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Jarod Cadena was the most popular guy in the Cedar Rapids Prairie gym Thursday night.

Cadena pinned Joe Gallo in 15 seconds in the final match at 182 pounds to give the fifth-ranked Prairie Hawks a dramatic 38-34 victory over No.4 Linn-Mar in an exciting Mississippi Valley Conference meet.

Prairie trailed, 34-32, when Cadena took the mat against Gallo.

"I was really pumped for that match," he said. "I was ticked that it was that close anyway. I just wanted to go out there and get it done quick.

"In that situation, I just need to go out there and get the job done. I'm just happy that we came out and got the win in the dual."

Prairie Coach Blake Williams gave Cadena some advice before the pivotal bout.

"We just said, 'Don't rush things, don't do anything too quickly,'" Williams related, laughing. "Obviously he didn't listen."

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