

O'Lena, Marion Work ER Shuffle

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Don Quinn says he doesn't usually like to bounce his East Rochester wrestlers around the way other coaches do, making each entry an adventure.

But his theory changed Saturday night at Eastridge, taking advantage of being the visiting team and committing itself last. He shuffled his way to a 24-19 victory and ER was still unbeaten, 8-0.

"They moved (John) Jester up to 177 to get away from (Dick) O'Lena," says Quinn. "So I moved O'Lena right up with him.

"We were losing 19-18 at that point and I knew we had to win the rest."

O'Lena decisioned Jester 12-0. And Joe Marion, who kicked some clutch PATs for ER's championship football team, decisioned heavyweight Ray Joseph 9-1. And the match belonged to the Bombers.

"Marion is usually 177," says Quinn. "He's a little quicker than Mark Young (regular heavyweight), so I went with him."

But Quinn admits he was a little scared with the weight matchup: Marion, 177 vs. Joseph, 215.

"Marion started pushing for a pin," recalls Quinn, "and I yelled, 'Joe, we don't need it!' He got rolled by Joseph but they went out of bounds. If Joe would have gotten under him, he would have never budged."

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