



WALTON-VERONA BEARCATS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

A Tradition of Excellence

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The year 2020 is finally over and this week the Bearcats finally get a chance to step on the competition mat to kick off the '20-'21 season. After 5 consecutive top 10 (single class) finishes at the KHSAA state championships, the expectations remain high for our wrestling team even with the graduation of state champion Daulton Mayer and multiple time state placer Tristan Spalding. But with 6 individual state titles in the last 4 seasons we anticipate guys stepping in, stepping up, and competing at a high level. Although we have a relatively small roster that is filled with lots of young kids, there is a ton of talent with the potential to surprise a lot of people.

Our first competition of the season is a quad meet this Saturday at Madison Central HS against Boyle County, Madison Southern, and #18 Madison Central.

A quick look at the roster includes

Seniors:

Spencer Moore – the defending state champ and 2-time state finalist is looking to cap his high school career with 2 state titles matching his older brother (Ryan Moore WVHS '18). Spencer is ranked in the top 10 in the country by all the national ranking services and after reclassifying and skipping his junior year will be wrestling in college next year at the University of North Carolina.

Brandon Gibson – a 3-time state qualifier and 2-time state placer, Speed Racer “Gibby” hopes to finish his wrestling career at the top of the podium. Brandon is a great teammate and another good leader in the room.

Jakob Baum – Mr Inspiration is like having another coach on the staff. Jakob doesn't have a lot of varsity experience but loves to encourage his teammates and will be a key part of our team success this season both on and off the mat.

Juniors: Isaac Thornton, Riley Isaacs, Zach Watson

Sophomores: Hunter Isaacs, Mason Schweitzer, Peyton Mayer

Freshmen: TJ Sulfsted, Ben Teipe

Middle Schoolers: TJ Meyer, CJ Holt, Tyler Kennedy, Ben Walton, Luke Hyden

The following Bearcat wrestlers are ranked in the top 25 of their weight class as the team is ranked #6 in the state:

8th @ 106 lbs: 8th grader TJ Meyer (went 22-1 at the varsity level last season)

1st @ 120 lbs: Senior Spencer Moore ('20 State champ, '19 State runner-up, '18 State qualifier)

11th @ 126 lbs: Sophomore Hunter Isaacs ('20 State qualifier)

3rd @ 132 lbs: Junior Isaac Thornton ('20 State 2nd, '19 State 2nd, transferred in from Grant County High School)

17th @ 138 lbs: Sophomore Mason Schweitzer ('20 State qualifier)

16th @ 160 lbs: 8th grader Luke Hyden ('20 State qualifier)

3rd @ 195 lbs: Senior Brandon Gibson ('20 State 4th, '19 State 7th, '18 State qualifier)

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

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