5 Metro wrestlers get bronze medals

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DES MOINES - Sam Uthoff of Prairie, Clint Lembeck of Xavier, Matt Wempen of Linn-Mar, Shea Hartzler of Linn-Mar and Kelly May of Jefferson finished third at the Class 3A state wrestling tournament Saturday.

Uthoff beat Jackson Gallagher of Bettendorf, 5-3, for the bronze medal at 126 pounds. Lembeck stopped Spencer Nevills of Pleasant Valley, 7-1, for third place at 132 pounds.

Wempen blanked Christian Foote of Pleasant Valley, 2-0, at 145 pounds. Hartzler pinned Anthony Sherry of Glenwood in 1:34 for third place at 160 pounds. May trimmed Donovan Doyle of Iowa City West, 2-1, at 182 pounds.

Marcus England of Prairie (106), Brenden Baker of Jefferson (113) and Nolan Hromidko of Kennedy (120) all finished fourth at the state tournament.

Baker beat Nate Lendt of Southeast Polk in the first round of the tournament, but Lendt turned the tables and defeated Baker in the consolation match for third. Both matches were decided by 5-4 scores.

Noah Ajram of Linn-Mar finished sixth at 120 pounds. Kyle Briggs of Jefferson (132) and Taylor Mehmen of Prairie (195) both placed eighth.