranked Section 5 powers was sold out three days ago.

Vigliotti, who has a 16-2-1 record, pinned O'Brien at 3:12 of the 217-pound match. It was the final match of the night. Brockport led before the match, 22-19.

"When he walked out on the mat I was confident we were going to win," said Jacoutot. "We needed a four-point major (decision — a victory by more than eight points). We got a pin out of him."

Spencerport, which was ranked fourth in the *Democrat and Chronicle's* poll, but not ranked among the Top 25 teams in the state, has a 4-0 league record and is 8-0 overall. Brockport, second-ranked in the *Democrat and Chronicle's* poll and No. 19 in the state sportswriters' poll, is 6-1 in the league and 10-1 overall.

"It's the second week in a row he's pulled out a big win," said Jacoutot, referring to Vigliotti's 10-8 decision over Pioneer's Jim George in the finals of the Clayton Barnard Memorial Tournament last Saturday at Hilton. "If he won that match we won the tournament . . . if he lost, then Pioneer won it. He won it in the last 15 seconds with a stalling point, an escape and a takedown."

Vigliotti won that match and Spencerport edged the state's 10th-ranked team, Pioneer of Section 6 (Buffalo area), for the tournament title. Vigliotti had a chance for more heroics last night.

Brockport took a 10-0 lead with victories from Jim Lupisella at 100 pounds, Bill Daly at 107 and Nathan Van Duzer at 114. Then the Blue Devils hit what Jacoutot calls, "murderer's row." Spencerport won four of the next five matches.

The victorious Rangers were: Al Beaney (19-2 record) at 121, Angelo DeAngelis (19-0-1) at 134, Gary Kozlowski (15-2) at 140 and John Suhr (20-0) at 147. Suhr, an unbeaten junior, won with a pin at 3:05.

Brockport's Rob Lupisella was the only survivor. He defeated John Suhr's younger brother, Rick, a freshman at 134, 5-3.

Brockport's Phil St. George then defeated Dan Cavalaro at 169, 10-7, and Jeff Miller pinned Chuck Blair at 1:10 in the 179-pound weight class to give the Blue Devils a three-point advantage. St. George, a sophomore, has a 21-4 record; Miller, a junior, is 21-5.

"It was a battle like we anticipated," said Jacoutot. "We had three definites and they had three definites and the tossups went back and forth. Each team won six bouts.

"The meet certainly lived up to its expectations," he added. "They (Brockport's fans) had their blue No. 1s and we had our yellow towels. It's getting to be like an Army-Navy game."

When it was over, Spencerport's fans converged on the triumphant Vigliotti, his Rangers' teammates and coach.

"It was like tearing the goalposts down," said Jacoutot. "I jumped up in the air and I never landed."

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Spencerport's John LaRocca grimaces in pain and frustration in 10-3 loss to Brockport's Bill Daly. Spencerport won meet, 25-22.