

Fulton's balance too much as Canandaigua falls, 40-23

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You didn't have to look at the scoreboard to find out how things were going during last night's Fulton-Canandaigua wrestling match.

All you had to do was listen to the capacity crowd at the Senior Academy.

In the early portion of the match, as Canandaigua built an 18-0 lead, the Brave faithful in the crowd of about 1,000 were euphoric. That, however, did not last long.

By the time Fulton's Mike Maxam pinned Rich LeGrett in :56 at 155, pulling the Red Raiders within one, 23-22, it was the Fulton fans who were on their feet.

"It's all over, it's all over," they chanted, despite still trailing by a point.

Apparently, they knew what was coming.

Pins at 167, 177 and 215 — making it five straight pins by Fulton and seven wins in the last eight weight classes — helped the Red Raiders pull away to a 40-23 victory.

Fulton, 4-0 on the year and ranked No. 1 in New York state, has now won 45 consecutive matches.

"It's tough when your upper weights just aren't physically strong enough," Canandaigua coach Larry Reynolds said. "We got pinned up above, but we're outclassed up there quite a bit."

The match started in similar fashion to last year's match in which Fulton had to rally from a 23-2 deficit to win, 27-26.

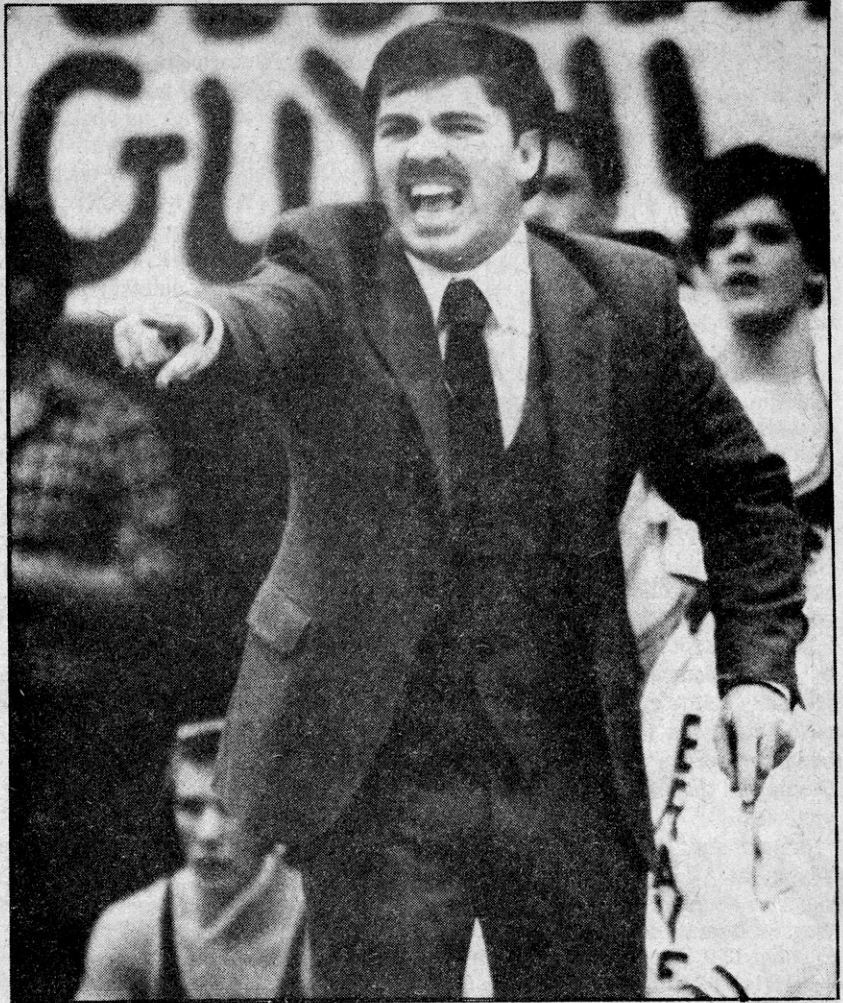
Mike Lacognato got the Braves started, taking a 5-3 decision at 98. Butch Hibbard then received a forfeit at 105 and after a pin in 4:54 by Paul Lamphier (112) and a 2-1 win by Joe Hibbard at 119, Canandaigua found itself in the lead, 18-0.

From then on, however, things began to go Fulton's way.

At 126, Pat Garrison lost a major decision to Chris Sorell, 8-0. Garrison was trailing just 2-0 early in the match when he apparently pulled some cartilage in his rib cage limiting his effectiveness.

"We figured he would win," Lacognato said. "Last year it was close between those two."

Dave Angeleri then made it 18-10, pinning CA's Ralph Mateo in :49 at 132.



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Canandaigua coach Larry Reynolds points to the mat while shouting something during last night's match against No. 1 ranked Fulton.

Mateo was in the lineup because of an injury to Tracy Foster.

Marty King (138) then won a 15-3 decision over Tim McIntyre, making it 23-10. King, however, was the last Brave to win a match.

"I knew they would win the first four," said Fulton coach Wayne Bleau. "They have some inexperienced people (in the upper weights) we thought we could take advantage of. We thought we could catch them." That's exactly what the Red Raiders did as they won the final five bouts by pins.

Chuck Atkinson started it off by flattening Rick McGrain in 4:00. Mike Maxam (155), Bill Filipkowski (167), Jeff Merritt (177) and Randy Cotton (215) followed with pins of their own.

"It was really exciting all the way up the line," Reynolds said. "It's a little disappointing to lose, but everybody gave 100 percent."

"I thought we had them," Lacognato said. "It's over now and you can't do much. I'd like to have them once more."

Fulton won the JV match, 51-6. The only winners for Canandaigua were Tim Taylor (119) and Jim Nudd (138).

Fulton 40, Canandaigua 23
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119 — Joe Hibbard (CA) dec. Don LaBeef, 2-1;
126 — Chris Sorell (F) dec. Pat Garrison, 8-0; 132 — Dave Angeleri (F) pinned Ralph Mateo, :49;
138 — Marty King (CA) dec. Tim McIntyre, 15-3; 145 — Chuck Atkinson (F) pinned Rick McGrain, 4:00; 155 — Mike Maxam (F) pinned Rick LeGrett, :56;
167 — Bill Filipkowski (F) pinned Dan Feldman, 2:32; 177 — Jeff Merritt (F) pinned Carl Scammell, 1:41; 215 — Randy Cotton (F) pinned Tom Stark, :24.