

Dragons 4th at Banner County

Written by Brenda Johnson Brandt

Broc Pelle was named Outstanding Wrestler, four other Dragons were place-winners and the HHS team took fourth place at the Banner County tourney in Harrisburg, Neb. Saturday, Dec. 10.

The reroute from the Holyoke tournament last weekend provided great experience for Dragon wrestlers.

“For this time of year, it was a super tournament for us,” said coach Jack Garrison.

Fourteen teams competed Saturday, with Holyoke sending nine varsity and two jayvee wrestlers. The tournament was set up in pools, where only the varsity wrestlers’ wins counted for team points.

Pelle was undefeated in his first-place finish at 170 lbs. and was also selected Outstanding Wrestler of the tourney. Mark Edmonds went 5-0 to win the 132-lb. class.

Parker Redfern finished second at 160 lbs. with a 2-1 record for the day; Jesus Hermosillo, 2-3, fourth at 182 lbs.; and Dylan Kotch, 3-2, fourth at 220 lbs.

Coach Garrison pointed out Spencer Kotch and Astolfo Rojo were both 4-1 for the day, but because their losses were early they didn’t place in the pool tournament set-up.

Garrison said the team is coming along well. He added some younger wrestlers got some wins and looked good. The team is starting to get confidence and wrestle well.

Everyone available got to go to Banner County. The team was without Nick Ortner and several others who are injured.

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Garden County won Saturday's tourney with 149 points, followed by Lingle-Ft. Laramie 123, Sutherland 87, Holyoke 80, Sedgwick County 76, Kimball 55, Bayard 52, Crawford 34, Torrington JV 34, Hyannis 32, Hemingford 26, Banner County 15, Minatare 10.5 and Wray JV 0.

Upcoming action

This weekend, the Dragons will compete in the 13th Annual Old Chicago Northern Colorado Christmas Tournament at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16-17.

Coach Garrison said they're trying to get some of the varsity and the JV wrestlers into another tournament Saturday.

Individual results

Individual match results from the Banner County tournament follow:

113 lbs.—Morgan Golden was pinned in 1:24 by Collin Fleecs of Sutherland, lost a 1-18 tech fall to Jerrick Schlosser of Minatare, was pinned in 1:56 by Macintosh Graham of Sedgwick County and was pinned in :42 by T.C. Garvie of Lingle-Ft. Laramie.

132 lbs.—Mark Edmonds placed first. He pinned Noah Huber of Banner County in 1:33, pinned

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Tristan Kirch of Garden County in 1:56, pinned Austin Barnes of Lingle-Ft. Laramie JV in 1:27, won a 7-0 decision over Lane Hageman of Lingle-Ft. Laramie and pinned Jonathon Withrow of Kimball in :41.

145 lbs.—Spencer Kotch was pinned in 5:17 by Trenton Applegate of Bayard, pinned Wyatt Stricker of Hemingford in 1:09, pinned David Goeken of Lingle-Ft. Laramie in 1:41, won by forfeit over Kayce Lay of Torrington and won a 12-5 decision over Tristan Carruthers of Kimball.

145 lbs.—Luke Stewart wrestled JV. He was pinned in 1:44 by Tristan Carruthers of Kimball, was pinned in :18 by Charis Mader of Crawford, was pinned in 2:15 by Gregg Pariset of Wray, won by forfeit over Andrew Meier of Wray JV and pinned Wyatt Stricker of Hemingford in 1:00.

152 lbs.—Leo Ortiz was pinned in 5:07 by Corey Hill of Lingle-Ft. Laramie, pinned Daniel Valdez of Kimball in 1:15, pinned Ethan McDaniel of Bayard in 5:43, was pinned in 3:29 by Payden Ayers of Hyannis and pinned Hamza Atilgan of Wray in 2:58.

152 lbs.—T.J. Gertner wrestled JV. He was pinned in :50 by Weston Louth of Lingle-Ft. Laramie, pinned Payden Ayers of Hyannis in 1:58, was pinned in :54 by Tristen Jackson of Garden County, was pinned in 2:34 by Corey Hill of Lingle-Ft. Laramie JV and pinned Joey Jackson of Wray in 1:09.

160 lbs.—Parker Redfern placed second. He pinned Logan Baxter of Sutherland in 5:38, pinned A.J. Spicer of Kimball in :54 and was pinned in 5:34 by Kane McLaughlin of Garden County.

170 lbs.—Broc Pelle placed first and earned the Outstanding Wrestler award. He pinned Rocky Trevino of Bayard in 1:44, pinned Cesar Hinostriza of Holyoke in :28, pinned Henry Heeg of Kimball in :50 and pinned Mike Miller of Garden County in 1:29.

170 lbs.—Cesar Hinostriza wrestled JV. He was pinned in 1:01 by Henry Heeg of Kimball, was pinned in :28 by Broc Pelle of Holyoke, was pinned in 1:19 by Rocky Trevino of Bayard and was pinned in :16 by Mike Miller of Garden County.

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182 lbs.—Jesus Hermosillo placed fourth. He was pinned in 3:18 by Corey Mikelson of Sedgwick County, lost a 6-7 decision to Tanner Willey of Bayard, pinned Michael Newman of Torrington in 5:03, pinned T.J. Grubbs of Banner County in :23 and lost a 2-15 decision to Bryce Davis of Garden County.

195 lbs.—Astolfo Rojo pinned Bryce Olsen of Banner County in 1:04, was pinned in 1:28 by Jordan Russell of Garden County, pinned Nathaniel Foster of Sutherland in :20, pinned Isaac Gonzales of Torrington in :27 and pinned Asa Carlson of Hemingford in 1:56.

220 lbs.—Dylan Kotch placed fourth. He won an 8-6 decision over Tanner Lembke of Hemingford, pinned Jordan Thompson of Sedgwick County in 3:07, was pinned in 1:58 by David Gifford of Banner County, pinned Juan Gomez of Torrington in 3:25 and lost a 5-10 decision to Tyler Nielsen of Hyannis.

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