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The Chase County wrestlers came home with a 15th place finish out of the 19 teams that attended the Medicine Valley Wrestling Invitational.

Individually, Michael May brought home a third and Jake Lueth, a fourth, for the team. Both wrestlers advanced to the semi-finals before losing and being sent to the consolation semi-finals.

May dropped a 6-2 decision to Dundy County/Stratton's Tyrell Reicherdt, sending him to the consolation semi-final to face Austin Simkins of Stapleton-McPherson County. With just one second left in the first period, May secured the pin advancing to the consolation finals.

Mark Hanson of Perkins County was to be his opponent in the finals. However, Hanson had reached his five match limit and was forced to forfeit the match. May had defeated Hanson earlier in the tournament, 6-3.

Lueth faced eventual champion Isaac Bergquist of Southern Valley in the semi-finals, losing by pinfall in 1:31. Lueth bounced back and beat Isaac Hueftle of Eustis-Farnam, 4-0.

In the consolation finals for third and fourth, Lueth was pinned in 3:37 by Ty Contrerez of Medicine Valley for fourth place.

Caleb Bubak was not allowed to wrestle due to a skin irritation and Hunter Dillan, David Almanza and Khris Kuhlmann were unable to secure a victory in the tournament.



Team results

Loomis-Bertrand 125, Southern Valley 119, Sedgwick County-Fleming 113.5, Medicine Valley 99, Stapleton-McPherson County 96.5, Dundy County/Stratton 90, Eustis-Farnam 78, Perkins County 74, South Loup 69, Sutherland 68, Mullen 62, Elwood 45, Sandhills-Thedford 36, Garden County 28, Chase County 27, North Platte JV 24.5, Hyannis 11, Hitchcock County 8, Wauneta-Palisade 0.

Individual results

126 Hunter Dillan (2-15) pinned by Dillon Hunt SV (31-10) 2:29, pinned by Daniel Sandberg DCS (15-17).

132 David Almanza (4-12) tech-failed by Lane Carpenter NPJV (19-4) 0-15, bye, pinned by Sam Thompson LB (16-17) 2:53.

138 Michael May (17-11) bye, decisioned Mark Hanson PC (14-15) 6-3, decisioned by Tyrell Reichert DCS (27-3) 2-6, pinned Austin Simkins SMC (5-7) 0:59, won by forfeit over Hanson PC for third place.

145 Jake Lueth (12-10) bye, pinned Austin Brown LB (21-10) 4:23, pinned by Isaac Bergquist SV (31-2) 1:31, decisioned Isaac Hueftle EF (10-9) 4-0, pinned by Ty Contrerez MV (22-15) 3:37 for fourth place.

152 Khris Kuhlmann (1-12) bye, pinned by Garrett Cox MUL (17-10) 2:29, bye, bye, pinned by Cole Kennedy LB (12-14) 1:24.

This week will wrap up the regular season for the Longhorn wrestlers as they travel to North Platte St. Pat's today (Thursday) for the SPVA duals starting at 12 noon MT.

Saturday, Feb. 2, is the final meet before districts, hosted by the Southwest Roughriders in Bartley. Wrestling begins at 9 a.m. MT.

Districts will be held in Southern Valley on Feb. 8-9 for a chance to travel to Omaha for the state meet.