

# ER-Hilton To Decide County Mat Crown

East Rochester and Hilton, who couldn't decide the issue a year ago, will try again to determine the overall county wrestling champion on East-West day tomorrow night at 8 at Hilton.

The two teams fought to a controversial 25-25 tie a year ago. This year ER (13-2) comes into the match ranked No. 3 in the state while Hilton (12-1) slipped to No. 12 after last weekend's upset loss to Gates-Chili.

"A few weeks ago, I thought Hilton had the better team," says Coach Pete Logan of Fairport, the only team to face both ER and Hilton this season. "But that was before ER went down and won at Olean and Hilton lost at Gates. Now it's impossible to pick."

The probable starting lineups (and won-lost records):

**East Rochester** — 98 pounds — Tom Pagano (18-5-1); 105 — John Walczyk (15-5-2); 112 — Scott McIntosh (10-5-3); 119 — Romeo Battazzi (22-2); 126 — Mike Kuhn (22-2); 132 — Joe Walczyk (19-6-2); 138 — Greg Bonacchi (14-7); 145 — Bruce Kier (5-6-2); 155 — Dennis Essom (24-2-1); 167 — John Zito (22-0); 177 — Drew McGregor (22-4); Heavyweight — Rick Sidor (15-2).

**Hilton** — 98 pounds — Paul Nau (1-2-1); 105 — Steve Burton (20-4); 112 — Matt Kellman (12-12); 119 — Chris Kellman (21-3); 126 — Steve O'Shea (16-7-1); 132 — Al Rossner (24-0); 138 — Frank Walzer (0-1); 145 — Mark Caternolo (17-1-1); 155 — George Eblacker (21-3); 167 — Terry Brown (20-3); 177 — Bill West (18-6); Heavyweight — Fred Bedford (9-11).

Key matches include Battazzi vs. Chris Kellman in a battle of defending sectional champions at 119 pounds and Eblacker vs. Essom at 155. Those two split a pair of matches a year ago.

"I think we'll have to wrestle better than we did at Olean to beat them," says ER Coach Don Quinn. "We matched up a lot better with Olean. Hilton just doesn't have any holes. They're solid all the way through their lineup."

Hilton Coach Al Krotz thinks the match could be just as close as last year's.