

# Teike: Fairport's the Best

## Spencerport coach watches Raiders maul ER

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For now, it's official: Fairport has the best wrestling team in Monroe County. Fairport Coach Pete Logan would never say that; he's too pessimistic and devoid of superlatives. But one very knowledgeable spectator who helped pack East Rochester's high school gym last night is thoroughly convinced.

Wrestling aficionados know him as Walt Teike, a strict demander of excellence who has made Spencerport High the scourge of the county. It's possible that he may be pulling a PR job for his own unbeaten team, but he sounded scared to death of Fairport.

"Fairport may be the toughest team to come out of this area in 10 years," Teike said.

"Tougher than some of your powerhouses?"

"For the past two hours I've been trying to think of one of my own and I seriously couldn't come up with one," replied Teike.

"There's no doubt about it in my mind," he added. "The only way to stop them is if an earthquake would swallow up the town of Fairport."

Where my team is strong, Fairport's stronger. And where my team is weak, Fairport is strong. As far as I'm concerned they have no holes."

Teike had to admit that Fairport surprised him. "East Rochester had a couple of kids out, but still that would have meant maybe only a bout difference," Teike said.

That's how bad it was for East Rochester, a school that coach Don Quinn has made No. 1 in the County East. ER had beaten Fairport 16 times in 17 meetings. It's nothing to be ashamed about; the Bombers have been doing that to most everyone.

But last night Fairport reigned in this suburban grudge match and did it convincingly, 32-16. ER led early 6-5, but had dropped the 105-pound bout, one of two Quinn felt was crucial if his team was to pull out a win.

From there Dave Halladay, 119, Ken Jamison, 126, and Joe Murnin, 132, put their ER opponents on their backs. Halladay had four takedowns and a near fall against familiar foe Mark Morabito, winning 13-3. Halladay and Morabito have been wrestling each other through high school.

Jamison, a junior coming off an

ankle injury, had John Gueli fighting to stay off his back for nearly a minute. Jamison won easily 9-1. Then unbeaten Murnin, 13-0, scored three takedowns against Bob Petrone, plus back points, for a 12-2 victory. Murnin was so confident he intentionally gave Petrone an escape point, hoping to take him down again and score a major decision (12 points or more), but failed.

In the middle weights ER was without Tom and Nick Rosati, plus unbeaten 155-pounder John Vella, sidelined because of disciplinary reasons.

ER's John Barbor beat Mike Lennon, 6-2, and brought the Bombers close, 17-9, but Rich Bolland, looking like a hockey goalie with a mask to protect a bruised nose, and Stuver followed with pins and it was good night, ER. Fairport had an insurmountable 20-point lead with three bouts left.

"We knew we had to come out and go after them," said Murnin, the very quick 132-pounder, a senior looking toward the Sectionals and a possible trip to the State Tournament. He and Halladay, 12-1, are the backbone of this unbeaten, 7-0 team.

In a short time Fairport has become excited about this team. Students and parents packed the Fairport side and their posters decorated the ER gym. Many of the fans, like Murnin's mom, wore Fairport Wrestling gray T-shirts.

It's obvious that Logan doesn't want to deal with all the hoopla. Asked whom he thought could give his team a good tumble now, Logan smiled and countered with "everybody."

Undoubtedly, he won't allow this team to sit back and rest on its early conquests. It's two toughest County East foes are behind them, Rush-Henrietta Sperry and now ER.

"But I'm concerned about some talented kids some of my best wrestlers still have to face," said Logan. He rattled off some names from Webster Shroeder and Penfield.

"The way things look now," said Murnin, "we're looking ahead to wrestling Spencerport. We would have faced them in a triangular had we lost, but now it looks like East-West day (Feb. 12)."

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