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Dylan Kotch finished second at 220 lbs. and Jesus Hermosillo took third at 195 lbs. to lead the Dragon wrestlers to a 68-point finish in the Fort Collins Arnold Torgerson Invitational Wrestling Tournament Saturday, Jan. 5.

Twelve Dragons wrestled in the tourney, with nine of them earning at least one match win.

Hermosillo was 3-1; Dylan Kotch 2-1; Nick Ortner, Leo Ortiz, T.J. Gertner and Astolfo Rojo were all 2-2 for the day; and Issac Brandt, Ben Martinez and Spencer Kotch went 1-2.

Four Dragons dropped a weight, and Astolfo Rojo dropped clear down from a light heavyweight to 182's after the first of the year.



Dylan Kotch, pictured on top, works to turn his opponent in a match at the Fort Collins Invitational Saturday, Jan. 5. Kotch finished second in the 220-lb. bracket.

Coach Jack Garrison said the Dragons were a little flat coming off the holiday break, but part of that could be due to dropping weight. They're getting used to their new weights, but he feels it is making the team stronger. Garrison said he's glad to be back to a consistent practice schedule following the holidays.

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Hermosillo and Dylan Kotch both wrestled well, said Garrison. Hermosillo lost his semifinal match in a two-point decision to the eventual champion but came back strong to take third. Kotch met a very tough senior wrestler in the finals. He wrestled him well but lost an eight-point decision.

Fossil Ridge won the Jan. 5 tournament with 183.5 points, followed by Legacy 135, Longmont 106, Roosevelt 100, Fort Collins 93.5, Gateway 93.5, Poudre 81.5, Fort Morgan 72, Mountain Vista 69, Smoky Hill 69, Holyoke 68, Loveland 66.5, Akron 57.5, Northridge 56, Sand Creek 52 and Skyline 4.5.

The JV team wrestled a round robin tournament at Grant, Neb. Tuesday, Jan. 8, with results to appear in next week's Enterprise.

This Saturday, Jan. 12, the varsity wrestlers will head to Chase County, Neb., while the JV team will compete at Rocky Mountain High School in Fort Collins.

Individual results from Saturday's tournament follow:

106 lbs.—Eric Rojo lost a 9-22 match to fourth-place finisher Seth Abreo of Loveland and was pinned in 2:09 by Tanner Watson of Akron.

120 lbs.—Issac Brandt was pinned in 1:37 by Luke Bowers of Fossil Ridge, pinned Derek Witzke of Mountain Vista in 3:32 and was pinned in 3:03 by Jared Wells of Longmont.

126 lbs.—Morgan Golden was pinned in :09 by fourth-place finisher Jackson Nichols of Mountain Vista and was pinned in :54 by Reilly Terranova of Longmont.

138 lbs.—Nick Ortner pinned Mason Marsh of Poudre in :44, was pinned in 3:11 by eventual champion Taylor Killion of Fossil Ridge, won a 10-0 decision over Spencer Erjavec of Mountain Vista and lost a 1-3 decision to fourth-place finisher Erick Palomino of Northridge.

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145 lbs.—Ben Martinez lost a 0-6 decision to fourth-place finisher Evan Person of Smoky Hill, won a 6-1 decision over Zac Weiser of Poudre and lost a 3-5 decision to Lane Olsen of Longmont.



Jesus Hermosillo has control of his Smoky Hill opponent, who he pinned in 3:35 in the 195-lb. weight division at the Fort Collins Invitational Saturday. Hermosillo finished third in the tourney.

152 lbs.—Leo Ortiz pinned Evan Baker of Skyline in 1:42, was pinned in 2:55 by fourth-place finisher Gabe Marquez of Poudre, pinned Eric Metcalf of Sand Creek in 2:32 and lost a 1-9 decision to Drake Greeott of Longmont.

160 lbs.—T.J. Gertner was pinned in 1:53 by eventual champion Connor Casady of Legacy, pinned Collin Frank of Loveland in 2:29, won by forfeit over Riley McConnell of Fort Collins and was pinned in 2:06 by Chris Shriver of Fort Morgan.

170 lbs.—Spencer Kotch was pinned in 4:40 by Tom Nichols of Longmont, won a match by a forfeit and lost a close 5-7 decision to Willie Dunkleman of Loveland.

182 lbs.—Astolfo Rojo was pinned in 2:17 by eventual champion Dalton Weis of Loveland, pinned J.T. Lepore of Fort Collins in 3:51, pinned Mike Robinson of Poudre in 1:50 and was

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pinned in 1:23 by third-place finisher Forrest Wetterstrom of Longmont.

195 lbs.—Jesus Hermosillo placed third. He pinned Stanley Garcia of Loveland in 4:42, lost a close 3-5 decision to eventual champion Payton Tapia of Fossil Ridge, pinned Austin Rutledge of Smoky Hill in 3:35 and won a 5-1 decision over Jaime Ramos Vega of Longmont.

220 lbs.—Dylan Kotch placed second. He pinned Wyatt Allerheiligen of Roosevelt in 3:27, pinned Montana Heiman of Fort Collins in 1:44 and lost a 2-10 decision to Skylar McWee of Legacy in the championship.

285 lbs.—Fernando Rojo was pinned by fourth-place finisher Dexter Bess of Smoky Hill and was pinned in :41 by Frank Davis of Mountain Vista.

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