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Columbia, Missouri - Ethan Stevens came home with some nice hardware from the Missouri State Wrestling Tournament this weekend.

Stevens placed third in the Class 2, 182-lb weight division on Saturday finishing his senior year of high school with a record of 42-5 in the 182 lb weight division..

He won in the first round by pin over Hunter Wilkins of John Burroughs in 4:17.

In the quarterfinals Ethan won by decision over Caleb Shanks of Cameron 13-5.

He lost his semifinal match on Friday by decision to Tage McNutt of Benton 6-4.

On Saturday in the Consolation semifinal Stevens won by decision over Wade Hahn of Ste. Genevieve 6-1 and in his third place match he faced Shanks once again winning by decision over Caleb Shanks of Cameron 2-1.

He finished his senior year with a record of 42-5. As a freshman he had a record of 34-15, his sophomore year he went 31-7. As a junior he placed 4th at State in the 170 lb weight division and finished the season with a 35-2 record.

Ethan was a four time District Champion and a two time State Medalist.

"Ethan improved every year and ended his high school career with an overall record of 142-29," commented Dexter's head wrestling coach James Sneed. "Ethan is a 3 sport athlete and to compete at the level he does while playing other sports shows just what kind of athlete he really is".

"Going into his Senior year our goal all along was State Champion. Although he fell a little short of Champion, a third place finish is something to be proud of, the top 4 kids in that weight class were so evenly matched," continued Sneed. "We had lost to Tage McNutt (Benton 36-12) who finished 2nd in State this year earlier in the year in the Excelsior Springs Tournament 3-2 and then again in the semifinals by a score of 6-4. Beat Caleb Shanks (Cameron 51-9) the #2 ranked kid in Class 2 182 lb weight class in the Quarterfinals 13-5 and again in the 3rd place match 2-1."

Congratulations Ethan Stevens! The entire community is proud of you!

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