

## **Dylan Kotch, Jesus Hermsillo place at Brighton wrestling invite**

Written by Brenda Johnson Brandt

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Dylan Kotch was runner-up at 220 lbs. and Jesus Hermsillo finished third at 195 for Holyoke's only placings at the tough Brighton Varsity Wrestling Tournament Saturday, Feb. 2.

Others who earned a win in the Saturday tournament brackets were Issac Brandt, Nicholas Ortner and Spencer Kotch.

Coach Jack Garrison acknowledged it was a tough tournament, but he wishes the kids could have fared better.

But onward to the next action, as it's only two weeks to the Big Show on the state mats in Denver.

This week, Holyoke traveled to Burlington for dual action Tuesday, Feb. 5. The Dragons will host Wray in a dual Thursday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. and will compete in the Eaton Duals Tournament Saturday, Feb. 9.

That's it before the Feb. 15-16 regionals and Feb. 21-23 state tourney.

Coronado High School won the Brighton Varsity Tournament with 151.5, squeaking by runner-up Cherokee Trail with 150.

Other team scores follow: Brighton 138.5, Cherry Creek 120.5, Prairie View 115.5, Pueblo Centennial 103, Brush 88, Fort Morgan 78, Burlington 63.5, Niwot 54.5, Denver East 53.5, Fort Lupton 44.5, Holyoke 39 and Yuma 37.

Individual results for HHS wrestlers follow:

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106 lbs.—Eric Rojo was pinned in 2:54 by Keano Hernandez of Pueblo Centennial and pinned in 1:43 by Logan Durham of Burlington.

120 lbs.—Issac Brandt was pinned in :51 by eventual champion Mitch Finesilver of Cherry Creek, won by default over Aaron Aagesen of Yuma and lost a 0-14 decision to Darian Manzaneras of Pueblo Centennial.

126 lbs.—Fernando Lopez was pinned in 1:12 by eventual third-place finisher Ray Baca of Brighton and was pinned in :33 by Tim Constant of Cherokee Trail.

132 lbs.—Morgan Golden was pinned in :51 by Joey Lambert of Niwot and was pinned in :18 by Shane Benyak of Prairie View.

138 lbs.—Nicholas Ortner lost a close 5-7 decision to eventual third-place finisher Ricky Lane of Brighton, pinned Jason Reyes of Cherokee Trial in 2:33 and lost a close 2-4 decision to Bryce Leifheit of Yuma.

145 lbs.—Ben Martinez was pinned in 1:34 by eventual third-place finisher Michael Thelen of Cherokee Trail and lost by default to Matthew Strope of Niwot.

160 lbs.—T.J. Gertner was pinned in 3:52 by Brian Roberts of Pueblo Centennial and was pinned in :36 by Dalton Wadkins of Brighton.

170 lbs.—Spencer Kotch won an 8-4 decision over Zechariah Garcia of Pueblo Centennial, was pinned in :40 by eventual champion Richard Cote of Coronado and was pinned in 2:17 by Damien O'Hare of Niwot.

195 lbs.—Jesus Hermosillo placed third. He lost a 5-11 decision to Sam Smith of Coronado in the quarterfinals, won a 10-3 decision over Tristan Teter of Brush, won a 10-5 decision over Harley Minarez of Prairie View and won a close 3-2 decision when he again met Smith of

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Coronado for third place.

220 lbs.—Dylan Kotch placed second. He pinned Dakota Poole of Cherokee Trail in 1:11, pinned Jacob Ornelas of Fort Lupton in 3:42 and lost a heartwrenching 5-6 decision in the finals to Joe Carwin of Brush.

285 lbs.—Fernando Rojo was pinned in :45 by Garrett Zimmerman of Cherokee Trail and was pinned in 1:24 by Jesse Klockenbrink of Cherry Creek.

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