



WALTON-VERONA BEARCATS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

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The last couple weeks brought lots of wrestling action for the Bearcats. Immediately following Christmas, we traveled to Dayton for the always tough Greater Miami Valley Wrestling Association (GMVWA) Holiday Tournament. 48 teams from across southern OH and northern KY and we battled to place 7th overall and tied for 3rd in the small school division.

Individual placers were:

Daulton Mayer – Runner-up @ 182 lbs

Braden Mulcahy – Runner-up @ 195 lbs

Spencer Moore – 4th @ 106 lbs

Brandon Gibson – 5th @ 160 lbs

Tristen Spalding – 8th @ 145 lbs

We then kicked off the new year by competing in the Simon Kenton Duals (SKIT). Although we have been a bit undermanned and don't have quite the depth to be a top contending team in dual format, the team fought hard landing us in the finals where we lost a good dual to top 5 ranked Madison Central. Dual results:

WV 51, McCreary Central 27

WV 51, Boyle County 21

WV 48, Apollo 30

WV 48, Central Hardin 24

Madison Central 45, WV 30

Next we jumped right into our Small School Sectional Duals where we are 3-time defending champions. This is the equivalent of the All A Region for wrestling. With injuries hampering the flexibility of our dual lineup we came up short this year. Dual results:

WV 60, Newport 19

WV 70, Covington Catholic 12

Harrison County 39, WV 32

Now we get into the home stretch of the season and the fun of winter weather. The team is scheduled to compete in another solid tournament in Ohio at the Fairfield Invitational. A looming snow storm will likely affect that.

The following Bearcat wrestlers are ranked in the top 25 of their weight class as the team is ranked #6 in the state (Record; results from GMV/SKIT/Sectional Duals):

2nd @ 106 lbs: Freshman Spencer Moore (24-4) – 4th place finish at GMV losing to #1 ranked Thomas from Ryle in consolation finals and undefeated at SKIT and Sectional Duals with 2 wins over top 15 ranked 113 pounders

4th @ 113 lbs: Sophomore Isham Peace (11-4) – did not compete

6th @ 145 lbs: Junior Tristen Spalding (16-7) – 8th place finish at GMV; big top 10 win against Harrison County

12th @ 160 lbs: Sophomore Brandon Gibson (21-8) – 5th place finish at GMV and combined to go 6-1 at SKIT and Sectional duals

22nd @ 170 lbs: Junior Colton Maines (7-9) – did not place at GMV, but went 5-0 at SKIT and Sectional duals

1st @ 182 lbs: Junior Daulton Mayer (24-1) – took his first loss of the season in the finals at GMV losing a tough match to the #2 ranked wrestler in Ohio from Chaminade-Jullienc. Also went undefeated at SKIT and Sectional duals with a win over the #1 ranked wrestler from Harrison County

4th @ 195 lbs: Senior Braden Mulcahy (23-3) – Runner-up finish at GMV and went undefeated at SKIT and Sectional duals

25th @ 220 lbs: Freshman Zach Watson (10-5) – did not compete at GMV; went 4-2 at SKIT and Sectional duals

Be sure to come out to WVHS on Wednesday, January 16 to celebrate our graduating seniors as we compete against Covington Catholic and East Central IN on Bearcat Senior Night.

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

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