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Bombers End Canandaigua String

Wendel Canoph, coach of the power packed Canandaigua High School wrestling team, brought his matmen to East Rochester last Thursday night in quest of his 35th straight dual match victory.

He left about 10 o'clock in the cold atmosphere that prevailed outside with his team on a cold bus ride home after taking a surprising 26-20 defeat dealt by the home club Bombers.

In a conflict that had a full sized gallery on the one side of the East Rochester gym almost evenly divided by fans whooping it up for both clubs, Coach Don Quinn's Bombers rallied back from a 20-7 trailing to the six point win when heavyweight Joe Bock moved in front of rival Joe Mender 4-0 after two periods. Bock scored a takedown with a second to go in the first chapter and two point near fall with 20 seconds remaining in period two.

From the sidelines, Quinn and his former assistant Sammy Morabito urged Bock in loud tone to keep a standing position against the hungry for victory Mender. A week ago, Bock beat Mender 8-6 in the Canandaigua tournament. The win came in the last seconds. Leading 5-0, Bock nailed Mender for three more points on another near fall and after his opponent had a one point escape, Bock ended the struggle with a big six point win with 15 seconds left in the match.

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It was a brilliant comeback for the Bombers. And the road to victory started when ER's Andy Brien took to the mat with ER back by 13. Brien was up against Ron Lynn in the 157 pound tussle. It was 2-0 after one period on Brien takedown with 27 seconds remaining and 3-0 on an escape at 1:47 of the second.

Lynn chalked up an escape in the third chapter at 1:40 but Brien retaliated with a two point takedown, and relented for another point to Lynn with 27 seconds left.

In the 169 pound conflict,



Joe Bock

sophomore John Zito gave Bomber fans a bit of cheer by pocketing a four point major decision by trimming Dan Goben with ease. Twice Goben was penalized a count for stalling. Zito had a near pin with 15 seconds left in period two. The win pulled ER within six points of the visitors.

Rick Sidor, sophomore up from the Jayvees, was on the mats in the semifinal 179 pound event. He needed at least a two point draw to give the Bombers a chance for a tie. But Sidor was hungry for a victory and he notched it with a big six point pin over Guy Parker after 56 seconds of the second period. At the time, Sidor had a 9-2 lead in points.

Parker had a pair of escapes but Sidor flexed his muscles for a 7-1 first period lead on two takedowns and a three point near fall that nearly ended the match in the last seconds, of the initial two minutes. That made it a 20-20 affair with Bock facing Mender.

Quinn's warriors trailed Canandaigua all the way to the last two matches. In the first tilt, ER's Mike Brien was a 100 pound loser to Don Jones and Jeff Kier of the homesters worked for a 3-3 tie with Scott Elia in the following 107 match.

Kier was back 3-0 after two chapters and knitted the tying points in the third period with an escape at 1:01 and a two

point reversal with a minute to go. That made it Canandaigua 5, ER 2.

Jack Conners moved the score to 5-5 after a three point decision in the 114 event with a 5-2 decision over Greg Wild. The visitors bagged the following two matches and ER was back 11-5. Mark Morabito was a 8-2 victim of Milt Torres in the 121 smash and John Gueli bowed to Dave Lynn, 5-4 in the 128 feature.

Gueli had a 4-2 lead at the last 26 seconds but Lynn worked a one point escape and the referee gave the visitor a controversial two point takedown at the whistle.

Tom Rosati was back 3-2 at the end of two periods and then nabbed a one point escape with 34 seconds remaining to salvage a 3-3 tie and a share of four points against Paul Rossolo, in the 134 match.

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Bob Petrone lost four points in a major decision to the visitor's Tom Burgess in the 140 class. Final points, Burgess 9 and Petrone 0.

In the last ER loss, John Barber bowed to Dale Oliver, 5-1. That edged the Cans in front by another three points.

It looked hopeless for Quinn's Bombers.

It took ER the last four matches to roll up 19 points. That brought Quinn's club its seventh dual match win in eight starts.

The Bombers were slated to take on Rush-Henrietta Sperry last night at R-H. The Comets are coached by former ER mat wizard Ron Whitcomb.

On Saturday night, the action shifted over to McQuaid.

Next Tuesday, ER is at Pittsford Sutherland.