

SUMMERVILLE'S STRONG FINISH ENDS ROCK - State, The (Columbia, SC) - March 1, 1998 - page C8 March 1, 1998 | State, The (Columbia, SC) | C.L. BROWN, Knight-Ridder Newspapers | Page C8

Summerville avenged an earlier loss to **Rock Hill** with a 38-29 victory in the Class AAAA state **wrestling** finals Saturday before a crowd of more than 200 in **Rock Hill**'s gymnasium.

The win snapped the Bearcats' streak of four consecutive state titles.

"Rock Hill has been in the top two for like the last 18 years,"Summerville coach Kenneth Walker said. "We knew to get to where they are we had to beat them."

Terrance Thompson, Marcus Cherry and Chris Collins got the Bearcats off to a fast start with a decision and two pins. Collins' pin of Nathan Corbett reversed a major decision loss he suffered to Corbett in the Battery Creek Duals in January.

Summerville earned its first win with a decision in the 125-pound division. Brent LaPrad, who lost to Jarrett Soles in a 16-6 major decision at the Battery Creek Duals, scored two points on a reverse with 17 seconds left to win 7-6.

LaPrad got a second wind after a 1:11 blood delay, while trailing 6-5, gave him an energy boost.

The most controversial matches came at 140 and 145.

At 140, **Summerville**'s Geoff Roberts beat Marquis Turner 3-2 after Turner was called for stalling in the last 30 seconds of the match. Turner pinned Roberts at Battery Creek.

At 145, Quin Tolbert beat Tanner Barnes with a 14-10 decision. The match was hampered when both wrestlers stalled and fled and several times the officials had to huddle before making their rulings.

Tolbert took a 7-6 lead into the third period when he had a flurry of five points in a 10-second span, nearly pinning Barnes. Tolbert was clearly drained of energy down the stretch, and complained of chest pains with just under a minute remaining. After getting time to rest while being attended to, he gathered enough strength to finish up the match.

Rock Hill coach Jim Barnes said the Bearcats' tough match Wednesday against Irmo may have drained them against **Summerville**.

"We had a lot tougher matches than they did," Barnes said. "Wednesday, we won the close ones, (Saturday) we lost them."

The Green Wave finished the match strong, winning three of the last four by pins.

The biggest upset came at 171 when **Rock Hill**'s Fred Hart was pinned by Joey Leviner. Hart had already beaten Leviner twice this season, but this time Leviner pinned Hart with 28 seconds remaining.

At 215, Ryan Adams positioned **Rock Hill** for a possible win as he brought the score to 32-29. Adams pinned Antwan Green with 35 seconds left in the second period. But in the heavyweight division, Dawan Feely was pinned by Reuben Daniels, setting off a **Summerville** celebration.

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