

## South earns 45-39 win in cross-town mat clash

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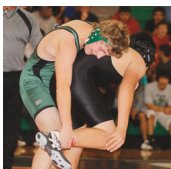
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Having a wrestler to fill every weight class is critical in a dual, and the Warriors found out how hard it was to overcome in a 45-39 loss to the South Apaches.

Both teams had open weights, but West gave up three more, and that provided an 18-point advantage to South.

The Apaches were able to make their numeric advantage stick.



West started with a win in the 75-pound weight division when Luis Martinez pinned Jose Del La Torre.

South tied it when Alex Renalto had no opponent at the 85-pound weight class.

West and South kept the match close throughout the dual.

South's largest lead came with an 18-6 advantage, but West won the next three matches to take a 24-18 lead.

South's Robert Fichtner pinned Alex Chim to tie the dual, and Peyton Cypret earned a 4-0 decision over Manuel Rivera that gave South a 27-24 lead.

West regained a 30-27 lead when Alexis Garcia pinned Paul Ramirez.

South's Andy Marquez put the Apaches back on top 33-27 with a pin of Ethan Hatcher.

Michael Wilson tied the dual for the Warriors with a 1-0 victory over Estefan Belmontes.

West then had two open weights that gave the Apaches a 45-33 lead, and West's Landon Milliken earned a heavyweight pin over Elwin Trejo, but the six points were not enough to overcome the deficit, and South won the dual, 45-39.