

EAST ROCHESTER HEAVYWEIGHT

Joe Baldo was carried off the mat after upsetting previously unbeaten Dan Enright but the unsung hero of the Bombers' 27-23 victory over Fairport Saturday night was a junior named Kevin Maynard.

With an 0-2 varsity record after spending most of the season with the junior varsity, Maynard went up against Fairport's Bill Guarino with East Rochester trailing by a point.

"If he (Maynard) had lost, that would have meant Baldo would have had to pin Enright," ER Coach Don Quinn says. "There was already enough pressure on Joe just to win."

Maynard, a second-year wrestler filling in for the injured Rick Sidor and Rich Consaul, responded with a 4-2 decision over Guarino, leaving the outcome up to the heavyweights.

"It couldn't have been more dramatic," Quinn said. "When Enright walked out onto the mat, there was a thundering ovation. Then Baldo went out and our fans gave him the same kind of ovation. I'm sure both of them were wondering what the heck they were doing out there."

Baldo (20-2), ER's 6-foot-4 giant, caught Enright (20-1) with a cradle with 45 seconds to go and won a 5-2 decision. While the jubilant ER fans carried Baldo off the mat, Enright felt like the loneliest guy in the world.

"I felt sorry for Danny," Quinn said.

"He took it pretty hard. I've always said wrestling is the toughest sport because it's man against man. In football or basketball, you can walk off with your teammates and it won't feel quite as bad. In wrestling you're all alone."