

Webster Matmen Tip Jeffs; 23 to 20

by Cory Clark

The Ridge grapplers built up a substantial lead against a strong Jefferson squad in an away meet Wednesday, January 23, then coasted to a 23-20 triumph over the host squad for their fourth win of the season. The Ridgemen have now won four, lost three, and tied one in this season's competition.

As early as it still seems, the wrestling season is almost half over in actual matches and only a little over a month remains before the termination of the season. The Sectional Tournament at RIT will be the final date for the matmen, this taking place March 2.

Wednesday, January 30, will find the Blue and Gold grapplers at Rush-Henrietta for what appears to be a fairly easy touch, but Charlotte probably thought the same thing before the Ridgemen invaded the Lakesider den and pulled their classic surprise.

In Monroe County, no wrestling match is previously decided by any manner or means, though the Ridgemen, on the basis of Spencerport's overwhelming massacre of the Rush team and Webster's 'respectable' loss to the Rangers, clearly rate the favorite role.

The hosts fielded a junior team last year in their first year of practice competition, and this is their first Varsity year and first clash with the Ridgemen. Several Rush grapplers entered the County Championships last year, however, and a Rush boy, Pat Ferrarri, made off with the toga in the 103-pound class. But the Ridgemen sport five County champs and a co-champ, so this doesn't impress anyone in the Ridge school.

About this time of year its about time for a mid-season summary of sorts, just to review the statistical leaders on the Ridge squad and show how the individuals are faring.

It seems that the co-captains this year, Ron Holtz and Rev Munson, were certainly well chosen, since both wrestlers led in most divisions so far, including the Jefferson meet. Ron Holtz has yet to be defeated in six matches this year, has scored 23 points against his opponents and allowed only one to be scored against him, while pinning one of his men (this one was at Jeff).

Rev holds the best eight-match record on the team, sporting a 7-1 record and four pins, leading the team in that department, too. Bill Kehrig has the next-best record, a fine 6-2 effort so far this year.

In the point-scoring competition, based on scores of matches which did not end in a fall but went the full six minutes, Dave Robinson leads the team with 28 points, scored in only four matches which didn't go to falls, or an average of better than six points per match. Best defense total is Ron Holtz's one point in five full-length matches.

In the vital pin department (until you read the account of the Jeff match you don't realize how vital this is), the Ridgemen far outstrip opponents. Only three of the Ridge grapplers have been pinned at all this year, but unfortunately those who are pinned are often flattened, accounting for nine pins.

On the other hand, only three WCS grapplers have not at one time or another pinned their man, accounting for a total of 16 pins. Munson leads that department with four, Bill Kehrig has recorded three, Richie Hogan, three; Ernie Tack, two; and Dave Robinson, Roy Hiler, Ron Holtz, and Cory Clark, one apiece.

Pins made the difference almost entirely in the Jefferson match. WCS grapplers recorded four pins and a decision to edge the Jeffs, 23-20, winning only five of the 11 encounters. But a pin counts five points toward team score while a decision counts only three, and the Jeffs were able to manage only one pin and five decisions against the Websterites.

Webster grapplers have come to know and appreciate Jefferson's hospitality, but anyone will tell you it doesn't extend to the individual matches. Ralph Scida of the host squad was at no time at all hospitable to Webster's 103-pound grappler John Elter, deciding the Websterite 4-1 in a hard-fought match. Neither grappler could make the takedown in the first period, but Scida managed a reversal in the second period.

In the third stanza Webster's Elter managed to squirm free of Scida's grasp, but seconds later the host matman made the first takedown of the evening to ice the match for the Jefferson squad. With one match history, Jefferson held a 3-0 lead over the Blue and Gold team.

in record time. Bill Kehrig led off the surprise annihilation by pinning John Grieco of Jefferson in a novel way after succumbing to a fast takedown by the dark, stocky Jefferson wrestler. But Bill has a habit of coming back quickly, and before the period ended he managed to reverse his opponent.

In the second period a fast switch by Bill gained an advantage early in the period, until finally Bill turned Grieco onto his back to stay late in the second period. At that point the Ridgemen held a 5-3 advantage.

The next match was equally hair-raising for the Ridge cause as Dave Robinson found himself pitted against a tall, lanky fellow who worked hard and soon made the takedown on Dave in the first period. But with three seconds remaining in the period Dave reversed his man, then went ahead in the second stanza to receive a point for a penalty, make the takedown as both grapplers started from the neutral position as a result of the penalty, and score a near fall before the hectic period ended.

Leading 7-2, Robinson allowed Ron Pones of the Jeffs to reverse him in the third period, but he soon reversed his man in turn and clapped on an arm-bar pinning combination, a recent and highly successful development at the Ridge school, to pin his man in the middle of the third period.

