

Trojans make most of Western Invitational

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The Orland varsity wrestling squad sure must have appreciated its invitation to the Western Invitational Dec. 19-20 in Modesto.

The Trojans finished with four place-winners and one champion in the 47-school field, and amassed enough points to finish fifth in the team standings with 126.50 points. They finished behind only the champions from Madera South (209.00), Central Catholic (207.00), Grace Davis (138.50), and Washington Union (133.00).

Craig Simons won the 142-pound title, with teammate Dustin Olson taking fourth at 287, Christian Wathen capturing fifth at 127; and Nathan Monck claiming sixth at 114. The Trojans travel to Willows Wednesday for a dual meet with the Honkers, in a match that is sure to add plenty of excitement to the classic rivalry.

The junior varsity matches begin at 6 p.m., followed by the varsity.