



WALTON-VERONA BEARCATS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

A Tradition of Excellence

24 REGION CHAMPIONS

83 STATE QUALIFIERS

42 STATE PLACERS

1 GIRLS STATE PLACER

9 STATE CHAMPIONS

December 13, 2022

The Bearcats wrestlers were a little short-handed at the Raider Rumble, but we competed well with 7 of our 9 entries in the event finishing in the top 8 including 3 finalists. As a team we finished 7th in the extremely deep 16 team field, ahead of region rivals Ryle, Campbell County, and Conner, and only behind two Kentucky teams (#3 Union County and #6 St Xavier). In addition to a number of good wins on the day, we went 4-0 in head-to-head matches with Union County wrestlers. While that is a relatively small sample size it is a great indication of the potential of our small team when we are at full strength with everyone in their post season weight classes. Individual finishes on the day:

Aiden Svec (113 lbs) – 0-2 on the day
TJ Meyer (126 lbs) – champion
TJ Sulfsted (138 lbs) – 6th place
Hunter Isaacs (144 lbs) – 2nd place
Mason Schweitzer (150 lbs) – 2nd place
Liam Bird (157 lbs) – 0-3 on the day
Tyler Kennedy (165 lbs) – 8th place
Ben Walton (175 lbs) – 6th place
Luke Hyden (215 lbs) – 3rd place

This week we head across the river for the SWOWCA Coaches Classic at Middletown HS. This two day tournament features the best of the best in the Cincinnati area including Elder, Moeller, Lasalle, Harrison, and Butler among others in the 38 team field.

The following Bearcat wrestlers begin the preseason ranked in the top 25 of their weight class as the team is ranked #10 in the state (record on the season):

17th @ 106 lbs: 8th Grader Brennan East (1-1)

2nd @ 126 lbs: Sophomore TJ Meyer (8-0) – repeat champ at the Rumble

10th @ 132 lbs: Junior TJ Sulfsted (6-2) – solid day with losses coming against Moeller OH and Elder OH

4th @ 138 lbs: Senior Hunter Isaacs (7-1) – runner-up finish with a huge win over #2 ranked Mayes (Union Co) in the semis, then a tough loss in finals to a top 15 ranked wrestler from Moeller OH

3rd @ 144 lbs: Senior Mason Schweitzer (7-1) – runner-up finish with only loss to #3 ranked wrestler from Lebanon OH

22nd @ 157 lbs: Sophomore Tyler Kennedy (5-3) -

16th @ 165 lbs: Sophomore Ben Walton (5-2) –

9th @ 215 lbs: Sophomore Luke Hyden (7-1) – 3 pins in 4 matches, only loss coming to tough Lebanon OH kid

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

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WALTON-VERONA ALUMNI ON THE COLLEGE MATS



Isaac Thornton (class of 2022) – Indiana University (133 pounds), first year



Zach Watson (class of 2022) – Thomas More University (197 pounds), first year



Spencer Moore (class of 2021) – University of North Carolina (125 pounds), finished 4th at the 2022 ACC Championships as a true freshman; will be taking a redshirt year in '22-'23



Daulton Mayer (class of 2020) – Thomas More University (285 pounds), third year, 2x NAIA National All American, currently ranked #8 in the nation



Ryan Moore (class of 2018) – Thomas More University (transfer - Cornell University) (149 pounds), 2x NAIA National Runner-up, currently ranked #1 in the nation