

Stewartville on the way to three back points in the last few seconds of their match that gave Schmitt a 5-4 decision.

Wrestlers from Iowa win eight close matches to notch fifth annual event, 76-6

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The score indicates last night's Border Battle between Northeast Iowa and Southeast Iowa state wrestling teams as a blow out. When one team wins 76-6, there is no doubt the lopsided performances of the high school wrestlers from two states.

But the team score is not indicative of the closeness of the matches on the mat. Crestwood High School, one of those matches lined up to not only the final minute but to the final seconds before a winner was named on Iowa winner.

"The score doesn't do justice to a good indicator of how the meet went," said Jim Turvold of Crestwood. "Minnesota lost eight very close matches, many in the closing seconds of the matches."

Turvold is a board member of the Wrestling Hall of Fame, located in Cresco, which sponsored the Border Battle for the fifth consecutive year. Iowa now leads the series 3-2.

Two of these close matches involved Turkey Valley High School wrestlers. In the third match of the night, Eric Meirick of Turkey Valley managed an escape with about five seconds in the match to nip Seth Schlee of GMLOK, 3-2.

Meirick, who finished the recently completed season by placing second in the 285-pound weight class at the Iowa High School Wrestling Tournament, entered Friday night's match with a 42-1 record. Schlee posted a 27-6 record.

Turkey Valley's Eric Schmitt also had his hands full in his 275-pound match against Greg Reeves of Stewartville. Schmitt, who finished seventh in the state tournament, managed to turn Reeves in the final 10 seconds to score three back points and record a 5-4 decision.

Reeves was a three-year starter for Stewartville with a record of 63-4, going into Friday night's match. The Northeast Iowa team included three state champions: Trevor Kittleson of St. Ansgar at 145 pounds, Darren Kriener of South Winneshiek at 215 pounds and Taylor Mansfield of Decorah at 275 pounds. All were victorious. Kyle Slifka of Crestwood High School, also a state champion at 275 pounds, was unable to par-

icipate Friday night because of illness (infectious mononucleosis, mono). The Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame Wrestling Hall in Cresco, which sponsors the Border Battle, sponsors the event to give college coaches one last look at high school senior wrestlers from 12 high school states. About 500 wrestling enthusiasts attended Friday night's event, which not only included wrestling but is used as a fund raiser for the Wrestling Hall of Fame. The Hall is located in the Cresco Welcome Center on Highway 9 and Elm Street and is open to the public at no charge during normal business hours, Monday through Friday.

The results of the 21 matches, with some wrestlers competing more than once, are as follows: 189: Kelly Miller, Riponville, pinned Jordan Folland, Stewartville, 1:36. 191: Luke Schier, Osage, dec. Mike Klinghaus, Southland, 3-0. 192: Lee Meirick, Turkey Valley, dec. Seth Schlee, GMLOK, 3-2. 145: Tom Miles, GMLOK, dec. Brody Suddendorf, MPL, 7-0.

145: Trevor Kittleson, St. Ansgar, dec. Dan Mauseth, Mayo, 6-0. 152: Chris Konkel, Mayo, dec. Derek Wicks, Waukon, 5-2. 152: Andy Johnson, Osage, dec. Kirk Felton, Southland, 2-0. 189: Stephen Stewart, Waukon, dec. Gunter Mazzapa, 3-2. 275: Eric Schmitt, Turkey Valley, dec. Greg Reeves, Stewartville, 5-4. 171: Justin Bahr, South Winneshiek, dec. Josh Lorfeld, Kenyon-Wanamingo, 12-4. 215: Darren Kriener, South Winn., won by default over Lance Peter GMLOK, 6-0.

180: Andrew Schieb, Turkey Valley, pinned Brady Willgram, GMLOK, 1:20. 130: Shane Houghton, dec. Ryan Lee, Riceville, dec. Ryan Lee, GMLOK, 4-0. Edgerton, St. Ansgar, pinned Dan Klughaus, Southland, 2:52. Klughaus, Andrew Schulte, Waukon, dec. Seth Schlee, GMLOK, 4-1. 145: Drew Samuelson, Decatur, dec. Tom Miles, GMLOK, 4-0. 145: Adam Schilling, Dan Hampton, dec. Dan Mauseth, Mayo, 8-6 (over-

time). 152: West Gregg, Decatur, pinned Chris Konkel, Mayo, 1:43. Mason Berna, Waukon, pinned Kirk Felton, Southland, 2:15. Kirk Wagon, dec. Dan Lockel, Waukon, dec. Dan Lockel, Waukon, dec. Dan Lockel, Waukon, 4-2. 277: Taylor Mansfield, dec. Greg Reeves, Stewartville, 4-0.



THIRD-FOURTH - The third and fourth rows of the tournament are, from left, front row, Tom Miles, Kirk Felton, Kirk Wagon, William Thomas Heimerdinger, William Thomas Roberts, Molly McConnell, Mike Doming, Bouška, Megan Tur Madison Slodis, Jake Ruelofs,



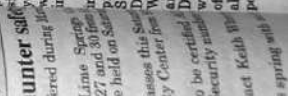
FIFTH-SIXTH - The fifth and sixth rows of the tournament are, from left, front row, first place, Dyan Schieur; second row, second place, Kriener; third row, fourth place, Sir, Dyan Foltz; fourth row, fourth place, Isaac Wigen. The tournament was held at the Fitness Center.



Carville slips on the mat as he drives for Cadet win.



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