

Wrestlers 2-3 in Eaton duals

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Focused on getting lots of matches for the Dragon wrestlers, Holyoke accomplished that at the Eaton duals Saturday, Feb. 6.

Holyoke won two and lost three Saturday. The Dragons defeated Berthoud 34-33 and Erie 42-27 and lost to Wray 34-48, to Pueblo County 12-61 and to Greeley West 20-54.

Coach Duane Stroh said he was pleased with some of the dual outcomes, and not pleased, in particular, with the loss to Wray.

Heading into regional competition this Friday and Saturday, Stroh said the kids are in good shape, and he's excited about regionals.

Individual results from last Saturday's duals follow:

103 lbs.—Frank Diaz went 2-3 for the day. He won a 9-5 decision over Cody Kovaciach of Pueblo County, pinned Austin Benbing of Berthoud in 3:30, was pinned by Justin Vang of Erie in 4:30, was pinned in 2:54 by Austin Titus of Wray and was pinned in 1:47 by Emilo Martinez of Greeley West.

He showed lots of improvement through the day and wrestled lots of good kids, said coach Stroh.

112 lbs.—Mark Edmonds was 5-0. He pinned a Hayden wrestler in 3:57, pinned Alexander Kinsley of Berthoud in 3:50, pinned Jake Burke of Erie in 1:30, won a forfeit in the Wray dual and decisioned Sedrick Boyd of Greeley West 6-0.

He had an outstanding day and an especially good match with his tough opponent from Greeley West, who he took down three times.

125 lbs.—Francisco Diaz was 1-3. He defeated his opponent in the Berthoud dual 11-6, lost a

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2-8 match to Luke Callaway of Erie, was pinned in 5:48 by his Wray opponent and was pinned in :54 by Joe Martinez of Greeley West.

130 lbs.—Skyler Dittmer was 3-2. He injury defaulted to Joey Constinten of Pueblo County, lost a 4-13 match to Robby Workman of Berthoud, pinned Sane Tackett of Erie in 3:40, pinned Peyton Ritchey of Wray in 5:04 and pinned Bresco Fermie of Greeley West in 3:20.

Dittmer had a rough day, but a good one for growth, said coach Stroh. In Dittmer's match with Pueblo County, Stroh said the ref let a potentially dangerous hold go too far, and Dittmer had to injury default out of the match.

135 lbs.—Chad Stroh was 3-0 for an outstanding day. He pinned Alexander Sadlo of Berthoud in 1:49, pinned Jesse Reska of Erie in 1:43 and won a 14-1 decision over Omar Martinez of Wray.

Sadlo is ranked in 4A competition, and Stroh handled him well.

140 lbs.—Brian Strong was 4-1. He lost a 2-10 decision to Kyle Andrews of Pueblo County, won a 15-10 decision over Cooper Wyn of Berthoud, won by forfeit over Erie, pinned Jaden Valco of Wray in 4:55 and pinned Alex Flores of Greeley West in 3:00.

Strong had one of his best tournaments of the year, said Stroh. He's picking it up on his feet and looking good, heading into regionals.

145 lbs.—Ben Martinez was 0-5. He was pinned in 3:40 by Brian Cook of Pueblo County, was pinned in 2:30 by Marcus Lucero of Berthoud, was pinned in 3:40 by Clay Bunker of Erie, was pinned in 1:09 by Alex Merritt of Wray and was pinned by Maroco Nieto of Greeley West.

While he had no wins, Martinez wrestled well, said coach Stroh. He said he would give Martinez his wrestler of the week award, as he never complained and competed in whatever weight class

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he was needed in.

152 lbs.—Cade Garrison was 5-0 for the day. He won by forfeit over Tyler Quintana of Pueblo County, pinned Jesse Lyman of Berthoud in 3:40, pinned his Erie opponent in 1:40, pinned Cole Crider of Wray in 1:05 and pinned Ben Bellendir of Greeley West in 1:03.

Coach Stroh commended Garrison for an outstanding day, citing his work in putting together moves for four pins. “No one challenged him,” added Stroh.

171 lbs.—Luke Garrett was 3-0. He pinned Josh Atkinson of Berthoud in 1:40, pinned his Lyons opponent in 3:00 and pinned Levi Campfield of Wray in 2:54.

Garrett had a rough first period in his first match, but found a way to come out and win. He wrestled well from then on, said Stroh.

189 lbs.—Casey Sage was 1-4. He was pinned in 2:50 by Take Conshinha of Pueblo County, was pinned in 1:40 by J.T. Pickett of Berthoud, won by forfeit, was pinned in 4:42 by Jarret Hanson of Wray and was pinned by Austin Waterman of Greeley West.

Sage had a really tough draw in the bracket, but made some improvement, said Stroh. He’s been sore, but wrestled hard for the Dragons.