

Four wrestle in Midwest Classic

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Four Holyoke youth competed in the Midwest Classic Nationals at the Viaero Center in Kearney, Neb. last weekend.

The huge tournament featured over 1,800 youth, competing on 14 mats.

On Sunday, April 3, Mark Edmonds and Brian Strong wrestled in the 18 and under tournament.

Edmonds finished third at 125 lbs., while Strong placed fifth at 152.

Saturday, April 2, Blake Mosenteen placed third in the 8 and under 70-lb. class, while Max Dirks wrestled in the 6 and under 62-70-lb. bracket.

Local coaches for the competition were Aaron Mosenteen, Jeremy Dirks and Allen Strong.

Edmonds' 20-person bracket featured five state champions. He finished third place, but came through the losers' bracket the hard way to get there.

Edmonds lost his first match 1-3 to Tony O'Connell of Monarchs. He had to win his next six matches to claim third-place honors.

He defeated Ramon Tarin of Wray 8-0, pinned Sebastian Kelly of Monarchs in 1:49, decisioned Taylor Summers of Tri County 3-0, won a 4-0 decision over Nicholas McGrath of Ralston, met O'Connell again and won a 3-1 match and then earned a 4-1 decision over Isaac Elge of Nebraska Christian to take third.

Mosenteen pinned Taigon Kotinek of Southern in 1:18, won a 16-0 tech fall over Carter Abels of

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Kearney Mat Cats, then was pinned by Wuanya Clark of Sherman Challengers in the semifinals.

Mosenteen came back to pin Si Worthleg of Broomfield in :45 and to earn a 5-4 decision over Paul Garcia of Scottsbluff for third place.

Strong pinned Rolando Gonzalez of Lexington in 3:50, decisioned Nate Ritta of Nebraska Christian 4-0, then lost a 0-2 decision to Skyler Kalinski of McCook in the semifinals.

Strong then lost a 2-7 decision to Alexander Nelson of Monarchs and won an 11-0 decision over Elliot Trisdale of Maxwell for fifth place.

Dirks was pinned by Broedy Pape of Hastings and was pinned by Connor Wells of Elgin in his 6 and under matches Saturday.