

# ER first in Class A wrestling

East Rochester survived a challenge from Mynderse Academy of the Finger Lakes League to win the Section 5 Class A wrestling championships last night at East Rochester.

The Bombers totaled 188 points to finish 2½ points ahead of Mynderse. Wellsville was a distant third with 115 points.

Rick Sidor's 7-1 decision over John Schoonover of Livonia at 250 pounds gave the Bombers the victory. Sidor was one of five titlists from East Rochester.

Dennis Essom of East Rochester pulled the major upset of the finals, decisioning previously unbeaten Gary Bullis of Mynderse at 155 pounds, 9-3. Bullis, an All-Greater Rochester football player, was 25-0. Essom got Bullis into trouble early with a near pin in the first period.

Romeo Battazzi (119), Joe Walczyk (132) and John Zito (167) also captured titles for East Rochester. Zito decisioned Mike Patak of Mynderse, 10-2.

Scott McIntosh (112) of East Rochester and Ernie Daniels of Charlotte (138) were runners-up in their classes.

**MORE WRESTLING:** Brockport finished second to Canandaigua Academy in the Class AA tournament at Finger Lakes Community College. Brockport totaled 160 points despite only two individual champions. Canandaigua, which totaled 226 points, had eight winners.

Brockport's individual winners were Tony Bruno (145) and Art Bielewicz (167), while John Irvine (138) lost a 14-7 decision to Mark King of Canandaigua in the finals.

Silas Ussery of Madison decisioned Dave Schinckler of Brockport in the 98-pound finals, 6-0. Henry Hood of Madison was a runner-up at unlimited, losing an 8-3 decision to John Zehr of Newark. Victor had a champion in Tim West (177), who scored an 11-2 decision over Scott Eberhardt of Newark.

**WOUNDED ER RALLIED:** It looked like another cakewalk for East Rochester in the Section 5 Class A wrestling championships Saturday at ER. The Bombers, ranked third in the state, had honed their skills on AAA competition all year. Few figured ER would need a win in the final match to edge Mynderse Academy, 188-185½.

Last Tuesday East Rochester 98-pounder John Walczyk broke his ankle while running to make weight. Then Saturday Mike Kuhn dropped out after pulling muscles around his rib cage in a quarterfinal match. Minutes later Curtis Doreen dislocated a knee in his 138-pound quarterfinal. With three regulars missing, chances for a third straight Class A title dimmed.

Coach Don Quinn relayed a simple message to his wrestlers.

"If you next four win your matches we can win this thing," he said.

So they did.

Joe Walczyk (132), Dennis Essom (155) and John Zito (167) kept ER within striking distance before heavyweight Rick Sidor pinned down the championship by beating Livonia's John Schoonover, 7-1.