Now the Ridgemen led 10-3, and everyone knew Webster's fanatical luck and skill combination couldn't last much longer. It could have been the end in the 127-pound class as Webster's Roy Hiler faced Joe DiMartina, but again fate smiled on the Ridgemen. After a minute of sparring, Hiler slipped behind DiMartina for the takedown and they rolled off the mat. Starting in the middle of the mat again, Roy remembered a tricky but deadly pinning combination he learned the day before and tried it out.

Seconds later Roy had both of the Jeffs arms locked behind his back and his shoulders flat on the mat in a wicked double-arm bar pinning combination, and it was an easy pin for the Ridgemen, as that is a combination no one gets out of, bar none!

The Blue and Gold squad led 15-3 at this point with their biggest spread of the evening, but it was far from over. Jefferson's Dave Grey, an All-Scholastic football player and down to a fantastically low 133 pounds, found Webster's Richie Hogan a much smaller but very scrappy grappler.

Grey managed to make the takedown in the first period after a lengthy scrimmage and kept his advantage, but Hogan kept control of his larger opponent until late in the second stanza, when Grey snapped a neutral position seconds before the period ended.

Earlier in that period, however, Richie had almost turned the Jefferson grappler over several times before he managed to squirm out of the combination. In the third period Grey rode out Hogan, ending the match on the winning end of a 3-1 score.

The only pin for the Jeffs came late in the first period of the 138-pound match, with Louie LaRocca of Jeff finally flattening Dave Blek of Webster in 1:30. LaRocca quickly made the takedown and managed to collect a point for getting Dave in the period before Blek slid off the mat, then turned his man over for the pin after a hard scrimmage.

At that point the Ridgemen's lead was shaved to 15-11, but from then on Webster's strong lineup in the upper weights could carry the meet... at least, that was the way it had been working. But wait and see.

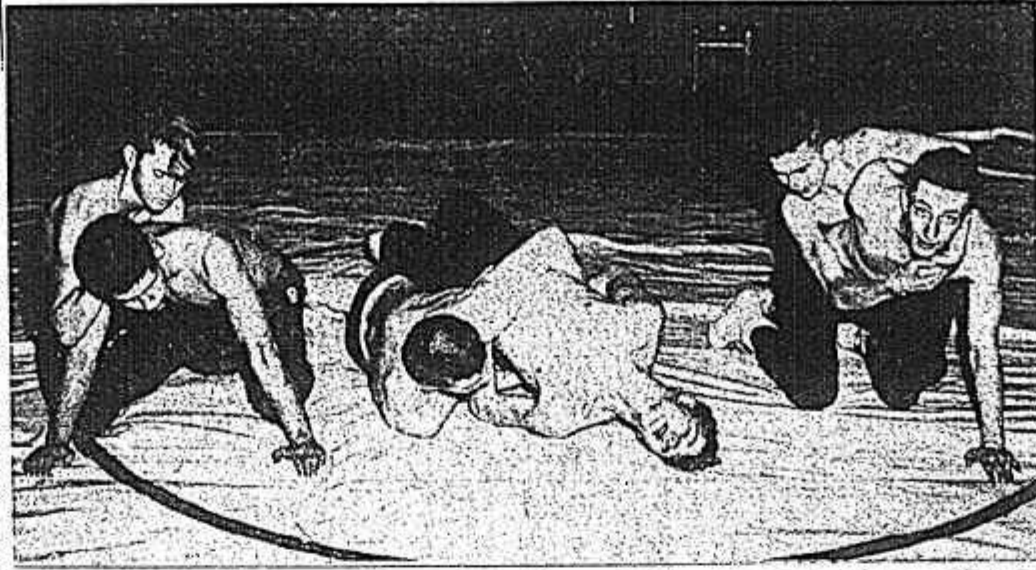
Ron Holtz made sure the Ridgemen stayed on top with a clutch pin against Frank Carnavalle in the 145-pound division, thus adding his first pin to his other laurels this season and keeping his record clean. Ron made the takedown in the first period and managed to escape in the second, then reversed his man in the third period for a 5-0 lead. But with more than a minute remaining in the match Ron found the long-awaited opening and flattened his man in 4:59, boosting the Ridgemen into a 20-11 lead.

Rev Munson has one great characteristic to offer the Ridge squad; he never gives up in the clutch and comes through with the win when the Ridgemen most need it. The Blue and Gold needed a win from him if they ever needed one, and again Rev came through with the clutch decision which eventually decided the meet in Webster's favor.

