Mat Team at Mendon Friday

East Rochester High School wrestling team made its first appearance of the season Thursday night by hosting a visiting Penfield club. The locals were favored to rack up their fourth consecutive Monroe County Eastern Division victory and moves into Pittsford-Mendon on Friday night a cinch to make it 5-0. Both scraps were slated for a 7 p.m. start.

The action will be followed by tournament competition next Friday and Saturday at Canandaigua's Finger Lakes

16 team tourney.

The Bombers win streak was snowed down by Canandaigua last Thursday in a non-league tilt. East Rochester was minus the services of two key middle weight grapplers. Dave Yacona and Kevin Kronenberger. ER bowed, 29-22.

In an East Division match at Brighton, the Bombers flattened the Barons last Saturday afternoon, 48-6.

The two matches provided one major thrill. It belonged to surprising first time starter Mike McAuliff. Competing in the 119 class, McAuliff was up against Brighton's classy Steve Levine who was undefeated. At the end of the tiff, McAuliff had nabbed a convincing 12-6 triumph.

McAuliff received a standing accolade from around 300 loyal Bomber fans while Levine's laments were shared by a handful of Brighton adherents.

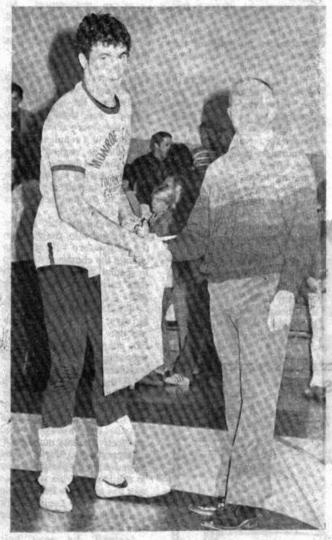
In other matches, the Bombers gave up a pair of one point decisions. In the opening argument, ER's Mike Brien was a 2-1 loser to Brighton's 98 pounder, Rich Lane.

In the 126 division, Bomber Jeff Kier was surprised by Gary Curwin who grabbed a 4-3 verdict

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Curtis Doreen got the Bombers ahead at 4-3 in the second match as he wiped out Kevin Willis, 12-2 in the 105 conflict.

It was ER 10-3 after 112 pounder Romeo Battazzi won by a six point forfeit.

McAuliff stretched the Bomber lead to 13-3 and Kier's loss decreased it to 13-6. Quinn's matmen then posted six straight victories at 132 pounder Bob Marianetti pinned Gary Young in 3:41; Drew McGregor (138) was a



ER'S CHAMP -- "Big Joe" Baldo gets greetings from Coach Don Quinn after winning Monroe County heavyweight crown. Baldo is 9-0.

5-2 winner over Mike Sproule:
Bruce Kier won the battle of
the 145's with a <u>9-2</u> verdict
over Howard Snyder: Dave
Prong took the 155 clash with
a 4:40 pin over Mike Saltzman
and John Zito ran his record
to 11-0 by battering Rob
Thomas around for a 16-0 win,
in the 167 weights.

Tabbing six-point forfeits were Rick Sidor in the 177 division and 215 pounder Joe Baldo.

Canandaigua fell behind 3-0 in the first match as Brien (98) rang up a 11-6 decision over Nick DelForte. Then the home club roared in front with three straight wins. Pat Zito (105) bowed by a pin in 3:26 to Don Jones; Battazzi (112), was a loser by a 5-1 score to Matt King and Mike Kuhn (119) was flat on the mats at 2:45.

Jeff Kier broke the Bomber losing string with a superior five point win, 18-6 over Mark Camaione in the 126 division.

Canandaigua then bagged four consecutive decisions to roll to a commanding 29-8 lead with three matches remaining. Billy Hadsell, a premier 132 pounder jostled Bomber Bob Marianetti easily, 13-2; McGregor (138) was a tough loser, 12-10 to Mark King; Dave Lynn of the home club had the better of Bomber Bruce King, by a 2-1 nod in the 145 tussle; and 155 Dave Prong lost to Ron Lynn, 7-4.

Zito pummeled Gary Andrews, 14-2 in the 167 event; Sidor (177) decisioned Karl Housel, 6-4 and Baldo pinned Guy Parker in 3:26 in the 215 pound finale.

Grapplers Rout Brighton, 48-6. Copyright January 1978.