

Battle of Undefeated

Bombers and Irondequoit Set 'Showdown' Mat Match Here

East Rochester High School and Irondequoit, both rated as power wrestling teams clash here on Saturday night and the winner may well end up as the champion in the Monroe County Eastern Division. Both teams move into the scrap undefeated.

Last weekend, Coach Don Quinn's defending league champs won a pair of non-loop victories in a dual match on the local mats with most of the near-750 fans in the audience Bomber supporters, and the rest from Wayne Central, Gates-Chili and McQuaid.

While ER was easily beating Wayne, 37-16, and having an easier time with McQuaid in the team's second match, 43-11, Irondequoit was winning the tough Caledonia-Mumford tournament with a 158 point total to beat out Brighton.

Irondequoit comes to the village with a pair of Lehmann brothers who anchor the team. Tim Lehmann is a tough 112



Mike Brien

pounder and Tom is a crack 145 pounder.

Another matman with a familiar name is Tony Cotroneo, a cousin of former Bomber great, Keith Cotroneo, now a University of Georgia assistant wrestling coach.

East Rochester had to wait

through the first five matches before rolling into a 11-11 tie with Wayne.

When Joe Walczyk ran up a four-point 11-0 nod over Chris Jordan, the Bomber lead became 15-11 and was swelled to 27-13 before ER's Kevin Maynard lost a 177 pound decision to Gary Kotvis, 4-3.

Freshman Tom Pagano had a 5-0 lead over Rick Azzano before tiring out and winding up with a 6-6 tie.

ER fell back 5-2 after John Walczyk's 11-4 loss to Pat Friedman in the 105 scrap.

It was Wayne 11, the Bombers 2, before Romeo Battazzi put his 119 pounds on Bill McGuire and chalked up a pin at 2:49 to give Coach Quinn a smell of success. They closed the score to 11-8.

It became a tie conflict following Curtis Doreen's 12-5 nod over Steve Azzano in the 126 affair and 15-11 when Joe Walczyk ran up an easy 11-0 verdict over Chris Jordan.

In the 112 tilt, ER's Pat Zito, little brother of Bomber John Zito, was pinned by Bill Afronite of Wayne in 3:20. Quinn's club swelled its lead as Greg Bonacchi (138), took a 4-1 decision over Kevin Gilbert. Dave Alongi tied in his 145 division match against Tim Henning, as neither matman could gain a point in six minutes of wrestling, thereby netting two points apiece; Dennis Essom collected a 9-5 win over Rob Lang in the 155 tilt; Drew McGregor handled John Stavalone in easy fashion, 12-4 in 167 conflict. After Maynard's loss, Rick Sidor didn't need a bit of sweat to gain a six point forfeit in the heavyweight division.

In the night's second match, ER won 9 of the 12 tilts, lost two and tied one.

The Bombers opened with three straight pins to take a 18-0 lead as Pagano disposed of Frank Pappalardo in 4:54. John Walczyk, riding on a 5-0 lead, flattened Ron Barone in 2:37 and Mike Brien had a 112 pound pin over John Capelino in a fast 54 seconds.

Battazzi took on New York State's No. 3 119 pounder Rob Starkweather and was trailing 4-1 when the McQuaid grappler held on to a thin 4-3 victory.

In other scraps, Mike Kuhn won a 4-1 decision over John Scott in the 126 pound match; Joe Walczyk worked for a 5-5 tie with McQuaid's Mike Green, after racking up a 5-0 lead with less than a minute to go.

Dave Alongi netted a pin in 5:36 over Tyler Owens in the 138 class; Bruce Kier was a 145 class 13-4 winner over Jerry Biamonte; Essom was a 8-1 master over Ray Schey.

In the night's feature match, ER's John Zito took on the peer of the City-Catholic League, Len Rogers. Zito gained his first victory of the season by a 10-1 count in the 167 division.

Kevin Kronenberger lost the 177 scrap to McQuaid's Phil Lanzatella in 3:03 and Sidor was a 5-1 decision winner over Vince Biamonte.

In the four team results, Gates-Chili topped McQuaid, 32-25 and tied Wayne Central, 28-28.