

6 Metro wrestlers make 3A semifinals

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DES MOINES - Six wrestlers from Metro high schools won their matches in the quarterfinals of the Class 3A state tournament Friday morning and will wrestle in the semifinals Friday night at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines.

Sam Uthoff of Prairie (132), Clint Lembeck of Xavier (138), Josh Gehrke of Xavier (145), Logen Rodriguez of Kennedy (152), Shea Hartzler of Linn-Mar (160) and Taylor Mehmen of Prairie (195) are now two victories away from winning a coveted state title.

The Prairie Hawks are tied for fourth in the team standings with 39 points heading into Friday night's action. Kennedy is ninth with 31 points. Xavier is 19th with 19.5 points. Jefferson and Linn-Mar are tied for 20th with 20 points.

Eighteen of the 25 Metro grapplers who began the tournament Thursday morning are still battling, with six wrestlers in the semifinals and 12 in the wrestle-backs.



The 12 wrestlers in the consolation brackets are Conrad Braswell of Prairie (106), Marcus England of Prairie (113), Joseph Sibomana of Jefferson (113), Brenden Baker of Jefferson (120), Nolan Hromidko of Kennedy (126), Will Foreman of Washington (126), Alex Streicher of

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Linn-Mar (138), Johnny Clymer of Linn-Mar (145), Kyle Briggs of Jefferson (152), Ben Sarasin of Kennedy (160), Garrett Kubovec of Kennedy (170) and Dalles Jacobus of Kennedy (220).

The seven Metro wrestlers who have been eliminated are Keegan Schultschik of Xavier (120), Trenten Wennermark of Prairie (126), Morgan Hood of Prairie (152), Nick Dreckman of Jefferson (182), Brayden Schultz of Linn-Mar (195), Tyler Pasker of Prairie (220) and Alex Heisdorffer of Prairie (285).

Southeast Polk leads the Class 3A standings with 67 points, with Fort Dodge just a notch behind at 66. West Des Moines Valley is third with 51.5 points.