

4 place in Brighton tourney

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HHS wrestlers earned a first, second, third and fourth-place finish to rank ninth as a team at the Brighton Invitational Saturday, Jan. 29.

Mark Edmonds won the 125-lb. bracket, while Broc Pelle took second at 171 lbs., Skyler Dittmer third at 135 and Jesus Martinez fourth at 215.

The wrestlers managed 80.5 points to place ninth in the 15-team tourney, and the kids wrestled well, said coach Jack Garrison.

Heading into final weeks of the season, coach Garrison said he thinks the team is sitting well in terms of shape, conditioning and skills.

He added this weekend's dual meet tournament at Eaton on Saturday, Feb. 5 should be just what they need to polish off before regionals the following weekend.

Coronado won the Brighton Invitational with 240.5 points, followed by Brighton 149.5, Fort Lupton 123, Burlington 105, Yuma 99, Prairie View 94, Fort Morgan 84, Brush 83, Holyoke 80.5, Hinkley 76.5, Cherokee Trail 68, Erie 55, Denver East 44, Pueblo Centennial 40 and Niwot 33.5.

Individual match results from Saturday's tournament follow:

125 lbs.—Mark Edmonds placed first. He tech-falled Ulisses Flores of Pueblo Centennial 21-3, won a 14-0 major decision over Deion Ramirez of Brighton and won the championship by default when Alex Klopp of Yuma forfeited.

135 lbs.—Skyler Dittmer placed third. He pinned Marcus Maes of Hinkley in :43, pinned Jimmy Felix of Fort Lupton in 5:33, lost a 6-10 decision to Tommy George of Coronado in the semis,

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pinned Paul Montoya of Pueblo Centennial in 1:28 and won a 17-5 major decision over Caleb Silz of Fort Morgan.

George, who defeated Dittmer in the semis, went on to take the championship, pinning Colin Eberhart of Burlington in 1:29.

140 lbs.—Ben Martinez was pinned in 2:34 by Zach Kinder of Burlington and was pinned in 2:06 by Phoenix Ginther of Fort Lupton.

171 lbs.—Broc Pelle placed second, losing in the finals to a Coronado wrestler who is ranked third in 5A. Coach Garrison said Pelle scored two back points in the championship, but the Coronado wrestler rolled through and pinned Pelle for the win.

Pelle opened the tourney by pinning Damien O'Hare of Niwot in 1:56, he pinned John Leider of Pueblo Centennial in 1:45, pinned Jessie Crowe of Hinkley in 1:50 and was pinned in 1:08 by Ethan Olson of Coronado.

#1 ranked 2A wrestler Tyler Korf of Yuma finished fourth in the tourney when he lost a 1-9 major decision to Crowe of Hinkley. He had previously lost a 2-5 quarterfinal match to Crowe.

189 lbs.—Astolfo Rojo was pinned in 2:39 by Brandon Sandavol of Fort Lupton and was pinned in :41 by Joe Jackson of Brighton.

215 lbs.—Jesus Hermosillo placed fourth. He was pinned in :55 by Timmy Ornelas of Fort Lupton, the eventual tourney champion; pinned Riley Deans of Brighton in 1:30, won by forfeit over Rieck of Coronado and was pinned in 2:38 by Damian Garcia of Pueblo Centennial.

Coach Garrison praised Hermosillo, noting he's catching on, starting to take moves to the mat.