

Fairport Gives East Rochester A Wrestling Lesson In 32-16 Romp

It was standing room and full house at the East Rochester High School gym as a visiting Fairport team caught the usually potent Bomber wrestling team with its talents down. When the 12 match card ended, East Rochester succumbed to a hungry Red Raider team that coolly nabbed a 32-16 victory.

The loss just about ended the Bomber chances of repeating as Eastern division champions again. And the win for Fairport practically clinched the school's first crown in 17 years. It was the second time in that span that the Red Raiders had topped the Bombers. The last time was in the 1974-75 season.

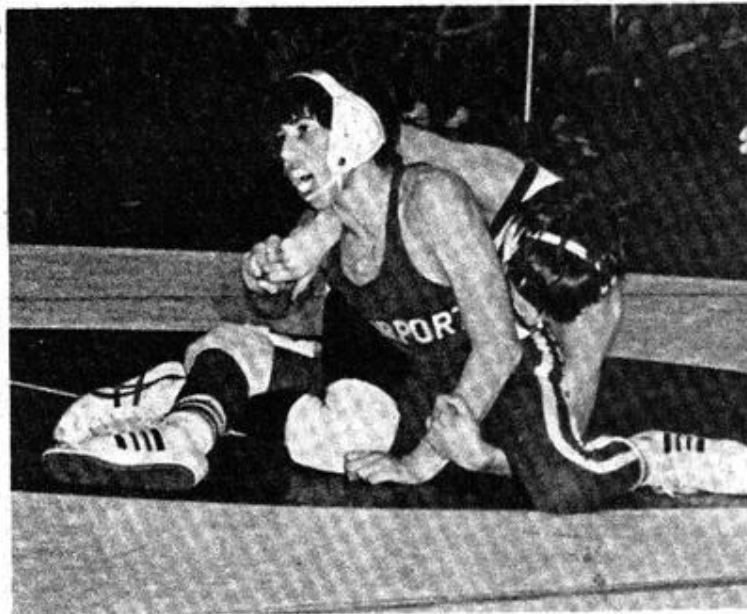
East Rochester opened with a victory and closed with two. But in between those three tussles, the Bombers notched a third match tie after losing the second tilt and dropped three in a row before John Barber put an end to the slide by taking the 140 pound scrap. That brought the Bombers within range again at 17-9.

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But the Raiders flexed their muscles again as Dennis Essom was a victim of Rich Boland by a six point pin at 4:40. Before the flattening, Boland was piling up a 10-4 advantage and the closest Essom got was at 4-6 with 57 seconds to go in the second period.

Dave Prong then became ER's second straight pin prey with 24 seconds to go in the match against Mike Stuver. Prong was suffering behind a 12-4 trail in points when the end came in the 157 test.

It was 9 o'clock at the time and ER was in the bag. Score, 29-9. With a chance to be respectable, the Bombers had undefeated John Zito against Bob Kyff in the 169 event. It was 2-2 after nine seconds of the second quarter and Zito trailed 4-2 with 11 seconds remaining. Zito worked an



GOOD CONTROL -- East Rochester's Mike Brien has Fairport's Jeff Popen all tied up in the 100 pound match at East Rochester.

escape with seven seconds of the struggle left in the last period and with three seconds remaining, Kyff had an escape and netted a tough 5-3 decision.

Andy Brien gave ER a chance to abandon its grief as he posted a 5-1 decision over Dan Enright in the 179 scrap. It was scoreless after one period and 3-1 favor of Brien after two

Joe Baldo scored ER's second major triumph, a four-point victory in the finale, with a 12-3 easy nod over John Sklar in the 215 tiff.

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ER's Mike Brien gave the Bombers fans a lusty bit of happiness when he opened the card with a 100 pound win over Jeff Poppen and four points on the score board. It was 10-2 at the end. At one

time, Brien had a pin but the referee missed the action.

In the second match, Bomber Jeff Kier was a 6-3 loser to Chuck Tortorella at 107 .. That was one match Quinn hoped to win. Jack Connors managed a 2-2 tie in his 112 division and ER still led, 6-5.

Fairport then came in like mad bulls. Mark Morabito wilted in the last period after trailing 4-2 and the one sided argument finished 13-3 in favor of Dave Halladay. It was 9-6 Fairport.

Bomber John Gueli, another matman Quinn figured to be a possible winner, wasn't in the 126 contest. Ken Jamison posted a 9-1 lead and had Gueli averting a pin in the last minute and 20 seconds.

When Fairport's Joe Murnin wore down Bomber Bob Petrone, 12-2 in the 134 class, Fairport greased its lead to 17-6.

ER was hurt by the absence of three performers, brothers Tom and Nick Rosati and undefeated Dave Vella was sidelined for disciplinary reasons. With ER out of the way and Rush Henrietta also beat by Fairport, it looked like smooth sailing the rest of the way for the Raiders.