

Bomber Wrestlers Dump Eastridge

The East Rochester varsity wrestling team increased their season to the eight wins without a loss last Saturday night with victories over McQuaid, 29-21 and Eastridge 27-19.

For the Bombers, the win over Eastridge was "tough." The Bombers had a slim 21-19 lead with three matches to go.

Freshman John Zito, developing like a major future ER athletic star, held Eastridge's talented Tony DiNero to a 7-7 tie. Zito trailed 6-3 after two periods but gained four points in the last chapter while DiNero netted none and the tie preserved ER's two point lead.

Brien then fashioned a smart 3-1 decision over Rick Baldassri in the 179 semi-final tilt and Bomber Phil Pizzingrilli, fast improving as a heavyweight concluded the scuffling with a 5-3 nod over "Chuck" Yanello.

ER opened with 100 pounder Jeff Kier 3-0 better than Eastridge's John Dierna. It was a 3-3 affair after Bomber Jack Connors lost to Sam DiRaimo in the 107 tilt, 6-2.

Mark Morabito edged the Quinnmen in front, 6-3 with a 114 pound decision, 3-1 over Dave Angie. John Gueli nabbed a major five point decision over Tony Servati in the 121 tiff, 11-2 but Tris Legacy of the visitor's team pinned ER's Tom Rosati in 1:29 in the 128 class and ER lead melted to 10-9.

Bob Petrone then gave the Bombers a lift by posting a 4-4 tie against Gary Freeman in the 134 division and Quinn's 140 pounder, John Barber matched Eastridge's Tom Dalton at 3-3.

Bob Steinruck, "Mr. automatic" for the Bombers pummeled Rick Romano of the visitors for a superior 18-5 140 pound decision to edge ER away by six. The margin dwindled to two after Johnny Antonelli (157) was worked over by strong Joe Ruffino of

the losers, 10-1.

It was ER 19, Eastridge 17 with Zito, Brien and Pizzingrilli coming up.

The Bombers were fading 11-0 after the first two scraps against McQuaid. Before the match, local resident Jack Smallridge had commented that "on paper, McQuaid was better than ER."

His kid, John Smallridge, a 107 pounder attending McQuaid, had swelled the visitor's lead another six points in the second struggle, a pin at 5:20 over neighbor Jack Connors. McQuaid opened with a wide 25-6 superior decision by John Salamone over ER's Jeff Kier.

Mark Morabito (114) grabbed his second win of the two game attraction with a four point 12-3 verdict over Tim Jones, Gueli at 121 topped Paul Nesser to make it a 11-8 affair.

ER's "Chuck" Prong (128) lost to Pete Springer, 11-2 and prior to the march, a concerned Quinn found his 134 pounder failing to unlimber on the sidelines. Tom Rosati took the verbal lacing and went into some per-match action. He responded with a pin over "Chuck" Lawless at the 3:20 mark. That shaved McQuaid's lead to 15-14.

When Barber lost a 7-6 nod in the 140 tilt to Mike Morinelli, ER came back with four straight victories. Steinruck (147) decisioned Jeff O'Hara, 11-4; Anfonelli (157) tipped Kevin Bader, 9-2; Zito (169) pinned John Comerford at 5:39; Brien (179) clinched the match with a 6-2 nod over Joe Ross and Pizzingrilli was eased out by McQuaid's Craig Kennedy, 4-3.