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HHS junior Broc Pelle emerged as the fourth-place 171-lb. wrestler and senior Skyler Dittmer, with a painful hand injury, finished 6th at 135 lbs.

The success of Pelle and Dittmer, as well as 125-lb. state champ Mark Edmonds, propelled Holyoke to a 12th-place finish with 51 points in the 2A State Wrestling Championships Feb. 17-19 at the Pepsi Center in Denver.

Also contributing to the team was junior Parker Redfern, who competed at 160 lbs.

Pelle fourth after taking a year off

Pelle won one state tournament match at 140 lbs. as a freshman, then opted to take his sophomore year off.

But the HHS junior came back mightily this year, finishing as regional champion and fourth place in the state 171-lb. competition. His season record stands at 37-6.

Pelle won his first match of the state tournament with a 1:00 pin over Berrie Archuleta of John Mall.

He advanced through the quarterfinals with a pin in 3:39 over Terrell Stafford of Baca County.

Against Mike Lozano of Holly, Pelle said he got in bad position and got caught in a throw, losing by a pin in 1:36.

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