

Johnson, Ward Eliminated at State Tournament

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Blake Johnson and Kyle Ward of the Avery High wrestling team were both eliminated from competition at the Class 1A State Wrestling Tournament at the Greensboro Coliseum.

Johnson (26-22), a heavyweight, was eliminated in his first-round consolation match as he lost to Jerry Bennett of Mount Airy by pinfall (3:50); Ward (19-22), a 220 pounder, lost by pinfall and was eliminated as well. Josh Butrim of Trask-Heide pinned Ward in 4:09.

But the Vikings have two wrestlers in the finals later today. Ty Franklin (50-2) of the Vikings take on Breyer Owen of Rosman in the 132 pound championship match tonight; Ryan Sheppard (38-10) of the Vikings will face Spencer McCoy of Swain County in the 195 pound finals.

In Class 4A, Demetre Kostis (55-1) of WHS takes on Garrett Hinton (46-3) of Jack Britt in the 132 pound championship match tonight at 6 p.m.; in Class 2A, Michael Elliott (35-2) of Ashe County will face Brody McCrath (54-3) of Croatan in the 152 pound title match.

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220 Lbs:

Josh Butrim, Trask- Heide FALL Kyle Ward, Avery pin 4:09

Tucker Mcelrath, Mitchell FALL Jonathon Torres, West Montgomery pin :51

285 Lbs:

Jerry Bennett, Mt Airy FALL Blake Johnson, Avery pin 3:50

Matthew Peedin, Princeton FALL Andres Villagomez, Rosman pin 1:44