

WCS Matmen Crush Batavia State School

by Cory Clark

Two forfeits and five pins accounted for all the scoring in a one-sided meet at the Batavia State School for the Blind. Saturday, December 8. The easy 35-13 triumph for the Ridgemen was their second of the season in as many contests, while the State School suffered defeat for the first time after two earlier victories.

At first, it appeared the Batavia duel would be a rough one for the Ridgemen, but several factors combined to give the meet to the Ridgemen. The bus left Webster before noon Saturday, without Ernie Tack, ace heavyweight, Dave Robinson, and co-captain Ron Holtz. This looked bad for the Ridgemen, because the team from BHSSB always had been thin but tough, and they were rumored to be minus only one weight class against four last year. Bad luck seemed to pile up on the weigh-ins, as Roy Hiler, 120-pound starter, was overweight and second-stringer Dave Robinson and alternate Gene LaBorie were not present.

Then the tide turned before the battle began. Heavyweight Ken Wilson of Batavia was ineligible as he had passed his nineteenth birthday. BHSSB was missing the 133-pound weight as their wrestler was in the hospital. These events left Pete Lansing able to wrestle 138 instead of 133, and took up the void caused by Ernie Tack's missing the bus. Also, while for several years Batavia wrestling has been hampered by lack of wrestlers but braced up by the strength of the ones they had, this year the Batavia team looked fairly full but pitifully weak, in all but a few cases. So when the wrestlers took to the mats and fall after fall was awarded to the Ridgemen, the meet took a wholly different picture.

Encouraging Win

The triumph was an encouraging one for the Ridgemen, whose morale had sunk to a lower level than the circumstances called for. Up to the point of the Batavia meet the members of the team, apparently didn't know their own strength, and this meet served as a tremendous booster of morale. While at first it looked like a black day for Webster, the Ridgemen flexed their muscles and turned the picture around entirely with an awesome display of might. Added encouragement comes from the fact that the hosts had previously beaten Attica, a top-notch wrestling school, and Albion.

Wednesday, December 12, is the date of the Webster-Seneca Falls meet, another away affair for the Ridgemen, who are scheduled for only four home meets this year.

The Mynderse Academy squad has twice taken on the Ridgemen, losing once and tying last year's meet. In 1954 the Ridgemen traveled to Seneca Falls and punted the hosts, 33-6. Last year's sensational meet, decided in the heavyweight match when substitute-heavyweight Alan Henderson fought off a sure pin in the last period of the last match and came back to win and earn a tie for the Ridgemen, makes this year's contest look like a real thriller. If the hosts continue their rate of improvement on the same scale they are due to blast the Ridgemen, but it's a rare team which improves like that. The possibility is not at all remote, however, and the meet with Seneca Falls will be surely one to watch.

Short Matches

The meet with Batavia was unique in several ways this year, overcoming previously unprecedented heights in Webster wrestling history. For the first time, every weight class except one was decided by either a forfeit or a pin, each one accounting for 5 points. Only one out of ten matches went the entire six minutes. Webster's 25 straight points has been equalled twice, once against Medina last year and again against Spencerport.

The meet started out with the 103-pound class, with Webster's John Elter matched against BHSSB's Ed Harrington, a Sectional champ. After quickly making the takedown, Ed worked the Webster grappler into a half-nelson pinning combination and posted the pin with six seconds remaining in the first period.

The Ridgemen bounced back quickly as Billy Kehrig tangled with Batavia's Ron Pugliese. Billy made the takedown, collected a near fall before the time ran out in the first period, and scored a predicament in the second stanza before stretching Pugliese out for keeps midway through the second period.

With the score tied at 5-5, Webster's Chuck Allen faced Batavia's Orlo Nichols. Allen was wrestling his first varsity meet, but he took charge early in the match with a fast takedown. The second period was a wild scramble with Nichols twice escaping and Chuck taking him back down an equal number of times, but finally the Webster grappler flattened him with five seconds to go in the second period.

Working behind a 10-5 score, Richie Hogan recorded his second pin in as many matches against Dave Lungden of the host team. The Batavian made the takedown and stayed on top a matter of a split second before Richie switched him and reversed. Going into the second period with the score deadlocked at 4-4 after two reverses, Richie drove into his man and pinned him just seconds after the second period began.

Clinched Meet

The Ridgemen led 20-5 after Hogan's victory and the forfeit, awarded the Ridgemen in the 133-pound class. Pete Lansing wasted no time with Batavia's Chuck Piscifello, making the takedown and flattening him with seconds remaining in the first period. This fourth pin in succession for the Blue and Gold gave the Ridgemen a 25-5 edge, clinching the meet mathematically.

The Webster streak was broken as Webster's Dave Blek ran into rough territory in Batavia's Vic Bourgoins, succumbing to a fall after the mid-point in the second period. At that point the score was 4-0 in favor of Bourgoins.

