

## State Bound: Lady Dragons are regional champs

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“WE READY!!!”

This was the girls’ motto as the HHS Lady Dragons entered the regional round of state basketball playoffs March 4-5.

“And ready they were,” said coach Arlan Scholl after two big wins last weekend secured Holyoke a spot at the state tournament.

“What a display of hard-nosed defense and all-around play,” said Scholl. “Going in as the fourth seed out of four teams is always an uphill battle, but it didn’t seem to phase this group of girls.”

Facing Lyons Friday and Meeker Saturday, the team came out ready for battle and earned themselves a berth in the final eight for the state tourney in Pueblo.



**HHS girls’ basketball team is pictured is with their regional plaque, from left, front row, Heather**

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**Duester, Mallory Bennett, Marci Vasa and Kaylee Groshans; second row, Erin Vieselmeyer, Becca Brandt and Patricia Adams; and back row, coach Arlan Scholl, Laura Gerk, coach Kate Shoemaker, Maddie King, Marissa Chambers, Chandler Gerk, KrisAnna Ham and coach Harvey Eurich.**□□□□□□  
—Enterprise photo

“We have fought through some injuries and adversity this year, but the old adage that adversity reveals character surely applies with this group of girls,” added Scholl. “Their strong character shined through this past weekend.”

It won't take much scouting for the first round of state action as the Dragons will play Sedgwick County for the fourth time this season, this time in Pueblo.

Scholl said the team looks forward to competing in the tournament and will continue to work hard and plan to win the championship.

The Lady Dragons and their coaches again thank their great Holyoke fans. “The tunnels coming out of the locker room were special, and we will always remember that great fan support,” said Scholl.

“What great cheering and boisterous support for our team. You are truly the ‘sixth man’ for our team. Thank you, thank you, thank you! See you all in Pueblo.”

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