

Matmen Get Scare At Irondequoit Before Win

East Rochester wrestling coach Don Quinn wasn't too enthused about his team's first win of the season last Saturday night at Irondequoit. He looked as fidgety as a nervous pick-pocket as the Bombers went through 12 matches against a highly enthused rival that hadn't beat Quinn's club in a long time.

When the scraps were over, it was East Rochester 29, Irondequoit 21. The decision went right down to the finale. Bomber Joe Baldo could clinch a win for the Bombers or lose it.

When "Big Joe" took to the mat in the 215 pound last act, ER had a 23-21 lead. Baldo couldn't be a loser. He needed a draw, decision or a pin. He took the latter. And he did it like a champ...in just 57 seconds. That made the ride



Mike Brien

home for the Bombers enjoyable.

Tonight (Thursday), Quinn has another stubborn rival in Webster Schroeder, who are loaded and powerful in the heavy weights. The

arguments start at 6:30 p.m.

Schroeder was humbled by a strong Fairport team, 34-19 as ER was nailing down its own Monroe County Eastern Division opening victory.

Quinn called the highlight of the Bomber verdict a skin tight 5-1 decision scored by his scrappy 132-pounder Bob Marianetti over Pete St. James, one of the loop's premier middle weight wrestlers and team captain.

That gave ER a 17-6 lead that faded in the next three tilts as Irondequoit nabbed all three to take a 18-17 lead with a trio of scraps to go.

Bruce Kier bowed to Jim Lehmann in the 138 class, 8-2; Drew Gregory gave up six points in the 145 pounder by a pin to Tom Lehmann at the 5:27 mark and when Kevin Kronenberger dropped a 11-8 nod to Tom Pagano in the 155

division, the Bombers were sputtering back by a point.

John Zito was on the mats in the 167 scrap and was doing a good 4-0 job on Jon Campo of the homesters when the home matman succumbed to a default and unable to continue. That gave ER a 23-18 lead.

But Rick Sidor had Coach Quinn biting his nails on the sideline as he lost a 9-6 decision to Paul Gibson in the 177 class and cut ER's lead to 23-21.

Enter "Big Joe" Baldo.

The Bombers were off to a 3-0 lead as Mike Brien pocketed a 4-2 toughie over Tim Lehmann in the 98 pound lid lifter.

It was 3-3 after another ER dependent, Curtis Doreen failed by a 12-7 effort in the 105 division.

ER's surprising Romeo

Battazzi, a freshman, made his debut in the 112 weights and worked a minute and 12 seconds before pinning Jim Lamendola.

Jeff Kier couldn't get opponent Jim Brantt to give up a pin but Kier ran up a 27-1 superior decision for five points in the 119 class.

Irondequoit had its second win when John Lehmann won the 126 pound tilt over Bomber Dave Yacona by a 7-4 tally.

Quinn lauded Marianetti's effort that had the Bomber taking a 3-0 lead and running

it to 5-1. He was the victim of a two-point takedown with nine seconds to go.