

Oh, so close. Again.

For the second time in three years, the **Summerville High wrestling** team came up a tad short in a bid to win its first state championship since 2008.

The Green Wave fell just shy of the Class AAAAA championship on Saturday night, losing to Upper State champion **Fort Mill**, 34-32, at Dreher High School in Columbia. **Summerville** lost to Hillcrest, 36-33, in the finals two seasons ago.

Summerville finishes this season with a 28-3 record overall.

The championship started in the 160-pound weight class and **Summerville's** Steele Walker gave the Green Wave a 3-0 lead with a 5-0 win.

Fort Mill recorded a pin at 170 and earned a four-point victory at 182 to take a 10-3 lead in the team scoring.

Summerville's Mason Ayers provided a pin at 195, making it 10-9 in the team scoring, but **Fort Mill** picked up a pin at 220 and a 1-0 win at 285 to move ahead, 19-9.

A huge match at 106 was won by a **Fort Mill** pin and the Yellow Jackets led, 25-9. The Green Wave's Xavier Anderson won, 12-0, at 113, and Caleb Herring won, 10-6, at 120 to bring **Summerville** closer at 25-16.

Fort Mill picked up a pin at 126 to move ahead, 31-16, but **Summerville** answered with pins by Ben Guilliam (132) and Hunter Hickman (138) to make it 31-28 with two matches left.

Fort Mill earned three points with a win at 145, setting up the final contest of the evening at 152 pounds.

Summerville's Hassan Williams needed a pin to tie the team score, but could manage only a technical fall for four team points. A pin would have been **Summerville's** fourth, which would have given the Green Wave the championship on criteria points.