

Matmen Suffer First Loss To Wayne: 21-16



SENIOR GRAPPLERS AT WORK: Rev Munson, left, and Ron Holtz grapple from up position; Bill Toif, far right, in top referee's position over Cory Clark.

A late rally by the wrestling Ridgemen fell just a little short in a meet with Wayne Central's matmen as Webster suffered their first defeat, 21-16. Particularly bitter was the fact that the Ridgemen chose the opening home meet of the season to disappoint a large home crowd. Friday, January 4.

blitter one all the way, with the lead and maintaining a precarious margin over the Ridgemen all the way before clinching the meet in the last match.

A packed house for Webster and a section of Wayne rooters kept the gym in a constant pandemonium, in which the referee often didn't hear the timer's whistle and matches went a few seconds overtime. Toward the end

of the meet the cheering swelled to such extremes the wrestlers could hardly hear themselves think out on the mat.

The Ridgemen now hold a 2-1-1 record with triumphs over Alexander and Batavia State School, a tie with Myandese Academy, and the loss to Wayne Central. After starting out fast, the Ridgemen have gradually slowed down, failing to chalk up needed wins in the early part of the season. With any breaks at all the Wayne match would have gone over to Webster, but the visitors had the spirit, made their breaks, and took the meet right out of the Ridgemen's previously-confident hands.

The same thing was true at the Myandese meet, where a highly-inferior host team forced the Ridgemen to come up with a desperate, last-minute rally to even tie the meet. With a rocky schedule coming up in the next month with two or three meets every week, usually against powerful city schools, the Blue and Gold squad needed four wins to pad the losses which could result in this tough schedule. Now they only have two, and the road ahead isn't very bright.

Wednesday, January 9, will feature the Geneva squad at WCS. Two-time victors over the Ridgemen last year, by considerable margins, at that, the Genevans will be slightly weakened by the loss of their great star, Morocco, but Geneva could have won both matches without him last year. This will be a really rugged meet unless the Ridgemen come up with a complete surprise. Of course the visitors might have suffered unexpected losses, but this isn't likely.

After the Genevans visit the home of the Ridgemen, the Blue and Gold squad travels to Charlotte, where they undoubtedly will receive a very, very warm welcome from the hosts. Next comes Medina in the last home meet for more than a month, then Spencerport, unbeaten last year and back intact.

Coach Robert Terbush pointed out several things before the match. First of all, he assured his grapplers that Wayne expected to beat them, even though five of their stars are ineligible through graduation left a huge gap in their team. Another factor was the Ridgemen's apparent lack of spirit, something new for a WCS team, which had to be corrected. It did little noticeable good as the Blue and Gold squad went out and dropped their fifth straight meet with Wayne in as many tries.

The Wayne County boys led off with a win against the Websterites as Gene Buys pinned Webster's John Elter with one second remaining in the first period. Buys made the takedown, then quickly worked for a pin and flattened John in 1:59. Starting off against the odds is something new this year to Webster; last year Bill Kehrig made the best record on the team as lead-off man. But John weighs only 88 and wrestles opponents up to 106 in weight, and the twenty pounds in-between makes a tremendous difference in the lighter classes where a small difference in weight means quite a bit of difference in size.

Trailing 5-0, the Ridgemen got back at the visitors as Billy Kehrig faced Wayne's Jerry Ikwewood. Ikwewood made the takedown but Bill immediately tried a switch to attempt to reverse the Wayne grappler. Ikwewood locked his hands (illegal for the top man) attempting to hold Bill back, and the referee awarded the reverse to Bill. Bill then reversed his man in the second period and picked up a point for time advantage in the third, accounting for his 5-2 victory.

The team score was 5-3 as Wayne's Jimmy Seem took on Webster's Dave Robinson in the 120-lb. division, and when the dust cleared it seemed that Seem

had an 8-2 edge on the WCS grappler. Dave almost toppled Seem in the first period, but eventually the Wayne boy worked the takedown. Dave managed a reverse in the second period, but Seem picked up three points in that period and three in the finale to wrap up the 8-2 triumph.

With WCS trailing 3-8, the local matmen sent Roy Hiler against Bill Rowell of Wayne. Apparently forgetting his losses to Rowell the previous year, Roy went out and promptly muscled Rowell to the mat and gained a point for predicament before the period ended. Roy remained on top all through the second period, a very important factor in the eventual outcome of the match, and going into the third period he had a 3-0 advantage.

Reversing quickly in the final period, Roy held a 5-0 lead when Rowell rallied with devastating suddenness. The Wayne boy reversed, then Roy reversed him, making the score 7-2. Then Rowell escaped, made the takedown, and as the final seconds of match came closer, turned the Webster boy over and held him down in a pinning combination until the whistle sounded.

The referee failed to hear the whistle as the screaming crowd drowned out the timer, and not until Ridge wrestlers frantically rushed out on the mat did he realize the match was over. The referee awarded Rowell a three-point near fall, making the score 8-7 in favor of Rowell. But Roy's riding time in the first and second periods gave him one point for time advantage, and the final match score was 8-8.

Richie Hogan put the Ridgemen back in the scoring column by whipping Dick Morris of Wayne 6-0 in the 133-pound match, making the team score 10-8, still in favor of Wayne. Richie immediately proved his superiority over Morris with a quick and picturesque takedown. He rode him like a leach the first period and the second, then escaped and made the takedown in the third. The point for time advantage gave him the decisive 6-0 triumph.

Maurice Luke of Wayne put the visitors ahead by their widest margin of the afternoon as he pinned Webster's Dave Blek in exactly five minutes. Before the pin he worked up a 5-0 advantage with a takedown, a reversal, and a predicament. Wayne took a 15-8 lead at that point, but the Ridgemen were far from finished.

