

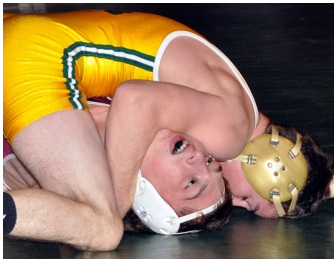
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Written by Brenda Johnson Brandt

HHS wrestlers posted a 42-40 win in the Larry Stroh Memorial dual with Merino Thursday, Feb. 2 in Holyoke.

Coach Jack Garrison noted appreciation for the wrestling support from the Stroh family. No family members were present at last week's dual as Bill Stroh (Larry and Duane's dad) underwent open heart surgery in Aurora that day.

Senior wrestlers Mark Edmonds and Broc Pelle wore their yellow singlets in their last home matches of their high school wrestling careers. Fellow senior Parker Redfern is on the injured list, but was present for the Stroh Memorial dual.



Mark Edmonds has Merino's Kyle Hunter on his back in this 132-lb. match in Thursday night's dual meet in Holyoke.

—Enterprise photo

Each team gave up four matches with no wrestler in those weight divisions. Holyoke was missing wrestlers in the lighter weights, while Merino's team didn't have heavier weight class wrestlers.

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Of the six matches wrestled, Holyoke won three, all with pins; and Merino won three with two pins and a major decision.

Earning wins in their matches for the Dragons were Mark Edmonds at 132 lbs., Nick Ortner 138 and Broc Pelle 182.

Individual results from Thursday's dual follow:

106 lbs.—Marcelino Baptista of Merino won in HHS forfeit.

113 lbs.—Garrett Seewald of Merino won in HHS forfeit.

120 lbs.—Aris Shino of Merino won in HHS forfeit.

126 lbs.—Leon Johnson of Merino won in HHS forfeit.

132 lbs.—Mark Edmonds pinned Kyle Hunter in 3:37.

138 lbs.—Nick Ortner pinned Jaxson Hastings in 1:30.



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Nicholas Ortner maintains control of Merino's Jaxson Hastings on his way to a first-period pin in the 138-lb. match Thursday night. —Enterprise photo

145 lbs.—Ben Martinez lost a 0-12 decision to Josh Baker.

152 lbs.—T.J. Gertner was pinned in 5:25 by David Michel.

160 lbs.—Leo Ortiz was pinned by Nicholas Volmer in 5:44 after leading 15-8.

170 lbs.—Cesar Hinoestroza won by forfeit.

182 lbs.—Broc Pelle pinned Caleb Ramey in :21.

195 lbs.—Jesus Hermosillo won by forfeit.

220 lbs.—Dylan Kotch won by forfeit.

285 lbs.—Astolfo Rojo won by forfeit.

Regionals this weekend

Because of the snowstorm last weekend, the Dragons did not compete in the Eaton dual tournament Saturday, Feb. 4. They traveled to Wray Saturday morning, where they held a scrimmage workout with the Eagles.

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This weekend, regional tournament action is slated for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10-11 at NJC in Sterling. Friday action will begin at 4 p.m. and Saturday matches at 9:30 a.m.

Correction

Match results from the Jan. 28 Brighton Invitational included an error which was reported in last week's Enterprise. Mark Edmonds lost his 132-lb. championship match in a 4-6 overtime decision. The score was reported incorrectly.

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