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Gage Crowell (top), pinned Joey Hoblyn-Hill of SEM in their first round match Saturday at Arapahoe. Crowell got the pin in all four of his wins. (Diane Stamm | The Wauneta Breeze)

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Wauneta-Palisade's wrestling schedule was cut in half this week, but it was still a good week for the Broncos.

With school called off due to the weather Friday, the team didn't make the trip to the Medicine Valley Invite.

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The Broncos did make the trip to Arapahoe Saturday.

Gage Crowell was the only wrestler suited up for WP. He improved to 16-12 on the season and finished the 170 pound weight class in second place.

Crowell picked up four victories by pin, taking down Joey Hoblyn-Hill of SEM, Bryce Wessels of Arapahoe, Maverick Engel of Norton and Joe Jones of Hitchcock County.

Crowell was pinned by Elm Creek's Isaac Cure (29-11) in his final match of the day.

Coach Chad Cochran said he and Crowell were happy to get four wins, but disappointed with the loss to Cure, who Crowell had defeated earlier in the season.

"It was a good time to pick up four wins," said Cochran. "This really helped him out looking towards districts."

With districts coming up on Feb. 14 the team hopes to have all three wrestlers, Joseph Sramek, Cody Barrett and Crowell, healthy when it heads to Southwest Saturday.

"This late in the season we will not be learning a lot of new techniques, but more drilling on things we already know and keeping their minds in the right spot," he said. "The season kind of seems to drag on for the wrestlers, so now is the time we need to keep them motivated."