

Jeffery takes 3rd again for Lions

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DES MOINES - Linn-Mar sophomore Alijah Jeffery knows his way to third place on the victory stand at the Class 3A state wrestling tournament.

He's been there twice now in two years.

Jeffery placed third at the state tournament last season at 103 pounds as a freshman and climbed to the third step on the victory stand again Saturday at 113 pounds.

Jeffery topped Josh Wenger of Cedar Rapids Prairie, 5-3, in the wrestle-backs Saturday morning to claim the bronze medal and finish the season with a 45-6 record.

"It was a decent year, not quite what I wanted," he said. "I wanted to win, but I'll come back next year stronger than ever."

Wenger finished his freshman campaign at Prairie with a 45-6 record and a fourth-place showing at state.

Linn-Mar entered Saturday in fourth place in the standings, just 1.5 points behind Iowa City West, but Jeffery's victory helped the Lions jump over the Trojans by 3.5 points heading into the championship round Saturday night.

Linn-Mar led Iowa City West, 122 to 118.5, after the consolation matches for 3rd, 5th and 7th place. Both teams had three wrestlers in the finals, so it was still up for grabs entering the final round of the three-day event.

"A third-place finish would be pretty good, because Iowa City West is a tough team," said Jeffery. "It would be good to be over them."

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Iowa City West defeated Linn-Mar for the Mississippi Valley Conference title this season, so the Lions were looking for revenge at Wells Fargo Arena.

"It's been on our minds since the beginning of the tournament," said Linn-Mar senior Mitch Wantock, who won his final match Saturday and finished fifth at 170 pounds. "We thought it would be great to come out with a third-place trophy, at least."

Bettendorf entered the final round with 166 points, followed by Southeast Polk (142.5), Linn-Mar (122), Iowa City West (118.5), West Des Moines Valley (84), Prairie (82.5), Waverly-Shell Rock (70), Mason City (66), Pleasant Valley (66) and Lewis Central (60).

Wantock helped Linn-Mar -- and hurt the Prairie Hawks -- when he defeated Prairie junior Cameron Rathje in the consolation match for fifth place, 11-6. Wantock got a late start this season after breaking his ankle in a football game in late October, but he returned and posted a 27-4 mark in his final campaign.

"I wish I could have done better," said Wantock, who placed sixth last season at 171 pounds. "At least I did better than last year."

Linn-Mar junior Joel Northrup (44-7) lost his final match to Kyle Larson of West Des Moines Valley, 7-3, to finish in fourth place at 132 pounds. He placed third at state as a freshman in 2010 at 103 pounds.

Linn-Mar senior A.J. Garcia (41-12) was pinned by Joe Scanlon of Johnston in 1:33 Saturday morning and finished fourth at 220 pounds.

Prairie junior Andrew Netolicky (41-8) pinned Jake Melik of Pleasant Valley in 5:24 to claim fifth place at 220 pounds. Netolicky finished sixth last year at 189.

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Washington senior Tyler Burrell (39-4) trimmed Shaquille Wells of Urbandale, 2-1, to capture fifth place at 285 pounds. Burrell placed sixth last year at 285.

Prairie sophomore Trey Blaha (35-8) was pinned by John Christopherson of Spencer at 6:23 in overtime to finish sixth at 126 pounds.

Linn-Mar sophomore Damon Griffin (41-11) lost to Andrew Steiert of Waverly-Shell Rock, 4-0, and finished eighth at 120 pounds.

