

Canandaigua wrestlers win Bradshaw title

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When coach Rich Romeo arrived at Canandaigua from North Rose-Wolcott three years ago, he had a solid group of sophomores. That core group grew up wrestling together, and it seemed a matter of time before that experience would pay dividends.

Now those sophomores are seniors, and are they are producing.

The Braves are ranked No. 5 in the state, and last night the seniors led the way as Canandaigua won its own Bradshaw Tournament for the first time since 1981.

"I'm proud to be part of the team that finally brought it back," said senior co-captain Andy Bardeen, who pinned Sam Dordoni of Watkins Glen at the 4:59 mark in the 145-pound division.

"We've got a lot of seniors (eight, with seven starters), and we came

out and we have a strong team this year. Next year might be . . . a little different."

But that's for others to worry about. Last night, the Braves essentially had the tournament won after the semifinal round, so it was up to Canandaigua's five finalists, all seniors, to put on a show.

That they did. Things got off to an inauspicious beginning for the Braves when Wes Bennett fell in overtime at 105 pounds, after com-

ing back from a 6-4 deficit in the last minute to take an 8-6 lead.

Canandaigua's last four wrestlers dominated.

The newest Brave, Bath-Haverty transfer James Klem, spotted his opponent a 1-0 lead before scoring a takedown and quickly turning that into a pin just before time ran out in the first period.

"After the takedown, I think he was just trying to clear his mind, settle down," Klem said. "I don't

think he really was moving right away."

Co-captain Andy Guastafarro was in total control of his opponent at 138, working almost exclusively on top as he cruised to a 7-0 decision. At the next weight, 145, Bardeen scored the second pin of the evening.

Brett Fletcher finished off Canandaigua's run with a pin at 5:16 in

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the 177 division.

Romeo credits his kids' willingness to work for the turnaround. He recalled a day last July when he showed up at the gym on a 90-plus degree day and there were 15 kids waiting to work out.

"These kids want to wrestle, they want to practice," Romeo said. "They really push themselves." The team, in turn, credits its coaching staff. Former Braves have also come back in droves to lend a hand.

"Sometimes we'll have five or six alumni in the wrestling room, giving us little tips," said Guastafarro, who called this team "by far" the best in his five years on the varsity.

Everyone said the fans are a big part of the team's success.

"It's a lot more intense," Klem said. "The fans are a lot more involved here. There are a lot more people backing you up."

Added Romeo: "I'm not saying there's no pressure, but it's a lot of fun to coach here."

That pressure is a result of heightened expectations due to the Braves' recent good fortune. But most people prefer a few small headaches to a bunch of losses.

"The best part about being here is being part of a really good team," Klem said.

"When a couple of guys have success, there's incentive for other guys on the team to win," Guastafarro said. □

Bradshaw Tournament

At Canandaigua

Team scores

1. Canandaigua 157;
2. Ithaca 128;
3. Penfield 119.5;
4. Brockport 118;
5. Canastota 110;
6. Watkins Glen 108;
7. Wayne 102;
8. Falconer 78.5;
9. Webster 71.5;
10. Victor 69;
11. Gates Chili 41;
12. Northport 33;
13. East Rochester 32.5;
14. Bloomfield 28.5;
15. Lancaster 23;
16. Red Jacket 14.

Championship matches

91 pounds: Ryan Fralick (Falconer) dec. Charles Galbraith (Ithaca) 13-2.

98: Brad Lehman (Ithaca) dec. Ryan Wilson (East Rochester) 6-1.

105: Steve Lacagnina (Penfield) dec. Wes Bennett (Canandaigua) 10-8 OT.

112: James Klem (Canandaigua) pinned Brian Schoenfelder (Northport) 1:57.

119: Leo Urbanelli (Wayne) dec. Jim Ziegler (Webster) 8-2.

126: Pete Fox (Webster) dec. Kevin Suhr (Victor) 6-1.

132: Ben New (Canastota) dec. Eric Parker (Ithaca) 6-1.

138: Andy Guastafarro (Canandaigua) dec. Darrick Beber (Watkins Glen) 7-0.

145: Andy Bardeen (Canandaigua) pin Sam Dordoni (Watkins Glen) 4:59.

155: Josh Young (Brockport) dec. Charles Scholtiser (Watkins Glen) 5-3.

167: Pete Bethe (Ithaca) dec. Like Lamb (Victor) 5-2.

177: Brett Fletcher (Canandaigua) pin Greg Lanson (Bloomfield) 5:16.

215: Mike Liess (Penfield) def. Dale Griffith (Canastota) injury forfeit.

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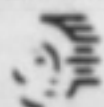
Through quarterfinals: Brockport 52, Canisteo 51½, Canandaigua 51, Wayne 43½, Ithaca 35½, Watkins Glen 33, Falconer 26½, Penfield 38½, Webster 20, East Rochester 19, Gates Chili 18½, Victor 18, Northport 16, Bloomfield 15½, Red Jacket 14, Lancaster 10.

Today's semifinals (1 p.m.)

91 pounds: Adamo Furgiuele (ER) vs. Charles Daiberth (Ith); Nick Masiello (Brock) vs. Ryan Fralick (Falc); **98:** Ryan Wilson (ER) vs. Jason Miller (WG); Brandon Lehman (Ith) vs. Ben Leiby (Web); **105:** Wes Bennett (Canan) vs. Matt Johnson (Vic); Mike Foster (Ith) vs. Steve Lacagnina (Pen); **112:** James Klem (Canan) vs. Chris Lombino (Wayne); Brian Schoenfelder (N'port) vs. Tony Tur (GC); **119:** Ken Giroux (Canan) vs. Leo Urbanelli (Wayne); Jim Ziegler (Web) vs. Dan Bond (WG); **126:** Nick Campbell (Canastota) vs. Pete Fox (Web); Kevin Suhr (Vic) vs. Mike Armbruster (N'port); **132:** Paul Peru (Falc) vs. Ben New (Canastota); Keith Thompson (Brock) vs. Eric Parker (Ith).

138: Andy Gustaferra (Canan) vs. Rob Buyea (Canastota); Neil Kruger (Brock) vs. Derrick Beber (WG); **145:** Andy Bardeen (Canan) vs. Galen Rowell (GC); Sam Dordini (WG) vs. Brian Harris (Wayne); **155:** Rick Farmer (Web) vs. Josh Young (Brock); Charles Scholtisek (WG) vs. Greg Solarer (ER); **167:** Andy Humphrey (Canan) vs. Paul Bethe (Ith); Luke Lamb (Vic) vs. Jeremy Beatty (Canastota); **177:** Brett Fletcher (Canan) vs. Dan Tedesme (Wayne); Greg Lainson (Bloom) vs. Bill Setter (RJ); **215:** Andy Kendall (WG) vs. Mike Liess (Pen); Jeff Kipp (Brock) vs. Dale Griffith (RJ); **250:** Jeremy Spuck (Ith) vs. Mike O'Keefe (Brock); Chris Ornt (Penf) vs. Eric Putnam (Falc).

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