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Perham's Ty Moser wins Class AA Championship at 195

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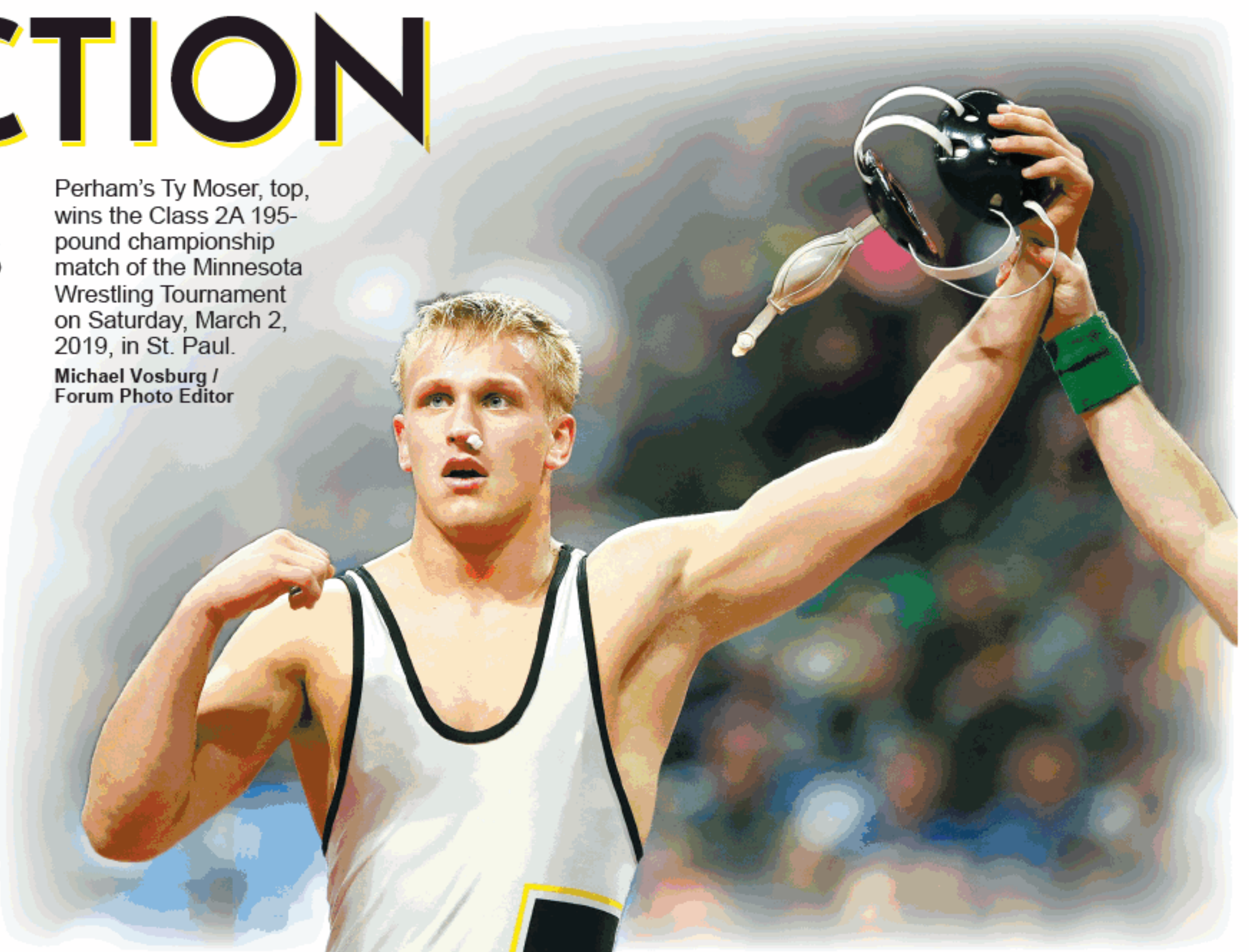
Perham's Ty Moser said to his corner prior to his Class AA Championship match that he's got this. Moser delivered with a commanding 5-1 victory over Kasson-Mantorville's Grant Parrish to capture the school's first individual title since 2007. "It's unbelievable," Moser said. "It's been years and years in the making. Finally, for all that hard work and hours and hours of training to pay off in one moment, it's incredible."

After the clock hit zero, Moser flexed and looked into the crowd to his cheering section, which has been following him throughout the years.

"It's pure happiness to see how proud I could make them and repay all of the support they have given me all of these years," Moser said. "It's amazing. It's a good confidence booster, win or lose, to know that I have a support system that extends outside of my family. I have people who are outside of his program that support me and people that aren't even in wrestling that support me. To be able to rely on a group like that to help me achieve my goals and my dreams is something that's truly special."

Perham's Ty Moser, top, wins the Class 2A 195-pound championship match of the Minnesota Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, March 2, 2019, in St. Paul.

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Dylan Fudge, Gabe Bellefeuille, Zach Peterson, Leighton Rach, Ty Moser and Dawson Kellogg pose together with their individual medals from the Class AA Championships.

## Perham makes school history at Class AA Championships

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The 2018-19 Perham wrestling team will go down as one of the most prolific programs in school history. The Yellowjackets captured their first ever Class AA third place team trophy and placed six members on the podium during the Class AA Championships, including one state champion.

It's the first time in school history that Perham has placed six wrestlers on the podium and the first time the Yellowjackets sent double digit individuals to state since 2007.

Perham head coach Robb Moser said it was an awesome weekend for the Yel-

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lowjackets. Ty Moser captured the state championship at 195, while Zach Peterson was second at 182 and Dylan Fudge was runner-up at 152. Leighton Rach was fourth at 132, while Dawson Kellogg came in fourth at 220. Gabe Bellefeuille reached the podium with a sixth place finish at 126.

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## Perham takes third at Class AA Championship

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It may not have been the trophy they wanted, but the Perham wrestling team continued to make school history with its first ever third place finish in the Class AA Championships at the Xcel Energy Center when they defeated Waconia 27-24.

The Yellowjackets, the No. 1 seed, were defeated by Marshall, 27-25, in the semifinals. The Yellowjackets could not get on track against Marshall, but were able to rebound with a win against a talented Waconia team.

"I can't help but feel a little disappointed, but what a cool accomplishment," Perham head coach Robb Moser said. "It's something that no Perham wrestling team has done. That was a fun match. We didn't have the elation on our face, but we have to enjoy these moments. They are not common. Going down and getting a medal at the state tournament is not something you should ever take for granted. I'm really proud of these kids. That was a gritty match and there was nothing flashy about it."

It was a back-and-forth duel between the two teams and it wasn't decided until Dawson Kellogg picked up a 3-2 decision win over Sam McEnelly at 220.

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Top left: Perham's Jack Fudge, front, escapes from Waconia's Will Burroughs during the Minnesota Class 2A Team Wrestling third-place dual Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019, in St. Paul. Top middle: Perham's Blaze Brady, top, wrestles Waconia's Riese White. Top right: Perham's Gareth Covington, top, wrestles Waconia's Josh Wagener.

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Above: The Perham wrestling team with its Class AA third place championship after its victory over Waconia. It's the first time in school history the Yellowjackets finished third at the Class AA Championships.

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