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Mountain View's Hugh Thornton celebrates his victory over Centennial's Jake Densley in the 5A heavyweight state championship match.

# Mountain View captures 5A title

The Mavericks, who had three individual champions, win by a dominant 49 points

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NAMPA — A lack of drama?

Or total domination?

The Mountain View High wrestling team won the 5A state championship Saturday — before the final round even started.

"It's kind of neat to get all that out of the way and have each wrestler just wrestle for their own title," coach Cliff Laughlin said.

In the championship round, the Mavericks added three individual champions and finished three days at the Idaho Center with 221.50 points.

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Idaho Falls finished second with 172.50 points, followed by Lewiston (170), Coeur d'Alene (144.50) and Caldwell (143.50).

The team title was the first for the Mountain View program, Laughlin was

honored as the 5A Coach of the Year and his team was presented with the academic state championship trophy.

Mountain View took 18 wrestlers to state and 10 placed in the top six of their respective weight classes.

Six wrestlers entered the finals and Spence Patrick (171 pounds), Reed Kaus (189) and Hugh Thornton (285) won titles. Holden Packard (112), Trevor Sigler (171) and Dan Colbert (215) finished second.

The Mavericks entered the finals with a 39-point lead on Idaho Falls.

"That felt great to do something as a team like that," Patrick said. "It seems a little bit bigger, a little bit more important than just an (individual title)."

Patrick claimed his second individual title in three seasons with a 4-1

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