

Holyoke boys win 2A consolation championship

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Seventh-ranked Holyoke boys faced a fellow Lower Platte league team in No. 8 Sedgwick County Saturday, March 15 in the state tournament consolation championship. With the two previous matchups between the teams each decided by less than 10 points, the stage was set for an exciting final game to the 2013-14 season.

As had been the case all weekend, Holyoke fans took over the gym. Parents, students and community members alike were on hand to cheer for the boys' team.

HHS cheerleaders and band members also made the trip to support the Dragons as they battled until the final seconds ticked off the game clock.

As "go big green" chants echoed through the gym, Holyoke players did not disappoint as they hoisted the consolation championship plaque into the air.



The HHS basketball squad is pictured with the Colorado 2A consolation bracket championship plaque. Team members are pictured from left, front row, Ryan Parker, Alex Strauss, Tanner Smith, Logan Tharp, Trevor Dalton and Jesus Loya; and back row, coach Nick Flaa, coach Scott Dille, Wyatt Powell, Ryan Krogmeier, Zach Roll, Tito Fierro, Dylan Kotch, Bradley Cumming and coach Ben Rahe.□□

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For the third time this year, Holyoke found a way to top the Cougars, beating them 47-26 for the consolation championship. Winning the consolation championship gives the Dragons a fifth-place finish to a fantastic season.

“It feels good to finish the season on a win,” coach Scott Dille said. “This group has worked hard all season long and has been focused on the task at hand.”

Dille mentioned that facing a familiar team in the tournament has its advantages. While typically teams only get to see their opponent at state briefly prior to playing them, Holyoke was familiar with the Cougars and felt confident, having been successful against them in the past.

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