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Future Hawkeye Moore wins national wrestling title

FARGO, N.D. — University of Iowa incoming freshman and former Iowa City West standout Nate Moore claimed his second straight national title and was named Outstanding Wrestler at the ASICS/Vaughan Junior Freestyle Championships on Saturday.

Moore decked California's Jose Mendoza in 1 minute, 31 seconds for the 130-pound crown.

"(It feels) just as good. Same as last year," said Moore, who won the 125-pound title in 2007. "It's pretty relieving.

"It was pretty important to me. It was one of my goals for the year."

Moore, a four-time state finalist and two-time state champ for the Trojans, was impressive, posting a 10-0 record with two technical falls and two pins.

"I was just going out taking one match at a time and whatever happened happened," said Moore, the nation's top-ranked 125-pound prep by InterMat. "I felt pretty confident in myself. I thought I wrestled good. I took care of business."

Moore was one of 13 freestyle All-Americans for the Iowa team, which won the team title ahead of runner-up Missouri and Ohio.

Eric Thompson, who wrestled for Waverly-Shell Rock, also won for the Iowa squad. Thompson beat Stephen Andrus of Kansas, 6-0, 3-1, for the 285-pound championship.

Moore's former West teammates Derek St. John and Grant Gambrall earned All-American honors.

St. John was the runner-up at 152, going 9-1 during the event. Gambrall, who will join Moore on the Hawkeyes team this fall, placed third at 189. Gambrall was a double All-American, earning fifth in the Greco-Roman tournament.

Matt McDonough, a three-time state champion for Linn-Mar and also incoming Hawkeye freshman, finished 9-1 and pinned Dustin Walraven of South Dakota for third at 135.

Other Iowa All-Americans include 215-pound runner-up Byron Tate; George Ivanov (125) and Josh Ihnen (189), who finished fourth; Joe Colon (119), Bret Baumbach (130), Alec Hoffman (140), fifth; and Jake Demmon (125) and Justin Rau (189), seventh and eighth, respectively.

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