

Bomber Wrestling Team Looks for County Title

East Rochester High School wrestling team will be one of 20 Monroe County teams competing in the weekend tournament that starts Friday morning at 10 o'clock and ends Saturday night in matches for division championships.

Last season, Coach Don Quinn's matmen nabbed the county tourney championship for the second straight year.

The Bombers are showing a 2-2 record at this point and are not likely to pull an upset this weekend. Favored to cop the tourney is Irondequoit High School.

Preliminary rounds start at 10 a.m. Friday. Finals get under way at 8 p.m. Saturday, at Rush-Henrietta Sperry High School.

The Bombers will have only one undefeated wrestler in the tourney. He is Mike Kuhn, senior, in the 126 pound class.

Romeo Battazzi, 132 pounder, is ER's other hope for a division crown. Battazzi has lost one match.

It came in last Saturday night's Bomber loss to visiting Fulton High School by a 31-15 score.

Battazzi tangled with Fulton's classy Mark Short-sleeve, gave up a two-point takedown with 56 seconds of the first two-minute period remaining and then shut out his rival the rest of the way. Romeo picked up his single point with an escape in the second chapter.

Kuhn meanwhile showed his class of last year as he out-pointed Mike Heagerty, 5-3. He grabbed a 2-1 lead in the first period; ran the margin to 4-1 in the second; saw it dwindle to 4-3 early in the last and then picked up a single count to earn the triumph.

ER was up against New York State rated Fulton and held a surprising 11-6 lead after five scraps.

Timmy Quinn at 98 pounds opened with a four-point 11-2 verdict over Mark Caza and after Tom Pagano lost at 105 to Ron LaBeef, 6-1; Scott McIntosh gained an easy 14-6 decision over Dave Sherman in the 112 event.

At 119, Frank Argento had a 4-3 lead over Ed Short-sleeve going into the last period but weakened to a reverse and that spelled his doom.

ER netted only one more win after Kuhn's victory. It came in the 155 tilt where Curtiss Doreen pounded Tim Williams for a 16-5 count.

Joe Walczyk, (138) had a 4-4



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tie with Clem LaVoie and then succumbed, 9-4.

Mike McIntosh, at 145, trailed Don Borden 11-2 but lost by a pin with 31 seconds to go.

In the three heavyweight divisions, ER failed to threaten. Dan Capiello (167) dropped an 8-6 nod to Joe Visconti; Bill Condon bowed to Fulton's tough 177 pounder, Boyd Distin, 16-5, and 215 pounder Dave Bellinger was pinned at the 1:18 mark by Leland Rogers.

Quinn didn't groan over the loss. "We're meeting real strong opposition this year," he said.

The Bombers have impending arguments with always strong Sweet Home and Canandaigua.

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Quinn's club fashioned a soft 47-8 win over Webster-Schroeder on the latter's mats last Wednesday night in a County East tiff.

The Bombers dropped a pair of three-point decisions and split another match while posting nine victories.

Six-point pins were tabbed by Pagano (105) over Bill Toomey at 4:49; Argento (119) over Rick Pignato at 5:58; Kuhn (126) at 5:16 over Brien Rittenhouse and Condon won by forfeit at 177 pounds.

Major four-point decisions were gained by Quinn (98) over Bernie Dunham, 13-4; Doreen (145) over Tony Reggio, 9-1.

Superior five-point nods were garnered by Joe Walczyk at 138 over Tim Luty, 13-1; and by Battazzi at 132 by a 20-5 whipping over Dave Nania.

Mike McIntosh waged a 4-4 tie with Bob Rothwell at 155; Capiello (167) lost to Frank Bray, 14-8; and Bellinger was nosed out by Eric Seeber, 7-6 in the 215 pound conflict.