

Summerville falls to Dutch Fork in state - Post and Courier, The (Charleston, SC) - February 16, 2003 - page C10 February 16, 2003 | Post and Courier, The (Charleston, SC) | JOHN DEVLIN; Special to The Post and Courier | Page C10

IRMO-Fortune did not favor Summerville in the Class AAAA state **wrestling** semifinals Saturday at Irmo High School.

Kenny Walker's undefeated, top-ranked Green Wave fell to **Dutch Fork** 35-32 under bitter circumstances. It was Summerville's first loss in 19 outings this season, one that also marked an end to the Wave's 61-match winning streak.

Trailing the fired-up Silver Foxes 29-26 with two matches still on the card, Summerville was confident of victory, but the dream of attaining a third straight state championship turned into a nightmare when senior Travis Perry suffered a dislocated elbow a minute into his 160-pound match with Trey McDaniel.

"We've had the breaks go our way for almost three full years, and it just didn't happen today," said Walker.

"We felt we were is a good position, where we needed to be with three matches to go. We felt we had a chance to win all three, especially after we got a pin at 152."

Bryant Blanton gave Summerville a shot by pinning Blake Teague at 152, an outing that assuaged the effects of DF pins by top-ranked T.J. Selke at 140 and Chris Carpenter at 145. Blanton, who lost in Friday's quarterfinals, took Teague down late in the first period and planted him with three seconds left in the first period.

Perry, a senior who finally got his chance to start this season, entered his bout with McDaniel with an 18-3 record. His career ended in a way he could never have imagined.

Dutch Fork coach B.D. LaPrad, frustrated by setbacks against the Green Wave in the 2001 and 2002 championship matches, was not an outwardly a happy man when the official verdict was recorded.

"Our kids wrestled very well, but I didn't want to win like this," he said. "We might have won anyway, but you never want to see anything like this happen."

Summerville had five men in the lineup who were ranked No. 1 in their respective weight classes. Four of the five were winners, but none emerged with precious pins. Undefeated Ian Barker (112), Andrew Young (119) and Gerald Turner (130) all scored bonus decisions, but could not deliver six points despite having numerous fall opportunities.

Conversely, the Silver Foxes had four top-ranked men in the lineup. T.J. Selke and Nick Leone (215) had pins, Kyle Kimrey (125) won via technical fall and Neal Selke (103) beat second-ranked Greg Matricciano, 10-7.

Dutch Fork went on to defeat Spring Valley, 37-34, in the finale to become the first outfit other than Summerville and Rock Hill to win the big-school state title in 23 years.

DUTCH FORK 35, SUMMERVILLE 32

189 - Eric Lambert (**Dutch Fork**) dec. Khalif Chavis 5-1; 215 - Nick Leone (**Dutch Fork**) pinned Kenneth Pickney 0:31; 275 - Jada Ross (Summerville) dec. David Estes 8-2; 103 - Neal Selke (**Dutch Fork**) dec. Greg Matriciano 10-7; 112 - Ian Barker (Summerville) dec. Eric Harris 12-6; 119 - Andrew Young (Summerville) dec. Matt Firtko 20-5 (technical fall); 125 - Kyle Kimrey (**Dutch Fork**) dec. Derek Freshman 24-8 (technical fall); 130 - Gerald Turner (Summerville) dec. Guy Caskey 19-4 (technical fall); 135 - Brad Kieber (Summerville) dec. Jacob Neal 14-3; 140 - T.J. Selke (**Dutch Fork**) pinned Tony Simmons 2:22; 145 - Chris Carpenter (**Dutch Fork**) pinned Jared Wegman 4:38; 152 - Bryant Blanton (Summerville) pinned Blake Teague 1:58; 160 - Trey McDaniel (**Dutch Fork**) won by injury disqualification over Travis Perry; 171 - Mike Windham (Summerville) won by forfeit.