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Canandaigua wrestling Coach Weldon Canough tries body english, and then just plain old English.

Canandaigua holds off ER

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Canandaigua heavyweight Guy Parker had all but conceded defeat to East Rochester's Rick Sidor in the final pairing of last night's high school wrestling match at East Rochester. His only objective was to avoid being pinned — something he had been unable to do in two previous matches against East Rochester.

When the final buzzer sounded Sidor had gained a 9-4 decision. Parker and his Canandaigua teammates, however, were the ones doing the shouting. The unbeaten Braves, the 4th-ranked team in New York State, literally held on to hand 15th-ranked ER a rare second straight defeat, 25-23.

"I was just trying not to get pinned," said Parker. "All I remembered was that he pinned me when I was a

freshman and again when I was a sophomore."

But not this time. Canandaigua raised its record to 6-0, and probably will climb even higher in the state poll after another significant victory. The Braves never have been rated higher than second. East Rochester, which lost to Brighton by two points last Saturday, fell to 5-2.

Canandaigua streaked to a commanding 25-9 lead through the first eight matches. Ron Jones (112), Mark King (138) and Gary Mincer (145) padded the total with 6-point pins. East Rochester closed to 25-15 before John Zito embarrassed Canandaigua's Joe Kuras, 20-1, at 177 pounds. But, like Parker, Kuras did his job. He had saved a point by avoiding a pin, though he spent the majority of the match on his back.

"That was the first time I ever saw him," Kuras said of Zito. "And I hope it's the last. I was just fighting with all my might."

Sidor was left with a 5-point deficit and two choices.

A superior decision (a win by 12 or more points) would tie the match. A pin would win it. Sidor threw his entire repertoire at Parker but could not get him on his back. In the third and final period, Parker, holding on for dear life, was nailed with two stalling penalties. Another would mean disqualification and a 6-point win for Sidor. It didn't happen.

East Rochester Coach Don Quinn was upset at Canandaigua's stalling tactics against both Zito and Sidor.

"When a kid is sent out there not to get pinned, it's tough to get him," Quinn said. "I can honestly say I don't ever send a guy out not to get pinned. I won seven of the 12 bouts, and that's more important to me than the final score."