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Saturday's Results

CLASS 3A

Team Standings

(Through consolation finals)

1. Bettendorf 166.0
2. Southeast Polk 142.5
3. Linn Mar, Marion 122.0
4. Iowa City, West 118.5
5. Valley, West Des Moines 84.0
6. Prairie, Cedar Rapids 82.5
7. Waverly-Shell Rock 70.0
8. Mason City 66.0
8. Pleasant Valley 66.0
10. Lewis Central 60.0
11. Urbandale 55.5
12. Ankeny 52.5
13. Indianola 44.0
14. Spencer 43.0
15. Burlington 39.0
16. Johnston 33.5
17. Fort Madison 26.5
18. Des Moines, Roosevelt 24.0

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19. Cedar Falls 22.0
20. Cedar Rapids, Kennedy 21.0
21. North Scott, Eldridge 19.5
22. Dowling Catholic, West Des Moines 18.0
23. Clinton 17.0
23. Sioux City, East 17.0
25. Fort Dodge 16.0
26. Keokuk 15.0
26. Oskaloosa 15.0
28. Epworth, Western Dubuque 13.0
29. Dubuque, Hempstead 12.5
30. Cedar Rapids, Washington 9.0
30. Davenport West 9.0
30. Sioux City, North 9.0
33. Iowa City, City High 8.0
33. Knoxville 8.0
35. Des Moines, North-Hoover 7.0
36. Council Bluffs, Thomas Jefferson 6.0
36. Decorah 6.0
36. Muscatine 6.0
39. Dubuque, Senior 5.0
40. Davenport Central 4.0
40. Mount Pleasant 4.0
42. Ames 3.0
42. Council Bluffs, Abraham Lincoln 3.0
44. Marshalltown 2.0
44. Xavier, Cedar Rapids 2.0
46. Boone 1.0
46. Davenport North 1.0
46. Des Moines, East 1.0

Consolation Bracket

Fourth Round

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Kaz Onoo (Mason City) 41-8 won by decision over Tanner Rohweder (Dowling Catholic, West Des Moines) 34-6 (Dec 4-1)

Jake Koethe (Valley, West Des Moines) 45-4 won by decision over Bryce Meyer (Fort Madison) 36-6 (Dec 6-1)

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Alijah Jeffery (Linn Mar, Marion) 44-6 won by decision over Hunter Genco (Clinton) 38-6 (Dec 5-3)

Josh Wenger (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) 45-5 won by decision over Joe McGinnis (Indianola) 39-11

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(Dec 2-0)

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Andres Gonzalez (Mason City) 40-2 won by decision over Ernest Willis (Iowa City, West) 40-14 (Dec 4-2)

Colby Knight (Urbandale) 32-2 won by decision over John Gioffredi (Indianola) 38-10 (Dec 2-1)

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Tyler McWilliams (Sioux City, East) 45-7 won by decision over John Christopherson (Spencer) 27-3 (Dec 5-2)

Jack Hathaway (Iowa City, West) 50-4 won by pin over Trey Blaha (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) 35-7 (Pin 3:31)

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Joel Northrup (Linn Mar, Marion) 44-6 won by decision over Randy McPhee (Davenport West) 18-7 (Dec 3-1)

Kyle Larson (Valley, West Des Moines) 39-2 won by decision over Logan Ryan (Bettendorf) 37-12 (Dec 5-1)

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Jack Randall (Spencer) 44-4 won by pin over Nate Harms (Urbandale) 30-5 (Pin 5:10)

Dakota Gray (Fort Madison) 36-5 won by pin over Alex Caldwell (Clinton) 40-7 (Pin 2:15)

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Kolton Rottink (Waverly-Shell Rock) 37-9 won by major decision over Austin Boyd (Burlington) 35-9 (Maj 11-2)

Bubba Hernandez (Bettendorf) 37-8 won by decision over Gradey Gambrall (Iowa City, West) 39-13 (Dec 2-1)

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Trey Lewis (Valley, West Des Moines) 23-5 won by decision over Dalton Witte (Burlington) 35-10 (Dec 9-6)

Drake Chase (Bettendorf) 20-10 won by decision over Tanner Schaefer (Spencer) 35-4 (Dec 10-5)

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Nick Hagedorn (Cedar Falls) 19-8 won by decision over Clint Underwood (Valley, West Des Moines) 39-12 (Dec 11-5)

Brady Letney (Pleasant Valley) 38-14 won by decision over Max Krieger (Mason City) 42-7 (Dec 4-3)

