

Matmen Lose to Canandaigua

East Rochester High School wrestling team had one of its rare two game losses in a row last week, as Canandaigua handed Coach Don Quinn's matmen a striking 25-23 setback that followed a 24-22 loss to Brighton.

The Bombers moved back on the winning trail by easily whipping a visiting Mendon club. Both matches were played at the Bomber home base.

Canandaigua used the same last match strategy to pull out the victory. ER's Rick Sidor needed a pin and nabbed only a decision.

The pin would have grabbed Quinn's club a big win. The Cans had a number four in the state rankings and ER had dropped to 15th after the Brighton upset. They had held a perch on the No. 5 peg. Canandaigua, a Finger Lakes power, won only 5 of the 12 scraps. The Bombers took seven.

ER was trailing 25-9 with four matches to go. Dennis Essom put three points into the deficit by winning a 5-3 decision in the 155 tilt with Bill Hadsell.

Dean McGregor kept the Bombers aloft with a 3-point decision in the 167 argument with Bill Condon by netting a 4-0 verdict.

The Bombers needed 11 points, a pin and one superior decision. John Zito, waging war in the 177 class all but annihilated John Kuras in the punishing 20-1 decision.

That brought the score to 25-20. Sidor was up against Guy Parker in the 215 finale. In two previous scraps, Sidor had scored pins over Parker.

When the match ended, Parker gave up a 9-4 decision. Twice he was charged with stalling. A third stalling penalty would have cost Parker a six point default. He was spread-eagled like a beached whale on his "belly," preventing a Sidor pin.

Quinn criticized the officiating. "The referees lack the



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guts to call the stalling penalties."

Len Hagberg, a 23 year wrestling official said, "I call 'em." Hagberg is an East Rochester High graduate and a High School English teacher at Avon Central.

He is considered one of the most respected wrestling officials in New York State.

In other matches, Tom Pagano, a Bomber freshman with a future, lost the 98 pound opener, 14-4 to T.J. Mincer. That cost ER four points.

John Walczyk put three counts on the Bomber scorecard with a 5-3 decision over Kurt Scammell in the 105 event.

It was 10-3 after ER's Scott McIntosh was pinned at 2:47 by the Can's Ron Jones in the 112 tiff.

The score swelled to 13-3 as Romeo Battazzi dropped a tough 119 scrap, 7-5, to Matt King.

ER had a scent of victory when Mike Kuhn stayed in the undefeated ranks by taking the 126 argument, 8-5, over Greg Wild and Joe Walczyk sliced the Canandaigua lead to 13-9 by taking a 132 pound nod over Mike Reko by a 5-1 tally.

The visitors then moved to a big 25-9 lead by tabbing a pair of consecutive pins.

Curtis Doreen wilted to Mark King in the 138 conflict at the 1:21 mark and Bruce Kier was pinned by Gary Mincer in the 145 pound match when the clock showed 4:49.

That was the loss that hurt the Bombers with four encounters to go.

ER's comeback fell two points short of a tie and three for a big win.

In a County East affair, Quinn's club trounced a visiting Mendon team, 37-12. It was ER's fourth loop victory in five tilts and left the Bombers one match back of undefeated Fairport. The two rivals collide here on Saturday night, Jan. 27.

Mendon gained only three wins in the 12 match card. The biggest was in the last fracas where ER's Kevin Maynard was leading in the 215 class but fell a victim to a pin at the 5:56 time.

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In other results, Pagano (98), decisioned Jamie Fagan, 12-4; John Walczyk (105) won over Kim Cirman, 7-4; Scott McIntosh (112) was a 11-7 winner over Scott Cirman; Romeo Battazzi (119) flattened Dean Goldner in 5:15 and Mike Kuhn thrashed Kevin Woods, 20-8 in the 126 tilt. It was a 21-0 score at that point.

Mendon posted two straight decisions as Steve Toth (132) topped ER's Joe Walczyk, 3-0, and Greg Woods took the measure of 145 pounder Curtis Doreen of ER by a thin 7-6 nod.

ER fashioned four straight victories. Greg Bonacchi (145) decisioned Greg Elman, 5-4; Denny Essom (155) pinned Tim French at 1:38; Drew McGregor (167) easily handled Mike Garrity, 13-3; and Kevin Kronenberger won the 177 match over Dave Krienberg, 11-6.