

Gerke takes 3rd at state wrestling

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DES MOINES - Xavier High School senior Josh Gerke whipped Nick Graham of Johnston, 12-7, in the consolation match for third place at 145 pounds in the Class 3A state wrestling tournament Saturday.

Gerke was nipped 5-4 in the opening round Thursday, but he rebounded with five straight victories in the wrestle-backs to end the season with a 43-4 record and a medal.

Gerke topped Trevor Anderson of Glenwood, 6-2, in his first match Saturday before beating Graham for third place.

Gerke placed fifth at the state tournament last year.

Xavier senior Alex Francois lost to Jacob Melton of Boone, 15-10, and finished eighth at 220 pounds. Francois ended the year with a 24-19 record.