



## **WALTON-VERONA BEARCATS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING**

***BUILDING A Tradition of Excellence***

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As usual, the annual trip to southwest Ohio for the SWOWCA Coaches Classic told us a lot about our team. With 49 of the best teams from Cincinnati and Northern Ky this tournament is very deep and provides the opportunity for even our best wrestlers to be challenged. Overall results were positive as the team finished 7<sup>th</sup> out of 49 teams (with 5 individual placers) and ahead of all other KY teams (including top regional challengers in Ryle and Scott). Daulton Mayer and Braden Mulcahy became just the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Bearcat wrestlers to make the championship finals of this event as Mayer became only the 3<sup>rd</sup> individual SWOWCA champion in program history (along with state champions Ryan Moore and Mason Smith). Individual placers were:

Daulton Mayer – CHAMPION @ 182 lbs

Braden Mulcahy – Runner-up @ 195 lbs

Spencer Moore – 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 106 lbs

Isham Peace – 6<sup>th</sup> @ 113 lbs

Brandon Gibson – 6<sup>th</sup> @ 160 lbs

As we head into the Christmas break, the December grind continues and our young, talented teams gets another chance to be tested as WV travels to Dayton to compete in the Greater Miami Valley Wrestling Association (GMVWA) Holiday Tournament. This is another 2-day event with 40+ teams that will feature many tough programs from the Cincinnati, Dayton, and Columbus areas including national powerhouse St Paris Graham.

The following Bearcat wrestlers are ranked in the top 25 of their weight class as the team is ranked #8 in the state (Record; results from SWOWCA):

2<sup>nd</sup> @ 106 lbs: Freshman Spencer Moore (11-2) – 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish losing to #1 ranked Thomas from Ryle in the semis

8<sup>th</sup> @ 113 lbs: Sophomore Isham Peace (10-4) – 6<sup>th</sup> place finish after losing #10 ranked in D1 Suddeth from Butler OH in the quarters, Newkirk from Fairfield in conso semis, and #11 ranked in D1 Acuna from Centerville

6<sup>th</sup> @ 145 lbs: Junior Tristen Spalding (5-2) – did not place

20<sup>th</sup> @ 152 lbs: Freshman Jonathan Freeman (5-6) – did not place

12<sup>th</sup> @ 160 lbs: Sophomore Brandon Gibson (10-5) – 6<sup>th</sup> place finish losing to #6 ranked in D1 Mondello from Talawanda in conso semis, and #2 ranked in D3 Henderson from MVCA OH in the placement match

17<sup>th</sup> @ 170 lbs: Junior Colton Maines (2-7) – did not place

5<sup>th</sup> @ 182 lbs: Junior Daulton Mayer (13-0) – became the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bearcat to win SWOWCA

5<sup>th</sup> @ 195 lbs: Senior Braden Mulcahy (12-2) – Runner-up finish losing a tough battle in the finals against Boyle from Harrison OH who is ranked #3 in D1

23<sup>rd</sup> @ 220 lbs: Freshman Zach Watson (6-3) – did not compete this past weekend

Stay tuned for information on home meets and updates on rankings, schedules, and results! Follow us on social media:

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