

# Bomber Matmen in Close Call But Come Away With Three Victories

Coach Don Quinn never figured Irondequoit High School's wrestling team would give his Bombers anymore than an easy sweat when the two teams clashed on the Baysider's mats last Thursday night.

But when the last match was all that was left of the 12 tiffs, the score was 18-18 and everything riding on ER's big heavyweight, Don Verni, more often a loser than a winner this season.

A moment before, Bomber Rich McPhee evened the score for Quinn's club by netting a tight 6-1 decision in his favorite 179 pound clash. And two matches before that, ER's chances all road on what 157 pounder Timmy Duffy would do and how 169 pounder Jim VanThof would fare.

Irondequoit led, 18-9 up to Duffy's scrap. It looked like a major upset was in the making and ER may have had to drop back to a tie with Rush-Henrietta in the Monroe County East Division. Duffy gave the Bombers a life by gaining a 8-2 decision and VanThof got Coach Quinn's blood pressure down to near normal with a 3 point decision.

No one figured McPhee would lose his first match of the season and he didn't. So it was up to Verni. At the 3:31 mark, "No-Nox" Verni's big kid had rival Bob Clark's shoulders flattened to the mats and that gave ER a 6 point margin.

Prior to the last half matches, the Bombers had only 3 winners. Classy 114 pounder Chris Bourne put ER on the scorecard with a 10-1 decision and Coach Quinn's son, Don Patrick worked hard for a 4-4 tie to net 2 points in the 121 weight class. Bob Steinruck wrecked his rival for a superior 4 point decision in the 134 lb.



Bob Steinruck

division and that ran the Quinnmen count to a meagre 8.

The Bomber matmen losing matches were 100 pounder Mark Morabito, 13-7; Ted Hagberg at 107 by a 7-0 score; Ron Ricotta the ER 128 pounder by a 13-8 tally; Dom Aloisio by 10-0 in the 140 pound tilt.

The nod ran the bomber East loop record to 6-0 and 8-1 overall with the upset loss to McQuaid earlier in the season the only blemish. Quinn's club added two more rivals to their scalp belt last Saturday night in a 4 team match on the local mats. The Bombers topped Rochester Edison by a 47-5 score and East High by a closer 32-23 tally.

Fairport also gained two nods, beating Edison, 48-6 and East, 37-10. Quinn gave a number of Coach Sammy Morabito's Jayvees a chance to get in on the twin victories as 142 pounder Johnny Antonelli tallied a 3 point nod by a close 2-1 score in a match against an Edison rival and Tim Saunders scored a 169 pound pin in 3:25.

Meanwhile, Bourne scored a pair of 6 point pins in each scrap; Hagberg picketed two decisions; Saunders nabbed a forfeit verdict and a decision; McPhee had a 3:50 pin and a forfeit.

Other results showed Morabito losing a 3-2 decision and winning by 10-8; Quinn succumbed to a decision, Pat "Skip" Farchione tabbed a fast 1:25 pin and then a tie; Verni lost two decisions; Duffy gained a East High rival for a decision; Dan Goodman folded to a pin loss; Brian Chaney tallied a 5:18 pin and JV Tom Rosati at 121 was a forfeit winner.

The Bombers have a 2 o'clock appointment on Saturday afternoon at Brighton and then travel to Pittsford-Mendon on next Thursday for a 4:15 argument with Pittsford-Mendon. The clash will match the talents of McPhee and Pittsford-Mendon's crack Greg Clark.