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Carson Powell (Ankeny) 37-5 won by pin over Cameron Rathje (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) 38-7 (Pin 0:40)

Ben Schwery (Lewis Central) 50-2 won by decision over Mitch Wantock (Linn Mar, Marion) 26-4 (Dec 5-2)

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Matt Seabold (Burlington) 36-4 won by decision over Adam Walther (Waverly-Shell Rock) 39-11 (Dec 8-6)

Bryan Levsen (Bettendorf) 39-5 won by major decision over Casey Marnin (Southeast Polk) 37-11 (Maj 10-0)

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Dane Jones (Oskaloosa) 35-7 won by decision over Keaton Jurevitz (Bettendorf) 31-9 (Dec 5-3)

Tarin Phillips (Valley, West Des Moines) 43-2 won by decision over Cegan Long (North Scott, Eldridge) 44-11 (Dec 3-2)

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AJ Garcia (Linn Mar, Marion) 42-11 won by pin over Jake Melik (Pleasant Valley) 36-11 (Pin 2:24)

Joe Scanlan (Johnston) 34-5 won by decision over Andrew Netolicky (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) 41-8 (Dec 4-0)

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Bryce Fisher (Southeast Polk) 41-7 won by pin over Tyler Burrell (Cedar Rapids, Washington) 39-4 (Pin 5:14)

Jake Scanlan (Johnston) 34-6 won by decision over Shaquille Wells (Urbandale) 31-15 (Dec 3-1)

Placement Matches

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3rd Place - Jake Koethe (Valley, West Des Moines) 46-4 won by decision over Kaz Onoo (Mason City) 41-9 (Dec 3-0)

5th Place - Tanner Rohweder (Dowling Catholic, West Des Moines) 35-6 won in overtime over Bryce Meyer (Fort Madison) 36-7 (OT 13-11)

7th Place - Chase Lynn (Dubuque, Senior) 35-7 won by decision over Alec Vogel (Muscatine) 27-7 (Dec 3-2)

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3rd Place - Alijah Jeffery (Linn Mar, Marion) 45-6 won by decision over Josh Wenger (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) 45-6 (Dec 5-3)

5th Place - Joe McGinnis (Indianola) 40-11 won by decision over Hunter Genco (Clinton) 38-7 (Dec 10-9)

7th Place - Bryce Steiert (Waverly-Shell Rock) 35-14 won by decision over Jay Fresh (Knoxville) 33-10 (Dec 4-2)

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3rd Place - Andres Gonzalez (Mason City) 41-2 won by decision over Colby Knight (Urbandale) 32-3 (Dec 4-2)

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5th Place - Ernest Willis (Iowa City, West) 41-14 won by decision over John Gioffredi (Indianola) 38-11 (Dec 9-3)

7th Place - Andrew Steiert (Waverly-Shell Rock) 41-10 won by decision over Damon Griffin (Linn Mar, Marion) 41-11 (Dec 4-0)

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3rd Place - Jack Hathaway (Iowa City, West) 51-4 won by pin over Tyler McWilliams (Sioux City, East) 45-8 (Pin 1:28)

5th Place - John Christopherson (Spencer) 28-3 won by pin over Trey Blaha (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) 35-8 (Pin 6:23)

7th Place - Jacob Woodard (Bettendorf) 28-14 won by pin over Miles Bostic (Davenport Central) 33-12 (Pin 3:12)

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3rd Place - Kyle Larson (Valley, West Des Moines) 40-2 won by decision over Joel Northrup (Linn Mar, Marion) 44-7 (Dec 7-3)

5th Place - Logan Ryan (Bettendorf) 38-12 won by decision over Randy McPhee (Davenport West) 18-8 (Dec 5-4)

7th Place - Zach Henning (Decorah) 34-9 won in overtime over Nick Steger (Epworth, Western Dubuque) 47-6 (OT 8-6)

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3rd Place - Jack Randall (Spencer) 45-4 won by pin over Dakota Gray (Fort Madison) 36-6 (Pin 5:03)