Rev Munson jacked the team score to 30-10 for the Ridgemen as he worked up a 7-0 lead before pinning Dave Miller of Batavia on it plus the postage for the with four seconds remaining in the second period. Rev has now won both matches by pins for a perfect record so far.

The only match to go the full six minutes was the 165-pound clash between Webster's Cory Clark and BHSSB's Ken Cross. The rival grapplers locked arms and 'waltzed out' the first period, Cross rode Clark throughout the second, and midway in the third period the Batavia grappler twisted free with a fast switch and locked up again for the remainder of the match, gaining a tight 1-0 hours advantage. The win brought Batavia's team score up to 13 points against Webster's 30, and the forfeit awarded the Ridgemen in the final match of the evening made the final score Webster 35, Batavia 13.

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103 John Elter (Webster) vs Ed Harrington (Alexander). Harrington won by a pin in 1:54.

112 Bill Kehrig (W) vs Ron Pugliese (A). Kehrig won by a pin in 3:08.

120 Chuck Allen (W) vs Orlo Nichols (A). Allen won by a pin in 3:55.

127 Richie Hogan (W) vs Dave Lungden (A). Hogan won by a pin in 2:27.

133 Webster accepted a forfeit. Ken Cross . . . 1 (A).

138 Pete Lansing (W) vs Chuck

Post Office Advises On Xmas Mailing

Postal patrons this coming Christmas season can speed the processing and assure quicker delivery of their Christmas parcels and cards by availing themselves of various postal services. Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced today.

The services mentioned by the Postmaster General include:

1. This year, for the first time, sealed parcels may be mailed at the third- or fourth-class postage rates without labels, notations, endorsements, or hieroglyphics of any kind authorizing the opening of the parcels for postal inspection. Packages sealed with modern sealing materials or even with just plain Christmas seals should carry better in the mail than unsealed ones. Strong cord should also be used.

2. Combination Mail, which was used for the first time during last Christmas season, and which permits a mailer to enclose a letter or message inside a gift parcel and pay the appropriate postage on it plus the postage for the package itself.

3. Certified Mail, also used for the first time in the 1955 season, which permits mailers to have

the full proof of delivery of Christmas letters, cards or parcels having no intrinsic value for a postal fee of 15 cents plus first-class postage.

4. Registered mail which provides greater security protection to letters and parcels carrying items of real financial value.

5. Special Delivery mail which is given immediate delivery at the office of address during prescribed hours.

6. Airmail and air parcel post which provides quick delivery of cards and parcels to all sections of the country.

The Postmaster General emphasized the importance of separating local and out-of-town mail. Free labels for that purpose are available at post offices and will be distributed on all routes soon.

Piscifello (A). Lansing won by a pin in 1:44.

145 Dave Blek (W) vs Vic Bourgoins (A). Bourgoins won by a pin in 3:20.

154 Rev Munson (W) vs Dave Miller (A). Munson won by a pin in 3:56.

165 Cory Clark . . . 0 (W) vs Ken Cross . . . 1 (A).

Uni. Webster accepted a forfeit.

Webster Downs F

Maintaining a lead throughout the game, the Blue and Gold topped Penfield to the tune of 51 to 42 on the Penfield hardwood last Friday. Neil Sweezy again led Webster in scoring with 9 points. Penfield's high scorer was Valentine with 11.

Next Friday, the Ridgemen will face Hilton in Webster.

Sweezy started the Ridgemen's scoring by sinking a foul shot in the first minutes of the game. Immediately Sweet was fouled and repeated the performance giving Webster a two point lead. Webster hit back after a Penfield score with Sweet sinking two jump shots and De Roos putting in a one hander.

Erklenz was then fouled and converted nicely, adding two points. Down court Sweezy took a Penfield shot off the board and passed to Erklenz, who sunk a lay-up which was followed by Sweezy dropping in a one hander. The score at the end of the quarter was 14 to 2 in favor of the Ridgemen.

The second quarter commenced with Sweezy sending the ball through the loop for two points. Sweet, De Roos, Higley, Erklenz and Sweezy scored in the second quarter and the half ended with the Ridgemen ahead 32 to 17.

In the third quarter after Penfield scored four points, Sweezy picked one off the board and fired to Lyng, who connected with a jump shot. Higley was fouled on the play and converted, after which Fisher was fouled and sunk two making the score, 37 to 21. Subsequent to two points by Penfield, Higley terminated a long drive by swishing one in. Mason then completed a jump shot ending the quarter with the Blue and Gold leading 42 to 23.

In the last quarter, after three Penfield points, Sweezy and Van Horn were fouled and both shot once. At one point in the quarter, Penfield was only eight points behind, but the game terminated with the final score, Webster 51, Penfield, 42.

In the Junior Varsity game, the Webster Jayvees suffered their third consecutive loss at the hands of Penfield, 46 to 25. For the first time this season, the Junior Ridgemen came up against smashing long shots, which lost the game for them.

Webster Varsity G F T
Sweezy, F. 3 3 9
Sweet, F. 2 1 5
Lyng, F. 1 0 2
Johnson, F. 2 0 4