

Wrestlers 8th in Ft. Collins tourney

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Eight Dragon varsity wrestlers competed in the Arnold Torgerson Invitational Tournament at Fort Collins High School Saturday, Jan. 7, taking 8th out of 16 teams.

Dragon Broc Pelle pinned his way through the tourney to win the 170-lb. class. Mark Edmonds took second at 132 lbs. with a heartbreaking double-overtime loss in the championship.

Only the top four placed in the Fort Collins tournament. Dragons Parker Redfern, Jesus Hermosillo, Dylan Kotch and Astolfo Rojo were one round from placing.

Meanwhile, six other Dragons competed in the junior varsity tournament at Rocky Mountain High School in Fort Collins on Saturday.

Spencer Kotch placed fourth at 145 lbs. in the JV tourney.

Fort Collins tourney

Individual match results from the Fort Collins tournament follow:

132 lbs.—Mark Edmonds placed second. He pinned Willy Castillo of Northridge in 1:46, pinned Matt Combs of Mountain View in :39 and lost a 2-4 decision in double overtime to Taylor Killion of Fossil Ridge.

145 lbs.—Ben Martinez was pinned by Jordan Henrickson of Loveland in 1:39 and was pinned in 2:10 by Damian David of Legacy.

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152 lbs.—Leo Ortiz was pinned in 2:44 by Peter Merrick of Mountain Vista, pinned Chris Guzman in 1:59 and was pinned in 2:31 by Dillon Morrison of Fossil Ridge.

160 lbs.—Parker Redfern pinned Ernesto Ramirez of Denver West in 1:15, won an 8-6 decision over Steve Ullman of Ralston Valley, lost a 3-9 decision to Devin Dunnum of Fort Collins and lost a 6-9 decision to Joey Webb of Gateway.

170 lbs.—Broc Pelle placed first. He pinned Cody Southard of Legacy in 1:29, pinned Matt Jensen of Fossil Ridge in :54 and pinned JT Lepore of Fort Collins in 1:02 in the championship.

195 lbs.—Jesus Hermosillo was pinned in :53 by Joey Garcia of Lakewood, pinned Justin Abbott of Smoky Hill in 4:00 and was pinned in 4:55 by Payton Tapia of Fossil Ridge.

220 lbs.—Dylan Kotch was pinned in 2:40 by Jacob Buys of Ralston Valley, pinned Austin Seeba of Loveland in 4:51 and lost a 3-9 decision to Skyler McWee of Legacy.

285 lbs.—Astolfo Rojo was pinned in 3:31 by Dorean Gonzales of Lakewood, pinned Sady Sumbunu of Gateway in 1:56 and was pinned in 2:10 by Connor Dressel of Ralston Valley.

Rocky Mountain JV tournament

Individual match results from the Rocky Mountain JV tourney follow:

113 lbs.—Morgan Golden was pinned in 1:04 by Conner Quick of Thompson Valley and was pinned in 1:29 by Kyle Badger of Ponderosa.

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132 lbs.—Nathan Miles was pinned in 3:08 by Joey Hernandez of Ponderosa and was pinned in :24 by Seth Berens of Westminster.

145 lbs.—Spencer Kotch placed second in his pool and fourth overall. He won a 10-6 decision over Dylan Akelson of Westminster, pinned Ben Stauffer of Fossil Ridge in 2:41 and was pinned in :28 by Erik Tharp of Rocky Mountain to place second in his pool. He was pinned in :45 by Austin Lee of Ponderosa to place fourth overall.

145 lbs.—Luke Stewart pinned Jovee Hannah of Thompson Valley in 2:38, was pinned in :54 by AJ Mondello of Cherry Creek and was pinned in 5:24 by Colton Benson of Loveland.

152 lbs.—T.J. Gertner placed fourth in his pool. He was pinned in 1:24 by Trevor Graves of Ponderosa, won a 7-5 decision over Troy Wright of Valley, pinned Alex Betts of Rocky Mountain in 1:20 and was pinned in 1:45 by Trevor Graves of Ponderosa.

170 lbs.—Cesar Hinostroza lost a 4-5 decision to Josh Johnson of Rocky Mountain and was pinned in 1:20 by Michael Zamora of Greeley West.

Upcoming action

This weekend, both varsity and junior varsity wrestlers will compete at the Chase County High School Invitational in Imperial, Neb. Saturday, Jan. 14.

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