5th Place - Nate Harms (Urbandale) 31-5 won by pin over Alex Caldwell (Clinton) 40-8 (Pin 3:12)

7th Place - Kegan Wakefield (Iowa City, West) 26-8 won by decision over Spencer Derifield (Waverly-Shell Rock) 35-16 (Dec 8-1)

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3rd Place - Bubba Hernandez (Bettendorf) 38-8 won by decision over Kolton Rottink (Waverly-Shell Rock) 37-10 (Dec 10-7)

5th Place - Gradey Gambrall (Iowa City, West) 40-13 won by decision over Austin Boyd (Burlington) 35-10 (Dec 6-4)

7th Place - Brayton Taylor (Fort Dodge) 11-3 won by injury default over Brian Warren (Des Moines, North-Hoover) 36-6 (I-D)

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3rd Place - Trey Lewis (Valley, West Des Moines) 24-5 won by decision over Drake Chase (Bettendorf) 20-11 (Dec 6-5)

5th Place - Dalton Witte (Burlington) 36-10 won by decision over Tanner Schaefer (Spencer) 35-5 (Dec 10-8)

7th Place - Derek Rose (Keokuk) 31-6 won by decision over Dustin Fuller (Sioux City, North) 39-10 (Dec 7-3)

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5th Place - Max Krieger (Mason City) 43-7 won by major decision over Clint Underwood (Valley, West Des Moines) 39-13 (Maj 10-1)

7th Place - Isaiah Patton (Dowling Catholic, West Des Moines) 24-22 won by decision over Duke Egli (Fort Dodge) 33-9 (Dec 4-3)

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3rd Place - Carson Powell (Ankeny) 38-5 won by pin over Ben Schwery (Lewis Central) 50-3 (Pin 2:52)

5th Place - Mitch Wantock (Linn Mar, Marion) 27-4 won by decision over Cameron Rathje (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) 38-8 (Dec 11-6)

7th Place - Parker Sturges (Mason City) 16-9 won by decision over Justin Kreiter (North Scott, Eldridge) 37-16 (Dec 11-8)

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3rd Place - Bryan Levsen (Bettendorf) 40-5 won by major decision over Matt Seabold (Burlington) 36-5 (Maj 8-0)

5th Place - Casey Marnin (Southeast Polk) 38-11 won by pin over Adam Walther (Waverly-Shell Rock) 39-12 (Pin 1:00)

7th Place - Brad Boden (Indianola) 23-5 won by decision over Layton Fritsch (Dubuque, Hempstead) 29-8 (Dec 4-3)

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3rd Place - Tarin Phillips (Valley, West Des Moines) 44-2 won by decision over Dane Jones (Oskaloosa) 35-8 (Dec 3-1)

5th Place - Keaton Jurevitz (Bettendorf) 32-9 won in double overtime over Cegan Long (North Scott, Eldridge) 44-12 (2-OT 3-2)

7th Place - Nick Jepsen (Urbandale) 34-14 won by decision over Austin Lear (Lewis Central) 35-20 (Dec 5-4)

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3rd Place - Joe Scanlan (Johnston) 35-5 won by pin over AJ Garcia (Linn Mar, Marion) 42-12 (Pin 1:33)

5th Place - Andrew Netolicky (Prairie, Cedar Rapids) 42-8 won by pin over Jake Melik (Pleasant Valley) 36-12 (Pin 5:24)

7th Place - Brett Haas (Dubuque, Hempstead) 28-3 won by pin over Colton Aplara (Mount Pleasant) 28-12 (Pin 0:59)

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3rd Place - Bryce Fisher (Southeast Polk) 42-7 won by decision over Jake Scanlan (Johnston) 34-7 (Dec 2-1)

5th Place - Tyler Burrell (Cedar Rapids, Washington) 40-4 won by decision over Shaquille Wells (Urbandale) 31-16 (Dec 2-1)

7th Place - Nick Terpstra (Cedar Falls) 37-16 won by decision over Colin Foerstner (Iowa City, West) 29-25 (Dec 4-3)

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