



WALTON-VERONA BEARCATS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

A Tradition of Excellence

March 17, 2021

The Bearcats battled to a 4th place finish in the 13 team Region 6 Championship last weekend, finishing behind #2 Ryle, #4 Campbell County, and #12 Simon Kenton. Our young team had a good showing sending 7 wrestlers on to the State First Round event this coming Saturday by placing in the top 4 at their weight class along with 2 who finished 5th. By making the finals this week, wrestlers will advance on to the State Final Round and place top 8 in the single class state championship.

Wrestlers of the Week:

Week 1 = Jakob Baum – Senior Jakob Baum gets a pin for his first career varsity win against Dixie Heights

Week 2 = TJ Meyer – one of our young, talented middle schoolers competing well at the varsity level, TJ had a huge pin over a top 20 opponent to help secure the victory over Conner

Week 3 = Ben Walton – another young middle schooler wrestling tough at the varsity level had 3 pins on Friday night at Cov Cath and has stepped up to help solidify and fill out our lineup

Week 7 = Spencer Moore – the senior pinned the #4 and #6 ranked wrestlers in the state on his way to a 5-0 record on senior day; Isaac Thornton – finally made his WV debut after knee surgery going perfect on the day with wins over 3 ranked opponents; Mason Schweitzer – has been an animal in practice the last couple weeks with 3 ranked wins on Saturday; TJ Sulfsted – young guy continues to prepare and manage his weight well and getting big wins for the team

Week 8 = Peyton Mayer – Peyton is constantly seeking input and instruction from the coaches and started to show some flashes of Mayer magic on top this weekend; Tyler Kennedy – the young 8th grader is thrown to the wolves on a daily basis with our lightweight group soaking up the knowledge to get better each day, he battled through one of the largest brackets at middle school regions to make the finals and qualify for MS State

Week 9 = CJ Holt – another middle school wrestler who has been wrestling up helping the varsity team in duals and putting in work to get better every day, made his first trip to the middle school state tournament last weekend and came up one match from placing

Week 10 = Luke Hyden – an 8th grader who followed up a state qualifier season as a 7th grader, finished as a middle school state runner up and bumped up 2 weight classes the last week of the season to fill out the varsity lineup; after taking a tough loss early at Regionals, he battled back to place 5th and help the team to a top 4 finish

The following Bearcat wrestlers are ranked in the top 25 of their weight class as the team is ranked #8 heading into the final weeks of the season (recent results):

7th @ 106 lbs: 8th grader TJ Meyer (16-0) – Region 6 champion with a win over #8 Nance (Ryle); will be the #1 seed at semi-state

13th @ 113 lbs: Freshman TJ Sulfsted (17-3) – 3rd at Region 6 only losing to #6 Trumble (Ryle); will be the #3 seed at semi-state

1st @ 120 lbs: Senior Spencer Moore (21-0) – Region 6 champion with a techfall over #6 Sander (Ryle); will be the #1 seed at semi-state

2nd @ 132 lbs: Junior Isaac Thornton (11-0) – Region 6 champion with a win over #6 Bowers (Campbell County); will be the #1 seed at semi-state

10th @ 138 lbs: Sophomore Mason Schweitzer (19-4) – 3rd at Region 6 only losing to #4 Smith (Ryle); will be the #5 seed at semi-state

24th @ 160 lbs: 8th grader Ben Walton (12-4) – 5th at Region 6

23rd @ 170 lbs: 8th grader Luke Hyden (14-4) – 5th at Region 6

2nd @ 195 lbs: Senior Brandon Gibson (18-2) – Region 6 champion with a win over #15 Jones (Simon Kenton); will be the #1 seed at semi-state

HM @ Heavyweight: Junior Zach Watson (12-3) – 4th at Region 6 losing to #3 Hughes (Simon Kenton) and #14 Marshall (Ryle); will be the #4 seed at semi-state

Team Top 10 (# wrestlers ranked in the top 25)

#1 Union County (14)

#2 Ryle (13)

#3 Johnson Central (13)

#4 Campbell County (11)

#5 Paducah Tilghman (11)

#6 Louisville Trinity (12)

#7 Christian County (9)

#8 Walton-Verona (8)

#9 Woodford County (9)

#10 Louisville St Xavier (7)

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