The Blue and Gold team has been tremendously strong this year in the upper weights, with only one loss in the 145 division,

and one loss all year in the remaining three weights, 154, 165, and unlimited. But it was three times and out, for in the fourth meet the Ridgemen met two unexpected defeats in the upper weights.

Ron Holtz led off the rally in the 145-pound division by handily defeating Dick Wascenski. Ron made the takedown quickly and held Wascenski to the mat throughout the first period, rode him out during the second period to amass time advantage, and scored a reverse in the final period plus the point for time advantage. His 5-0 triumph brought the Ridgemen's disadvantage up to 11-15, and with the strong heavyweight trio of Munson, Clark, and Tack coming up, it looked like the Ridgemen could power past their opponents in the same manner they overtook Alexander and Myandese.

It didn't work out that way as Rev Munson found Paul Gell just a little too fast and strong. Gell worked hard and finally made the takedown on the WCS co-captain. Both grapplers scored well in the second period as Gell escaped and reversed, with Rev making a takedown and escaping.

With Gell leading 5-3 in the final period, Rev managed to reverse his opponent and knot the score at 5-5, and at this point it was very evident that Gell, in his all-out attack of the previous periods, had expended his strength. Rev, in better condition and back in a position of advantage, muscled Gell around until he made one final, disastrous mistake. Gell had risen tiredly to his knees in the third period and had attempted to crawl away from Rev. When the Webster grappler tried to pull him back to the mat his hands slipped from Gell's body and Rev fell back to the mat without Paul Gell, while Gell fell forward free of Rev.

Both wrestlers recovered quickly, but Rev had lost his chance as Gell scored a point for the escape. Gell tied up Rev after that and played a defensive game until the final buzzer. Gell won with that break, 6-3, and the Ridgemen were back in a deep, deep hole.

At that point the Wayne County squad held an 18-11 lead, and to catch them the Ridgemen had to win the final two matches, one by a pin and one by a decision, at least, to triumph. The heavyweight match coming up had a history as Ernie Tack and Dick Bowerman had tussled four times, with Ernie coming up with a pin for the Ridgemen in every match. The pressure was on Ernie and Cory Clark in the 165-pound division to

come up with a victory for Webster.

The rally started out with a bang as Clark, tangled with Wayne's Bill Gross. In the wild first period Clark quickly made the takedown, and worked Gross into a pinning combination, but Gross reversed this and got Clark in trouble. After rolling all over the mat with one reversal after the other and no credit for any of them except Clark's initial takedown and Gross' final reverse, Cory wrestled Gross off and finally gained the position of advantage. Riding Gross out to the end of the period, Cory quickly reversed his man from the bottom position in the second period.

It was a question of time from then on as Gross kept reaching back, the greatest mistake next to rolling over on your back in wrestling, and late in the second period Clark flattened Gross for keeps after working up a 6-2 advantage. The pin gave Webster five points and brought them within range of the Wayne grapplers, 18-16.

The weight of victory or defeat rested on Ernie Tack's broad shoulders as he faced Wayne's Dick Bowerman, who four times had found himself on the wrong end of a pinning combination in his matches with Ernie. All the Ridgemen needed was a decision to give them three points and a 19-18 victory over Wayne, but it didn't come quite like that.

Bowerman and Ernie muddled around in the first period without trying or doing anything, and in the second period Ernie and Dick traded two reverses apiece, all done by switches. Each separate switch or attempt at one drew louder and louder shrieks, squeals, screams, and cheers and groans from the crowd as the heavyweights did their best to either crush each other or keep from being crushed.

The third period saw the end of Webster's chances as Bowerman managed to escape from

Ernie and made the takedown, counting for the 7-4 decision which boosted Wayne into the 21-16 triumph. The fact that all three Webster exhibition wrestlers pinned the matmen was not much consolation. Pete Lansing led off the post-meet slaughter by pinning Lyle Morehouse in the first period, Barry Swift overpowered his favorite victim, Claude Pate, in 2:50, early in the second period, and Bill Toif of WCS and Wayne's Ron Beach had a whale of a match going until Bill took over and flattened Beach in the third period.

LINEUPS:

- 103 -- Gene Buys (Wayne) pinned John Elter (Webster), 1:59
 - 112 -- Bill Kehrig (Webster) d. clined Jerry Ikwewood (Wayne), 5-2
 - 120 -- Jimmy Seem (Wayne) d. cided Dave Robinson (Webster), 8-2
 - 127 -- Roy Hiler (Webster) d. drew Bill Rowell (Wayne), 8-8
 - 133 -- Richie Hogan (Webster) d. cided Dick Morris (Wayne), 6-0
 - 138 -- Maurice Luke (Wayne) d. pinned Dave Blek (Webster), 5:00
 - 145 -- Ron Holtz (Webster) d. cided Dick Wascenski (Wayne), 5-0
 - 154 -- Paul Gell (Wayne) d. cided Rev Munson (Webster), 6-5
 - 165 -- Cory Clark (Webster) pinned Bill Gross (Wayne), 3:22
 - Unl. -- Dick Bowerman (Wayne) d. cided Ernie Tack (Webster), 7-4
- Exhibitions:
- 138 -- Pete Lansing (Webster) pinned Lyle Morehouse (Wayne), 1:25
 - 154 -- Barry Swift (Webster) pinned Claude Pate (Wayne), 2:50
 - 175 -- Bill Toif (Webster) pinned Ron Beach (Wayne), 4:42

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Customers' Liability on Acceptances	38,427.82	34,858.97
Accrued Interest Receivable	731,907.77	711,654.64
Other Resources	177,082.24	265,380.03
Total Resources	\$198,279,169.63	\$208,304,223.09
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Provision for Taxes, Interest, etc.	2,703,598.57	3,424,642.36
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