

Kuhn, Battazzi, Morabito, Walczyk Win Mat Title

East Rochester returns to the Monroe County East Division mat wars on Saturday afternoon at Brighton High School. Label the match a tossup. First scrap is at 2 o'clock.

Coach Don Quinn's team was the Monroe County Tournament champion last season. Last weekend at the Rush-Henrietta Sperry mats, the Bombers came in second to Irondequoit.

When the final totals of the two day tourney were posted, Irondequoit had chalked up 216 counts to ER's 190.5.

But when the division championships were passed out, Quinn's matmen collected four and Irondequoit, only two.

The titles went to Mark Morabito in the opening 91 pound class; Mike Kuhn, undefeated 126 pounder; Romeo Battazzi in the 132 division; and Joe Walczyk in the 138.

Quinn lauded his corps. "It was their best wrestling effort of the season," he said.

Weakened by graduation of his major weight matmen of last season when ER swept up a barrel of county, sectional and had a state champion, Quinn's club had two second second place winners in 112 pounder Scott McIntosh and super-heavyweight, Steve Mosher, a transfer to ER from Midlakes and a sophomore with good potential, according to Quinn.

After the first two rounds last Friday, the Bombers were in third place with Irondequoit setting the pace with 94 points; Penfield second with 76 and ER showing 70.

By the time the finals came up, ER had moved into first place with a 170-152 lead over Irondequoit, but members of the latter team rolled up points with places among the pointmen in runnerup, third, fourth, and fifth spots.

ER had gone into the tourney with two straight championships. The team had won the title eight times since he 1960-61 season.

The latest one had its controversies. And one involved ER. Quinn won that one and it ended in a victory for Rosati. Rosati trailed Bob Young of Mendon, 4-3 as the last seconds of the last two-minute period were ticking off. Quinn charged that Rosati had tallied a point in a hand-holding escape. It was denied by the official.

The controversy continued until a rules book supported Quinn's claim. The official agreed. The match continued after it was declared a tie. Rosati won it in three-one minute overtime periods, 3-1.



Joe Walczyk

Rosati opened his challenge as a 91 pounder by defeating John Sensenig of Irondequoit, 11-2; then decisioned John Carini of Fairport, 9-1 and had to work overtime to take a 8-4 nod over Phil Connor, of Roth.

Eighth grader Tim Quinn, the coach's son, pinned Tom Scharden of Batavia in 3:20 in the preliminary 98 pound round and then became a victim of Chris Connor of Roth in 5:20. He stayed in contention with a pin in 4:25 over George Bartov of Greece Athena and in match 4, lost a close scrap to Irondequoit's Tim Lehmann, 7-5.

Tom Pagano, 105 pounder, dropped three straight arguments, the first to Larry Kane of Penfield, 13-2, and the second to Tom Cirman of Mendon, 4-0. He was ousted out of play for a point finish by Mike Barker of Fairport, 5-0.

Scott McIntosh continued to improve as a 112 pounder and took a second when he bowed in the title smash to Irondequoit's Tony Cotroneo. Cotroneo is the class of the division. He is a close relative of Keith Cotroneo, who was a 126 pound champ at ERHS for Quinn in the 1970-71 season and a runner-up in the state tourney. Cotroneo grabbed a 7-1 nod over the ER grappler.

McIntosh outlasted Phil Sterzelbach of Batavia in the lid lifter, 13-11 and decisioned Scott Cirman of Mendon, 4-0. Frank Argento won three of five matches to take a 5th place in the 119 division.

He opened with a 14-6 nod over Tom Bowlin of Sperry; pinned Tom Crawford of Brighton in 2:55; lost to Steve Piensak of Greece-Athena, 12-2; dropped a 5-1 verdict to Tom Kane of Penfield and took a 9-1 win over Steve Pignato of Webster-Schroeder.

Er then went on for its three straight division crowns.

Kuhn tabbed four decisions on his way to the 126 chips, the first over Pat Viscuso of Batavia by a 14-8 count, followed by a 14-6 win over Greece-Arcadia's Steve Misolella, a 7-3 victory over Dave Fay of R-H Roth and beating Greg Locke of Irondequoit, 6-2. It was the second time in two weeks Kuhn had scored an identical victory over Locke.

Battazzi had a pair of pins on his way to the 132 division laurels. He finished Phil Elman of Mendon in 1:02 to start; got rid of Tom Pierce of Batavia by a 7-0 nod; pinned Greece-Athena's Steve Bishop in three minutes and decisioned Tom Battaglia in the champion tilt, 10-0.

Joe Walczyk tallied four decisions in gaining the 138 kingpin. He won over Chris Browne of Batavia, 11-0; Chris Parker of Webster Thomas, 3-1; John McCart of Greece Athena and grabbed the gold ring with a 5-3 win over Irondequoit's Jim Brault.

ER didn't fare well next three division scraps. Curtis Doreen at 145 lost a pair of one point decisions to get early elimination. R-H Roth's Tom Farruggia won over Doreen, 10-9, and Steve Viscuso was a 4-3 winner.

At 155, Mike McIntosh, twin brother of Scott McIntosh, ran into Gates-Chili's classy Dave Siliplini and lost by a pin in 5:55. He took a 10-8 decision over Gary Cain of Churchville and lost to Tom Masko of Brockport, 2-0.

Tony Rossi lost a pair of matches to Steve Good of Fairport by a 9-0 count and Tom Biamonte, 10-2.

Bill Condon took a second place in the 177 class with a pin in .26 seconds over "Chuck" DiBerardinis of Pittsford Sutherland; a pin over Steve Payne of Irondequoit in 2:55 and losing in the title scrap to Joe Prestigiacomo of Greece-Athena, 7-2.

DiBerardinis is the son of former ERHS Bomber Robert DiBerardinis, an ex-Quinn matman.

In the 215 bracket, Joe Santucci was pinned by Steve Kaiser of Penfield at 1:47; rebounded with a 14-5 nod over Chuck Lenzi of Sutherland, and was a pin victim of Tom Andrea of Churchville-Chili in 2:44.

Mosher nabbed his second place by pinning Tom Sheldon of Penfield in 3:55 but losing the same route to Terry Brown of Churchville-Chili in three minutes.