

Duffy, Cotroneo Vie In State Mat Tourney

Two members of Coach Don Quinn's East Rochester High School wrestling team will represent the Bombers in the State Tournament at the Onondaga War Memorial in Syracuse Friday evening and Saturday.

Keith Cotroneo will carry his over-all season record of 21-0 into the 129-pound class. Dan Duffy will participate in the 135-pound division.

Both were named for the state tourney after ringing up five victories in last weekend's torrid Section 5 A-B tournament at Fairport.

Quinn said it is the first time he has two ERHS entries in the state tourney. In 1970, Timmy Gay won the state 170 pound championship. Gay is now a sophomore at East Carolina University and a member of that school's mat team.

Dan Duffy is the brother of Mike Duffy, who lost in the finals of the state tournament in 1969.

One other East Rochesterian participated in the state tourney. Jim Tortorici in 1968 finished third in his division. Tortorici attends State Teachers College at Cortland and recently lost his first wrestling match in three years.

Cotroneo has been one of the premier 129 pounders in the area the past four years. In that time, he has been defeated only five times. He was an All-County Eastern Division offensive fullback for Coach Quinn's champion Bomber football team last Fall and is planning to attend Lycoming College, Pa., on a scholarship in September.

The Bombers had a chance to place a member in the heavyweight class in the final match of the A scraps between

ER's Marc Young and powerful Dave Hept of Rush-Henrietta. Young lost 5-4. Had he won, it would have been the upset of the year.

Young grabbed consolation laurels by racking up a 5-3 nod over Rochester Madison's crack Terry Bruce. He had started off the tourney with a 5:23 pin over Jeff Davis of Wayne then decisioned John Moland of Wellsville, 7-0 and then took on Hept. Young gave the R-H strongman his toughest match of the year.

Cotroneo opened with a forfeit win over Neil Curtis of Rochester East when the latter failed to make his weight. In the second clash, Cotroneo took a 9-1 decision over Larry Rhodes of Rochester Madison. He then dumped Jim Snyder of Bath, 13-4, and gained the A chips by topping Bruce Hadsell of Canandaigua, 6-2.

Cotroneo then eliminated B champ Mike Neufield of Dundee, 9-5, in the division scrap for the over-all laurels.

Duffy started with a 8-2 decision over Steve Bero of Geneva and followed with a 11-2 nod over Mike Campbell of Rochester East. His third victim was Bruce Knapp of Mynderse Academy, 7-0. In the A title fracas, he took the measure of Wellsville's Denny Hall, 10-7. Hall had earlier swamped Lou Tieke of Spencerport, 17-0. Tieke beat Duffy in the previous week East-West county tournament.

In the collision with the B champ, Keith Robinson of Caledonia, Duffy netted a 9-0 decision.

Duffy is one of four sons of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Duffy of Lincoln Rd., who have wrestled and played football for Coach Quinn.

In other East Rochester matches, 101 pounder Jeff Verzella met an old nemesis in Gene Gilotti of Canandaigua. This time Verzella wilted 1-0 in a tight overtime match. It was the second time this season Verzella bowed to Gilotti.

In the first round also, 158 pounder Billy Schick lost an 11-2 decision of Larry Tyler of Madison. Ron Whitcomb took his first round match in the 170 pound class by a 14-0 score over John Haley of Mynderse, and then lost in the second round to Tim Kolb of Penfield by a close 9-8 count.

Steve Rock swept through the first three matches in the 180 pound division before losing in the fourth round to Steve Wilson of Rush-Henrietta for the A title. Rock started with a 4-0 decision over Ken Williams of Rochester Franklin then topped Charles Goodrich of Attica, 3-2, and Bernard Croft of Corning West, 5-1.

In the final unlimited weight tilt, ER's Don Verni, a soph, was a 10-1 loser to Tom Ayott of Rochester Madison.

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