



## WALTON-VERONA BEARCATS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

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January 7, 2020

A very, very busy holiday break with multiple events. Due to illness and injury, we competed short-handed at SWOWCA and GMVWA, but got all hands on deck for the new year as we kicked off our dual meet run.

First up was the very deep Southwest Ohio Wrestling Coaches Association Coaches Classic (SWOWCA). This 47 team event showcases the best teams in Cincinnati and the surrounding area. The Bearcats finished 15<sup>th</sup> overall and brought home the Small School Championship trophy. Individual results:

Spencer Moore – champion @ 106 lbs - technical falls over Ohio D1 #22 Moreland (Butler) and Ohio D1 #16 Magness (Elder) before beating Ohio D1 #1 Najdusak (Mason) 7-1 in the finals

Brandon Gibson – 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 182 lbs - lost to #2 ranked Duke (Ryle) in the semis then beat Ohio D1 #12 Grogg (Lebanon)

Daulton Mayer – champion @ 195 lbs - pin over Ohio D1 #20 Martinez (St. Xavier) and a 9-2 decision over Ohio D1 #6 Amburgy (Mason) in the finals

The next holiday event was the Greater Miami Valley Wrestling Association Holiday Tournament (GMVWA). Another huge competition with 49 teams from all over southern Ohio and Northern Kentucky. The Bearcats finished 11<sup>th</sup> overall and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Small School division. Individual results:

Spencer Moore – champion @ 106 lbs - pin over Ohio D1 #17 Mitchell (Oak Hills) before beating Ohio D3 #4 Attisano (Legacy Christian) 10-4 in the finals

Tristen Spalding – 5<sup>th</sup> @ 145 lbs - lost a close semifinal against Ohio D3 #1 Lane (National Trail) and conso semi to Ohio D1 #19 Wells (Tecumseh)

Brandon Gibson – 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 182 lbs - another loss to #2 ranked Duke (Ryle) in the quarters then beat Ohio D1 #20 Hall (Tecumseh) and Ohio D3 #7 Dyer (Brookville)

Daulton Mayer – 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 195 lbs - pin over Ohio D3 #13 Williams (Brookville) and an 8-6 decision over Ohio D3 #3 Grillot (Versailles) before falling in the finals to Ohio D1 #5 Kowalski (Springboro)

We finished the holiday break with the Simon Kenton Invitational Dual Tournament. This round robin event gave us a chance to get our full squad back on the mat and set the lineup for the dual events coming up. Dual results:

#8 WV 62, John Hardin 9

#8 WV 46, Journeymen 30

#8 WV 53, #17 Lafayette 30

#8 WV 60, McCreary Central 21

#9 Simon Kenton 48, #8 WV36

This weekend we host the Sectional Duals which is the qualifier for the Small School State Dual Championship. The top 2 teams move on to the small school state championship held in a few weeks at Lindsey Wilson. Competition will include #27 Scott, #25 Harrison County, Bourbon County, Newport, Holmes, and Covington Catholic. Come out to WVHS on Saturday to cheer the Bearcats on to a Sectional title!

The following Bearcat wrestlers are ranked in the top 25 of their weight class early in the season as the team is ranked #8 in the state (record):

1<sup>st</sup> @ 106 lbs: Sophomore Spencer Moore (24-0)

15<sup>th</sup> @ 113 lbs: Freshman Mason Schweitzer (12-8)

7<sup>th</sup> @ 145 lbs: Senior Tristen Spalding (22-5)

3<sup>rd</sup> @ 182 lbs: Junior Brandon Gibson (24-3)

1<sup>st</sup> @ 195 lbs: Senior Daulton Mayer (22-2)

25<sup>th</sup> @ 220 lbs: Sophomore Zach Watson (6-5)

After hosting Sectional Duals (State Dual Championship qualifier) on Saturday, January 11 we will be honoring our seniors on Wednesday, January 29. Come out and support the Bearcat Wrestling Team at WVHS.

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

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