Jesus Hermosillo, wrestling at 195 lbs., claimed runner-up honors at the always-tough John Higgins Invitational Tournament in Lexington, Neb. Saturday, Jan. 19.

He scored all 19 of Holyoke's points in the varsity tournament.

Coach Jack Garrison was pleased with Hermosillo's performance but disappointed the team didn't win any other varsity matches at Lexington.

"I was real disappointed, and the kids know it," said Garrison. "I'll take the blame; I didn't have them ready," he added. "We're gonna go back to work," he emphasized.

Only seven Dragons competed in the varsity tournament, and there were some close matches, for sure.

Spencer Kotch suffered a one-point loss in his second match of the day to oust him from the tourney. Ben Martinez and Astolfo Rojo each lost two-point decisions.

HHS senior Spencer Kotch works over his Lexington opponent but suffered a 4-5 loss to end his tournament action at Lexington Saturday.
—Photo by Becca Brandt

Eight Dragons competed in the junior varsity tournament at Lexington. Sidney Struckmeyer finished second at 220 lbs., and Nathan Miles, José Jaquez and Marques Harvey each picked up a match win.

While the Dragon wrestling schedule was originally open this weekend, they picked up competition since they had to cancel out of Jan. 12 tourneys due to poor weather conditions.

Saturday, Jan. 26, the varsity Dragons will wrestle at Kiowa, while the JV team will go to Eaton.

Individual results from the varsity tournament at Lexington last weekend follow:

138 lbs.—Luke Stewart lost a 2-14 decision to Nathaniel Votruba of Sidney and lost a 5-14 decision to Huy Truong of Hastings.

145 lbs.—Ben Martinez lost a 5-15 decision to Jake Lueth of Chase County and lost a 6-8 decision to Alec Odom of Beatrice.

152 lbs.—Leo Ortiz lost a 1-8 decision to Nery Cabrera of Lexington and was pinned in 2:46 by Joey Sutter of Millard West.

160 lbs.—Cesar Hinostroza was pinned in 1:16 by Mario Barraza of Lexington and was pinned

in :25 by James Chamberlain of Kearney.

170 lbs.—Spencer Kotch was pinned in :41 by Raleigh Wishon of Scott City and lost a 4-5 decision to Logan Farrell of Lexington.

182 lbs.—Astolfo Rojo lost a 3-5 decision to Calvin Taylor of Lincoln Southwest and was pinned in 4:31 by Tyson Chromy of North Platte.

195 lbs.—Jesus Hermosillo placed second. He won a 14-5 major decision over Andrew Frazee of Millard West, pinned Tyler Brabec of Schuyler in 3:58 and lost a 4-10 decision in the finals to Alex Boryca of Cozad.

JV tournament

Individual results from the JV tourney in Lexington follow:

106 lbs.—Eric Rojo was pinned in 1:37 by Jermaine Hartman of Schuyler and lost a 4-7 decision to Keith Helm of McCook.

120 lbs.—Issac Brandt was pinned in 3:00 by Cesar Pedroza of Hastings and was pinned in 1:45 by Jack Hunt of Hastings.

126 lbs.—Fernando Lopez was pinned in 1:38 by Dustin Payton of McCook and was pinned in 1:48 by Rodrigo De La Torre of Lexington.

160 lbs.—Nathan Miles pinned Cody Gilsdorf of Kearney in 2:08, was pinned in 3:00 by Mitchell Trout of Beatrice and lost a 0-7 decision to Saige Valenzuela of Cozad.

160 lbs.—José Jaquez won a 5-1 decision over Saige Valenzuela of Cozad, was pinned in 1:44 by eventual champion Matt Abbott of Millard West and was pinned in 2:02 by Cody Gilsdorf of Kearney.

170 lbs.—Marques Harvey won a 17-0 technical fall over Brayden Aufrecht of North Platte, was pinned in :20 by eventual champion Kenneth Pillow of Lincoln Southwest and lost an 8-12 decision to Augustine Palma of Schuyler.

182 lbs.—Cody Lamm was pinned in 2:03 by Derek Greenwald of Lincoln Southwest and was pinned in 1:00 by Tyler Birkel of Millard West.

220 lbs.—Sidney Struckmeyer placed second. He pinned Juan Alvidrez of Lexington in 1:33, pinned Dalon Koubek of North Platte in :45, pinned Tony Cuyler of Schuyler in :32 and lost a 2-6 decision to Aaron Griffith of Kearney.

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