Neither grappler could make the takedown in the first period, but Rev drew the first blood in the second stanza as he quickly reversed Jefferson's Sam DiPaola. For forty seconds Rev held his advantage, then the Jefferson grappler tied the match with a reversal of Munson, and proceeded to ride out the remaining one minute and twenty seconds of the second period.

In the final period Rev kept control of his man throughout the two minutes, chalking up valuable

Webster Wrestlers Take Season's Fourth Win



Roy Hiler, left riding Dave Robinson; Barry Hogan, Kehrig, Hiler, and Robinson registered Swift puts a pinning combination on Dave Blek, three straight pins to greatly aid in the Jefferson triumph; and right, Bill Kehrig works to pin Richie Hogan.

Ridge Grapplers Fall To Spencerport; 28 - 14

by Cory Clark

Spencerport's powerful Rangers worked up a 22-3 advantage in the early stage of the Webster-Ridge Meet at Spencerport Thursday, January 17; then coasted to a 28-14 triumph over the Ridgemen. The win was the fifth straight for the Rangers, while the Blue and Gold squad suffered their third loss of the season against three wins and a tie.

Spencerport's Rangers, giants of Western New York wrestling in an undefeated season last year, flexed their muscles in the lower weights to build up a whopping 22-3 lead before the Ridge attack began to click in the upper weights.

The Rangers have defeated Batavia State, Edison Tech, Medina, and Rush-Henrietta as well as the Ridgemen so far this year. Whether they can continue winning against the really tough schools later in their schedule is anyone's guess. The Ridgemen were the first team on the Ranger schedule to score more than five points in a meet against them; even so, the Ridgemen won only four of twelve weight classes.

The County League this year includes Webster, Spencerport, and Rush Henrietta as well as a beginning team at Fairport which might grow into a contender in future years. The Rangers, having soundly whipped both Webster and Rush, take the championship, leaving the Ridgemen to fight second place out with the Henrietta boys. But since the Rangers completely demolished this team, the Ridgemen should have little trouble in the meet coming up January 30 at Rush-Henrietta.

Because of a County agreement, the Ridgemen were forced to forfeit the first weight class of the evening. In most leagues, the 95 and 175-pound weight classes are optional pending agreement of both coaches, but before the coaches in Monroe County including Webster, Spencerport, and Rush-Henrietta got together and decided to wrestle these weights in every match or forfeit the division, another agreement was perpetrated to give each county team a three-pound overweight limit in each division. Since the Ridgemen had no 95-pound grappler, Spencerport received five points for a forfeit in that weight and the meet began in the 103-pound class.

In the 103-pound match, Jack Newbauer of Spencerport made the takedown quickly on Webster's John Elter, then escaped in the second period and made the takedown. Late in the final period Newbauer collected a point for getting Elter in a predicament. The final score of the match was 6-0, giving the Rangers another three points to add to their five-point advantage at that time.

In the 112-pound clash, Dave Spaziano of Spencerport quickly made the takedown against Webster's Bill Kehrig, and the two lightweights worked hard throughout the first period with neither grappler gaining an advantage. Spaziano escaped Bill's control and reversed him in the hectic second period and held the Webster grappler in check throughout the final stanza for a 4-0 decision over Kehrig.

Trailing 9-11, the Ridgemen fell way behind as Sectional champ Dave Egan pinned Dave Robinson of Webster in the second period with a wicked leg-over cradle. Egan made the takedown in the first period and reversed Robinson in the second period before Dave reversed him, then reversed the Webster grappler again and clapped on the deadly pinning combination.

Webster's first win of the meet occurred in the next clash, in which Richie Hogan met unexpected resistance from Gene Whitman of Spencerport, who apparently improved quite a bit since the County Championships of the previous year. In those matches, Richie very quickly pinned the Rush boy who pinned Whitman, but at Spencerport Hogan found a changed boy. Richie finally managed to reverse his man in the second period after neither grappler could make the takedown in the first stanza, but Whitman escaped late in the period.

Richie held the Ranger to the mat until late in the third period, when Whitman again used a stand-up to escape, tying the score at 2-2. But Richie received a point for time advantage, raising his score to three points and clinching the match for the Blue and Gold.

With the score 16-3 in favor of the Rangers, the host squad went right back to their winning ways after the short relapse. Neil Schaffer encountered little resistance against Webster's Pete Lansing in the 133-pound division, making his 5-0 triumph look easy. After making the takedown, Schaffer held Lansing during the first period, escaped and made the takedown again in the second period, and held the Webster grappler down during the third stanza.

Now sporting a gaping 19-3 advantage, the Rangers sent Gordon Paige to battle Dave Blek in the 138-pound match. Paige soon made the takedown and held his man during the first period, then reversed Blek in the second. Paige kept control of Blek throughout the third period to coast to a 4-0 triumph, opening the gap to 22-3 in favor of Spencerport.

