

Hermosillo 5th at holiday tourney

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195-lb. wrestler Jesus Hermosillo gave an impressive performance at the Dec. 21-22 Old Chicago Northern Colorado Holiday Wrestling Tournament in Greeley, where he placed fifth in his weight division.

It was fantastic competition and a great atmosphere, said coach Jack Garrison about the highly-competitive tournament which featured 64-man brackets.

Holyoke was one of two 2A teams to compete, with highly-ranked wrestlers from 3A-5A bracketed in the tourney.

Garrison said it was a real beneficial tournament as both the young and the experienced wrestlers had a chance to see what's out there. "It lets kids realize what they can be," he added.

Dylan Kotch, at 220 lbs., was just one round out of the placings, suffering a disappointing 7-8 defeat to end his tournament with a 2-2 record. Both his losses were one-point decisions.

Nicholas Ortner, Leo Ortiz and Spencer Kotch each earned a win on the mats at the tough holiday tournament, and coach Garrison was very proud.

Pomona High School won the tourney with 228.5 points, followed by Broomfield 214.5, Cheyenne East 211.5, Discovery Canyon 189 and Windsor 188.

Next up for the Dragon wrestlers, after a holiday break, will be the Fort Collins Invitational Saturday, Jan. 5.

Individual results from the Old Chicago holiday tourney follow:

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106 lbs.—Eric Rojo was pinned in :49 by Frank Martinez of Chaparral, who placed eighth; and was pinned in 2:06 by Chantell Lemus of Laramie.

120 lbs.—Issac Brandt lost a 4-11 decision to Riley Thayer of Chatfield and lost a 13-17 decision to Beau Begier of Pine Ridge.

138 lbs.—Nicholas Ortner won an 11-2 major decision over Dylan Burgett of Elizabeth, was pinned in 2:20 by eventual sixth-place finisher Blaze Cress of Cheyenne East and lost a 2-7 decision to Benito Gutierrez of University.

145 lbs.—Luke Stewart lost a 5-9 decision to Tyler Zunich of Coronado and was pinned in 1:13 by Shane Ricks of Greeley West.

152 lbs.—Ben Martinez was pinned in 3:30 by Ethan Wright of Pomona and was pinned in 4:03 by Peter Enockson of Lakewood.

160 lbs.—Leo Ortiz was pinned in 1:11 by eventual third-place finisher Connor Casady of Legacy, pinned Lane Lanier of Pueblo in 2:43 and lost a 1-5 decision to Kaleb Geiger of Castle Rock.

170 lbs.—Spencer Kotch was pinned in :52 by eventual fourth-place finisher Adrian Mack of Discovery Canyon, won an 8-7 decision over Hudson Marker of Castle Rock and was pinned in 1:54 by Macario DeLara of Northglenn.

182 lbs.—Marques Harvey was pinned in :33 by Cody Garrett of Middle Park and was pinned in 2:22 by Tyler Parker of Berthoud.

195 lbs.—Jesus Hermosillo placed fifth. After two wins, he lost to 5A number two-ranked Joey Garcia of Lakewood in the quarterfinals. But he wrestled strong through the back door, taking three wins before meeting Garcia again to determine who would go for third/fourth. Garcia

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prevailed again and ended up finishing third.

Hermosillo pinned Brandon Forney of Mountain Range in :59, pinned Andres Ortega of Greeley Central in 1:09, lost a 3-14 decision to Garcia of Lakewood, won a 3-0 decision over Luke Robinson of Legacy, won a 6-2 decision over Kagen Hennig of Berthoud, won a 5-2 decision over Harley Minarez of Prairie View, was pinned in 2:13 by Garcia and won by forfeit over J.D. Rosales of Abraham Lincoln to take fifth.

220 lbs.—Dylan Kotch pinned Jonathan Delacruz of Pine Ridge in 2:43, lost a 6-7 decision to fourth-place finisher Noah Lennox of Golden, pinned Micah Bosseler of Discovery Canyon in 4:04 and lost a 7-8 decision to eventual fifth-place finisher Nick Debruyne of Lakewood.

285 lbs.—Astolfo Rojo was pinned in 1:20 by seventh-place finisher Dane Drimmer of Chaparral and was pinned in 4:25 by Luke Fowler of Lewis Palmer.

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