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Four Bomber Matmen Win Titles

East Rochester High School's wrestling team grabbed four Section 5 Class A championships in a two day tournament waged here last Friday and Saturday. Another member took a second place

and one other, a third.

That moved all six grapplers into the Section 5 inter-class tournament on Saturday at State University College at Brockport. Winners will represent Section 5 in the New York State Intersectional Tournament from Mar. 12 to 13 at Syracuse.

In past tournaments for state titles, East Rochester's Tim Gay was crowned ruler of the 167-division in 1970 and Richie McPhee gained the 117 pound title in 1974.

Winners in the Section 5 A division were Bombers Jeff Kier, a sophomore; junior John Gueli and seniors John Antonelli and Robert Steinruck.

Tom Rosati, also a sophomore, netted a 3rd place finish in the 122-pound ranks and senior Phil Pizzigrilli finished second in the 250-class.

Kier took four straight victories to nab his 101-pound class crown. He topped Robert Dow of Charlotte, 9-2 in the first scrap; whipped Greg Chadwick, 17-0 in the second; beat Paul Schnell of Warsaw, 8-3 and took a 5-0 decision over Scott Trau of Attica in the title tilt.

Steinruck was the 148-division champ with a forfeit win in the preliminary round, easily beating Dave Leiseur of Lyons, 12-4 in the second match, overcame an

arm injury in the second period to defeat Larry Demenessy of Attica, 7-5 and in the title battle, turned back Section 5's two year in a row defending champion, Warren Bush of Warsaw, 6-4. Bush

was 15-0 going into the match. Steinruck has lost in the Monroe County Tournament to Dave Stulpin of Spencerport and in the Baldwinsville tourney.

Steinruck led 4-3 at the end of the first period and suffered an elbow injury with 30 seconds to go. He edged his margin to 6-3 going into the last chapter and let Bush garner a single point in the last. When the match ended, the tired Steinruck was held by his exuberant Coach Don Quinn and then fell to the floor for a few minutes of recuperation.

Steinruck thus goes into the inter-division tiffs with a chance to meet Stulpin again and then have a chance to compete in the "States."

Gueli, with a 11-4 dual match record, was lauded by Quinn as being a "hard worker who has come on to do a heck of a job for me." He bagged the 122-weight chips by defeating Jeff Silver of Midlakes in the first scrap, 9-2; knocked off Tim West of Victor, 7-2; topped Mark Heller of Warsaw, 5-1 and in the title tilt, took the measure of Jim Greene of Sodus, 7-2.

Antonelli, a Greater-Rochester selection on last season's Bomber football team, still wearing a face mask to protect a broken nose suffered three weeks ago, continued to add to his county

championship. With his father in the gallery packed stands urging him on the junior Antonelli beat Len Hall of Wellsville, 6-4 in the 158 pound division finale.

Antonelli first eliminated

George Youmans of Charlotte, 9-1; then had an easy 15-2 triumph over Jim Abraham of Victor; then beat Dave Sculbert of Livonia, 11-5. Pizzigrilli won his first match by a forfeit and then took heavier John Patt of Warsaw, 1-0. He lost to Earl Spink of LeRoy, 3-1.

Rosati won a 3rd place and a spot in the inter-division cast 129-pound division. He scored a 5-1 win over Shawn Kennedy of Charlotte and then lost to Tom Petersen of Midlakes, 5-1. In the consolation playoff, Rosati took a pair of verdicts to qualify.

He topped Charles Goodenow of North Rose-Wolcott, 4-2 and added James Hansworth of Marcus-Whitman by a 5-3 score. A surprise ending came to the brilliant junior year wrestling career of 180 pounder Andy Brien, Monroe County League champion. Brien had a neat pin in the first match when he beat Tom Hartmann of Midlakes after three minutes and two seconds.

He ran into Ed Mitchell, a barrel-built sophomore from Lyons when he suffered a pin at the 4:44 mark. Brien had 2-0 and 3-1 leads after the first two periods. Mitchell tied the match at 3-3 with 18 seconds to scrap in the 2nd period and moved ahead 5-3 with a reversal.

Brien still had a chance to qualify for 3rd place but trailed rival Jim Baker of Bath all the way to drop a 6-4 decision. Baker was rolling along at a 4-0 pace after the first period. The second was scoreless.

In other East Rochester action: 94-pounder Mike Kuhn just missed a tourney spot. He beat James Rowley of Marcus-Whitman 9-5 in his first match; lost to Brian Lafler of Midlakes in the second, 16-7; won over Paul Snyder of Bath, 2-1 and lost to Mike Chapman of Victor, 8-5. Jack Conners, 108 pounder ousted Robert Dow of Charlotte in the first round, 9-2 and then was pinned at 5:27 by Mike Mahoney of Victor.

Mark Morabito at 115 pounds lost in the first match to Ralph Bay of Midlakes, 5-1.

John Barber suffered a concussion in the first period in his argument with Jim Flora of Victor after nabbing a 2-0 lead. Final score was 8-4. Barber had beat Flora earlier in the season when East

Rochester won over Victor in a dual match. In his first tiff, Barber was an 8-1 winner over Shane Fitzsimmons of Sodus. The matches were in the 141-class.

John Zito had his interesting freshman year ended after scoring two opening victories and then losing a pair. He tamed Chris Hahn of Victor, 7-1 in the first affair. Then he beat Andy Pimental of Sodus, 10-9. Verne Price of Warsaw topped Zito, 9-3 and Ed James of Wellsville finished Zito's 170-pound bid with a 4-1 loss.

In the 135-class, Bomber Bob Petrone lost a tight 1-0 affair to Larry VanVoorhis of Honeoye Falls-Lima and Jefferson High's Tom Sarkis won over Petrone, 3-1.

Dave Young, a former ER Bomber was coach of the Honeoye Falls-Lima team. He is a 4th grade teacher.

In the heavyweight scuffle, Bomber Joe Baldo was a 9-1 victor over Bob Jennejohn of Honeoye Falls-Lima but succumbed to Jim Rossi of Jefferson, 17-6.

In the first round last Friday night, 13 of 14 Bombers won their matches.

Warsaw won the tournament with 104 points. ER was second with 83.5; Victor scored 66; Attica, 55; Bath, 53.5; Midlakes, 50.5; Marcus-Whitman, 32.5; Wellsville, 25; Pembroke, 24; Livonia 24; Sodus, 22.5; LeRoy, 22; Lyons, 16.5; North Rose Wolcott, 13; Honeoye Falls-Lima, 10.5; and Perry and Letchworth, six each.

John Smallridge won the 105-division championship and Jeff O'Hara qualified as runner up in the 145 class. Smallridge is a favorite to move into the State tourney in his division. O'Hara lost to Stulpin, 6-4 in the title match. Stulpin also beat ER's Steinruck, 7-0 in the County tourney. Steinruck beat O'Hara in a dual meet at East Rochester. Stulpin is the favorite but "Mean Bob" Steinruck could be responsible for a major upset. Preliminary round is at 11 a.m. Quarterfinals at 1 p.m., semi-finals at 3 p.m. and finals at 7:30 p.m.