

## Dragon hoopsters are regional-bound

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Holyoke High School girls' and boys' basketball teams have both extended their seasons another week by qualifying for 2A regional tournament action this weekend.

The girls' and boys' teams both finished fourth in the District 2 tournament at NJC Saturday, March 2.



**José Jaquez and Edgar Cruz show their support for the Lady Dragons as they head for the locker rooms during halftime of their Thursday match with Yuma. —Enterprise photo**

Eight regional tournaments have been set up around the state this Friday and Saturday, March 8-9. Four teams will compete in each of the eight regionals.

Only one team from each regional will advance to the March 14-16 state tournament in Pueblo. If a team loses a regional game, they're done for the season.

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### Girls play at Fountain Middle School

The HHS Lady Dragons will compete in Region 8 at Fountain Middle School, 10 miles south of Colorado Springs.



**The student section at the last home game of the season for the HHS basketball teams came prepared to support the Dragons with painted chests and loud cheers. Pictured from left are Jesus Hermosillo, José Jaquez, Daniel Bencomo, Saul Ramos, Alan Madrid, Andrew Kent and Luke Stewart. —Enterprise photo**

Holyoke (14-8) will take on Rye (17-5) Friday at 7 p.m. In the same tournament, Vanguard (21-1) will play Dayspring Christian (9-12) at 4 p.m.

Winners of those two games will meet Saturday, March 9 at 2 p.m. to determine who heads to state.

### Boys play at Frederick HS

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Meanwhile, the HHS boys' basketball team will compete in Region 7 at Frederick High School, located between Longmont and Fort Lupton.

Friday, HHS (10-12) will meet Sierra Grande (16-5) at 8:30 p.m. Heritage Christian (20-1) will play West Grand (12-10) at 5:30 p.m.

Winners of the Friday games will meet Saturday at 12:30 p.m. to determine the state qualifier.

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## **Akron wins both boys' and girls' districts**

In District 2 2A basketball action this past week, the No. 1-seeded Akron girls finished on top, and the No. 3-seeded Akron boys upset Haxtun to win the boys' district.

Girls' first-round action found Akron defeating Merino (who had beat Haxtun in a pigtail game), Wray beat Wiggins, Holyoke topped Burlington and Yuma defeated Sedgwick County.

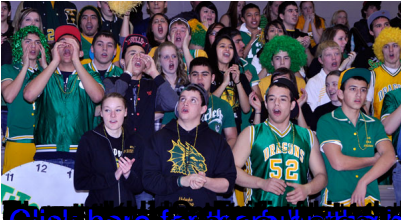
In semifinals, Akron pounded Wray 74-35 and Yuma defeated Holyoke 51-36.

Akron girls took the championship with a 68-51 victory over Yuma, and Wray placed third with a 55-47 win over Holyoke.

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