That was as far as it went as the Ridgemen came back strong in the upper weights. Ron Holtz led off with the Ridgemen's first clear win with a 4-0 decision over Al Gramby of Spencerport. Ron worked hard to make the takedown before actually posting it in the first period, then reversed his man in the second stanza to take a 4-0 lead which he held through the remainder of the match. Though the Ridgemen crept up three points, the Rangers were practically out of reach at that point with a 22-5 lead.

Webster's first and only pin came when Rev Munson came through again with his fourth pin in seven matches in the 154-pound clash. The Ranger's Bruce Russell managed to hold Rev at bay during the first period and reverse the Webster grappler before Munson came back on top in the second period but midway through the second stanza Rev used an arm-bar pinning combination which the Ridgemen had just finished reviewing, to turn his man over and pin him. The triumph brought the Ridgemen within eleven points of the high-flying Rangers, 22-11.

The Ridge rally continued as Cory Clark made the takedown

could make the takedown, but Cesar managed to reverse Ernie in the second period and hold him down. Ernie escaped in the third period, but this time DeLorenzo made the takedown, accounting for his 4-1 triumph.

Adding insult to injury, the Rangers pinned defeats on both exhibition wrestlers after the match. Roy Beck pinned Bernie Kotwas in 5:52 in the first exhibition, and Dave Daignault managed to flatten Alan Henderson in the heavyweight exhibition, the pin coming in 4:26 after the Ranger had worked up a 4-3 advantage.

LINEUPS:

95 — Bernie Whitman (S) accepted forfeit.

103 — Jack Newbauer (S) decided John Elter (W), 6-0.

112 — Dave Spaziano (S) decided Bill Kehrig (W), 4-0.

120 — Dave Egan (S) pinned Dave Robinson (W), 3:28.

127 — Richie Hogan (W) decided Gene Whitman (S), 3-2.

133 — Neil Schaffer (S) decided Pete Lansing (W), 5-0.

138 — Gordon Paige (S) decided Dave Blek (W), 4-0.

145 — Ron Holtz (W) decided Al Gramby (S), 4-0.

154 — Rev Munson (W) pinned Bruce Russell (S), 3:18.

165 — Cory Clark (W) decided John Johnston (S), 7-0.

175 — Gene Dini (S) decided Bill Tolf (W), 4-3.

Uni — Cesar DeLorenzo (S) decided Ernie Tack (W), 4-1.

Exhibitions:

112 — Roy Beck (S) pinned Bernie Kotwas (W), 5:52.

Uni — Dave Daignault (S) pinned Alan Henderson (W), 4:26.

EUB Church Opens Midweek Series

"Christianity Encounters Communism" is the subject matter of the Midweek Services at the Evangelical United Brethren Church beginning January 23, for six weeks. The committee in charge of planning this series picked the family as the only answer to this great threat to Christianity. So Mr. and Mrs. were the logical persons to assume leadership.

Thus this outline of competent leaders for this series which we are certain you will not want to miss:

January 23
"A World In Revolution"
Leaders: Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Corretore

January, 30
"The Communist Idea"
"The Christian Conviction"
Leaders: Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Detweiler

February 6
"The New Idolatry"
"The Heavenly Father"
Leaders: Mr. and Mrs. Giles Burtner

February 13
"The Classless Society"
"Thy Kingdom Come On Earth"
Leaders: Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper

February 20
"Coercion"
"Redeeming"
Leaders: Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Sutter

February 27
"Christ and Human Freedom"
"A Time For Greatness"

Cold Or Not... Swim Project Hot

This week's weather is certainly not conducive to thoughts of outdoor swimming pools, but the Webster Lions Club believes it is never too early to start a new project.

At their regular meeting Monday evening at the Stage Coach Inn, local Lions heard facts on the importance of maintaining physical fitness through the art of swimming. The speaker was Lloyd C. Arnold, Physical Education Secretary of the Central Y.M.C.A. Mr. Arnold, who taught service amputees how to walk and swim as a physical director and lifeguard, told Lions that swimming is an acquired art of man, not an ability bestowed by nature as in the case of dogs or cats. This accomplished art, Arnold explained, is necessary on three scores—safety, recreation and physical development.

American youth are physically underdeveloped, Arnold revealed. Physical fitness tests in this country are passed by only 2 per cent of our youth while the same tests are completed by 50 per cent of European youths.

Lion President Harold Newman reports that his club is studying the possibility of establishing a swimming pool in this community. A Committee is expected to be appointed soon to start work on the project.

Leaders: Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Alt

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