

## Two Sulphur Springs lifters going to state

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LINDALE — A total of four Wildcats won medals with two of those lifters advancing to state from recent regional powerlifting action at Lindale High School.

Jesse Ortiz took second in the 123-pound class to advance to state. He had a squat of 360, bench press of 195, dead lift of 380 for a 935 total.

Luis Gamez was second with a 1,000 -pound total in the 132-division and also is bound for state. He had a squat of 380, bench press of 260, dead lift of 360 points.

Also winning medals were Taylor Ibarra and Dylan Izzi.

Ibarra was fifth place in the 132-class. He had a squat of 330, bench of 195, dead lift of 310 for a 835 pound total.

Dylan Izzi was fourth in the 123-pound class. He squatted 300, had a bench of 195, dead lift of 330 for a 825-pound total.

Scott Galarza was sixth in the 132-pound class. He had a squat of 305, bench of 175, dead lift of 350 for a total of 830 pounds.

Competing, but not scoring were Dedric Smith and Zach Spigner in the 181-pound division. "Ortiz (123's) and Gamez (132's) have the best work ethic of all the kids that we had on the powerlifting team this past year," said Jeremy Offutt, Sulphur Springs powerlifting coach. "They are very good kids and great representatives of this school and city, both are very good academically. They both placed second in the region although Gamez had a great chance of winning it but he struggled in the dead lift. I think both will compete well, but they are pretty far out from being the top in their weight class. Gamez is ranked 19th in the 132-pound class and is 150 pounds out of first while Ortiz is ranked 16th in his class but is 165 pounds out of first."

The state meet is Saturday in Abilene.