

A-3 wrestling: Jesuit wraps up region title, qualifies seven for state

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FORT MYERS — **Jesuit** won its first region championship since 2004 on Friday at the A-3 region tournament.

Seniors **Kevin Nichols** (27-6, 145 pounds) and **Michael Lamoureux** (19-4, 215 pounds) won their respective weight classes to lead **Jesuit**, which finished with 153.5 points.

"I'm so proud of my team," **Jesuit coach Mike Scicchitano** said. "I'm so happy for everybody, not just the ones going to state. ...It's a great day for Jesuit wrestling."

Jesuit qualified seven for next weekend's state finals in Lakeland. Any wrestler who places among the top four of his or her weight class advances. **Christian Dominguez** and **Vince Lombardo** each placed second at 112 and 171, respectively. **Anthony Cimino** took third at 140, and **Connor Gallagly** finished fourth at 189.

"Our team has just been doing really well and working hard," **Nichols** said. "It's great to be a regional finalist and regional champs; it feels awesome."

Tampa Bay area teams produced 10 region champions.

Northside Christian led the way with three: Brian Travis (43-5) won at 112, Dalton Dennis (41-2) at 125 and Anthony Melillo (45-6) at 130. Aaron Hartman, Dryden Dennis and Cliff Barker each qualified with third-place finishes to help Northside place second (136.5).

James Flint (32-5) and Troy Joyce (32-8) won titles for Tampa Bay Christian at 103 and 119. Lennard's Ian Mills (35-5) won at 140.

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