



WALTON-VERONA BEARCATS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

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Football playoffs are heating up, the weather is cooling down, and wrestling season is underway. Just over a month out from the first competition, this Bearcat wrestling squad has a ton of talent and ability and has an opportunity to challenge for a state title this season. Coming off a Region 6 Runner-up finish and 5th place at the State Championships (Small School Runner-up), WV begins the season ranked 4th in the state behind traditional powerhouses in defending state champions Union County and big school powers St Xavier and Woodford County. As always, the schedule will test this experienced group against the best in Kentucky and Southern Ohio and prepare them for a run in the post season.

The lineup for this potentially historic season:

8th Grade

Spencer Moore – 106
Jonathan Freeman – 152/160
Zach Watson – 195

Freshman

Isham Peace – 106
Bradlee Mitchell – 120
Robert Streine – 126/132
Brandon Gibson – 152/160
Jakob Baum – 220

Sophomore

Jaydon Streine – 120/126
Tristan Spalding – 145
Daulton Mayer – 160
Colton Maines – 195/220
Joshua Walton – 195

Junior

Anthony Butts – 126
Branden Mulcahy – 182

Senior

Christian Rachford – 113/120
Ryan Moore – 132
Blake Roth – 138
Mason Smith – 170
Hunter Donovan – 182/195
Garrett McElroy – 220/285

The following Bearcat wrestlers begin the preseason ranked in the top 25 of their weight class as the team will kick off the season ranked #4 in the state:

12th @ 106 lbs: Freshman Isham Peace – a two-time MS state champion, Isham will be a little undersized, but has the technical ability to compete very well this season

1st @ 132 lbs: Senior Ryan Moore – three-time state placer and defending state champion is ranked 17th in the country, Ryan had another great off season that included 2 All-American finishes (FloNationals and NHSCA Junior) and committing to wrestle in the Ivy League for a perennial top 10 program in Cornell University

4th @ 138 lbs: Senior Blake Roth – another three-time state placer, Blake was literally seconds from making the state finals last season; he comes back as a senior looking to cap his high school career off with a bang and a state title; Blake is still considering multiple options for continuing his wrestling career in college as well

19th @ 145 lbs: Sophomore Tristan Spalding – Tristan really turned it on late in his freshman season making the podium at state, this year he has put on some size and muscle and looks to build on that placement

17th @ 160 lbs: Sophomore Daulton Mayer – another kid who continues to grow like a weed, Daulton has worked hard all summer to make a big impact and make a run at a podium finish at state this season

1st @ 170 lbs: Senior Mason Smith – already a four-time top-4 finisher at the big show, Mason was an All-American at FloNationals this spring and hopes to earn a state title this time around; he comes in as the favorite, but is recovering from off season surgery; Mason has also committed to wrestle for Division 1 Army West Point

3rd @ 182 lbs: Junior Braden Mulcahy – another of our 5 returning state placers, Braden has the potential to make a big step up this year and contend for a state championship

25th @ 220 lbs: Senior Garrett McElroy – Garrett had a disappointing end to his junior season, but he will be back with something to prove in his last season on the mat

Season kickoff will be at home as the Bearcats host the Bearcat Brawl on Saturday, December 2.

Stay tuned for information on home meets and updates on rankings, schedules, and results!