

Bronco wrestlers medal at Dundy County-Stratton Invite

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Gage Crowell flips his second round opponent, Josh Duncan of Lexington, Saturday at the Dundy County-Stratton Invite. Crowell went on to pin Duncan and go 3-0 on the day, winning the meet. (Diane Stamm | The Wauneta Breeze)

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In their first meet since December, Gage Crowell and Cody Barrett earned medals at the Dundy County-Stratton Invitational Saturday.

Crowell moved down a weight class from 170 to 160 to pick up his first career first place medal.

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Coach Chad Cochran said Crowell had been undersized in the 170 pound weight class and Crowell's weight plan finally allowed him to get down to 160.

Crowell opened the day with a major decision over Marcus Fox of Dundy County-Stratton.

In Crowell's second match he got a takedown of Lexington JV's Josh Duncan with time running out and earned the 8-7 win.

Crowell rounded out his day with a first-period pin of Lukas Ferhrenbach from Stratton, Colo.

"It was a fun day with Gage getting his first gold medal of his high school career," said Cochran. "He really did wrestle the best I have seen him wrestle."

Cochran said Crowell will be tested this weekend though at the Chase County Invitational where there will be some tougher competition.

Barrett, wrestling at 145 pounds, lost in the first round to DCS's Tyrell Riechert, Marshall Hornung of Stratton, Colo., in the second round and Devon Strunkmartin of Hitchcock County in the third round

"Cody had a tough day, but he is continuing to learn and improve," according to Cochran, adding that as Barrett continues to lose weight his chances of succeeding go up.

"He is still wrestling at 145 and needs to get down to 138 where he should fit a little better."

The Broncos were without Joseph Sramek who is out with an injury but will hopefully return for

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