

2019 Individual Wrestling State Tournament Recap

Forty-two individual champions were crowned during the Minnesota State High School League's 2019 wrestling state tournament held March 1-2 at the Xcel Energy Center in downtown St. Paul. Here is a recap of the championship matches:

Class A

106 --- Sibley East freshman Drayden Morton defeated Zumbrota-Mazeppa junior Michael Majerus, 5-2.

113 --- Medford eighth-grader Charley Elwood, the top seed, defeated Sibley East sophomore Derek Steele, 4-0.

120 --- Jeron Matson, a senior from Kenyon-Wanamingo, won his second championship with a 3-0 decision over Blackduck-Cass Lake-Bena junior Trevor Janssen. Matson's other title came in 2017.

126 --- Windom Area junior Brett Willaby defeated Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa junior Canon Swanson by a 5-2 decision. It was Swanson's first loss of the season.

132 --- Jackson Hale, a senior from Grand Meadow/LeRoy-Ostrander/Adams, recorded a 3-0 decision over Mason Gode, a sophomore from Long Prairie-Grey Eagle/Browerville. It was Gode's first loss of the season.

138 --- St. Charles senior Mark Buringa defeated United South Central senior Blake Legred, 3-2.

145 --- Caledonia/Houston senior Kyle Cavanaugh completed an undefeated season with a 5-4 victory over Medford junior Willie Von Ruden.

152 --- Kenyon-Wanamingo senior Seth Brossard defeated Roseau senior Chandler Mooney with a 9-1 major decision.

160 --- Kenyon-Wanamingo senior Tyler Ryan had a 10-9 victory over Staples-Motley junior Owen Bjerga.

170 --- Minnewaska Area sophomore Tyson Meyer defeated Goodhue senior Kaleb O'Reilly, 9-6.

182 --- Canby senior Jaden Kindopp defeated Trevor Eisfeld, a junior from Tracy-Milroy-Balaton/Westbrook-Walnut Grove, 3-2.

195 --- Dover-Eyota senior Michael Nelson recorded a pin in 2:41 over Minnewaska Area junior Tyler VanLuik.

220 --- Badger-Greenbush/Middle River sophomore Dominik Vapura had a 3-2 decision over Frazee junior Luke Tweeton.

Heavyweight --- Bertha-Hewitt junior Craig Orlando pinned Adrian Area junior Scot Edwards in 3:24.

Class AA

106 --- Waseca junior Mason Gehloff completed an undefeated season with a 7-2 victory over Marshall seventh-grader Dylan Louwagie.

113 --- Totino-Grace junior Joey Thompson raced to a 10-5 victory over Byron freshman Maxwell Petersen.

120 --- Simley freshman Chase DeBlaere defeated Jaxson Rohman, a sophomore from Fairmont-Martin County West, 7-5.

126 --- Totino-Grace senior Jake Svihel defeated Byron junior Mitchel Petersen, 7-3. It was the first championship in five state tournament appearances for Svihel. He has been a state runner-up three times.

132 --- Simley sophomore Ryan Sokol pinned Mankato West junior Charlie Pickel with four seconds remaining in regulation time.

138 --- Scott West senior Tyler Shackle recorded a 5-4 decision over Simley sophomore Cael Berg.

145 --- Kasson-Mantorville junior Carlos Ruffo defeated Grand Rapids senior Kellen Schauer, 3-1.

152 --- Waconia junior Tim Stapleton won by an 11-2 major decision over Perham senior Dylan Fudge.

160 --- Kasson-Mantorville freshman Bennett Berge defeated Waconia senior Cade Mueller, 3-2.

170 --- Top-seeded and two-time state champion Isaiah Thompson, a junior from Detroit Lakes, had a 5-3 decision over Simley junior Nolan Wanzek.

182 --- Patrick Kennedy of Kasson-Mantorville won his third individual championship following his pin of Perham senior Zachary Peterson. Kennedy, a junior, has committed to wrestle at the University of Iowa.

195 --- Perham senior Ty Moser finished his season undefeated with his first championship following a 5-1 decision over Kasson-Mantorville senior Grant Parrish.

220 --- Orono junior Danny Striggow recorded a 16-5 major decision over Kasson-Mantorville senior Garsen Schorr.

Heavyweight --- Simley senior Daniel Kerkvliet won his fourth individual state championship with a pin in 59 seconds over Plainview-Elgin-Millville junior Logan

Wingert. Kerkvliet, who also powered the Spartans to the team championship, won all of his matches at the state tournament by pin. He joins Jake Short as the only wrestlers in the history of Simley wrestling to win four individual championships.

Class AAA

106 --- Shakopee seventh-grader Pierson Manville pinned Lakeville North freshman Jore Volk in 2:19.

113 --- Shakopee junior Paxton Creese survived a flurry in the final seconds to edge Winona/Cotter junior Ryan Henningson, 6-5.

120 --- Forest Lake sophomore Patrick Cardinal won his second state championship, this one following a 9-4 victory over Shakopee junior Ben Lunn.

126 --- Stillwater sophomore Reid Ballantyne became a three-time individual state champion following a pin of Buffalo sophomore Ryan Scherber in 29 seconds.

132 --- Northfield senior Trayton Anderson posted a 3-2 victory over Apple Valley senior Adam Mickelson.

138 --- Apple Valley senior Sebas Swiggum edged Northfield junior Drew Woodley by a 3-2 decision.

145 --- Willmar senior Cael Carlson won a state championship for the second consecutive season with a 6-3 victory over Apple Valley senior Brady Gross.

152 --- Lakeville South junior Willie Bastyr had a 6-3 victory over Coon Rapids senior Moise Madimba.

160 --- Gabe Nagel, a sophomore from Little Falls, finished his season undefeated following a victory by disqualification over Woodbury junior Brock Rinehart.

170 --- Buffalo senior Riley Habisch finished the season undefeated with a 3-0 victory over Mounds View senior Chase Dressel.

182 --- Albert Lea senior Zach Glazier finished his season without a loss following a 1-0 victory over Owatonna senior Cade King.

195 --- Prior Lake senior Calvin Sund won a championship with a pin in 3:10 over Willmar senior Lincoln Shinn.

220 --- Rosemount senior Ezayah Oropez posted a 7-3 victory over Sartell-Saint Stephen senior Cole Fibranz.

Heavyweight --- Top-ranked Bryce Benhart of Lakeville ended his wrestling career with a state championship following a 7-0 victory over East Ridge senior Marco Cavallaro. He finished fourth during the 2018 state tournament. The 6-foot-8 senior won a football

championship in the fall with the Panthers. He has signed to play football at the University of Nebraska.