



## WALTON-VERONA BEARCATS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

*A Tradition of Excellence*

February 24, 2021

Par for the course during this crazy COVID year, our senior day event had a lot of last minute changes with teams dropping and adding. But the action on the mat was worth the wait as we had 5 really good duals at WVHS. After solid wins over top 30 teams in Holmes and Great Crossing, we hammered through Cooper and Scott, before losing a tough battle with #4 ranked Johnson Central. This brings our season record to 13-1 with one week left before the post season. A big thank you to our seniors Spencer Moore, Brandon Gibson, and Jakob Baum for all of the blood, sweat, and tears you have given to the Bearcat wrestling program. You will be missed.

One last busy week of action for the Bearcat wrestling team as we prepare for post season action. The varsity squad will stay close to home and visit Dixie Heights for a quad against Dixie, Highlands, and South Oldham. The team will be short-handed as a few of our starters are 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will be competing at the middle school regional championship on Saturday.

We are unsure of the spectator situation at Dixie, but if fans are limited you can catch all the action as we stream each dual on Twitter Live. Follow us and receive notifications each time we go live.

### 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

The following Bearcat wrestlers are ranked in the top 25 of their weight class as the team is ranked #5 in the state (results over the weekend):

9<sup>th</sup> @ 106 lbs: 8<sup>th</sup> grader TJ Meyer (13-0) – pins over #14 Morris (Johnson Central) and #25 Cano (Great Crossing)

12<sup>th</sup> @ 113 lbs: Freshman TJ Sulfsted (12-1) – continued putting up big pin points, but lost to #2 Williams (Johnson Central)

1st @ 120 lbs: Senior Spencer Moore (14-0) – pins over #4 Benner (Great Crossing) and #6 Stanley (Holmes)

6<sup>th</sup> @ 126 lbs: Sophomore Hunter Isaacs (13-1) – win over #16 Armentano (Great Crossing)

2<sup>nd</sup> @ 132 lbs: Junior Isaac Thornton (5-0) – decision over #5 Cain (Johnson Central), techfall over #15 (@ 138) Roberts (Great Crossing), and major decision over #16 Zinser (Scott)

11<sup>th</sup> @ 138 lbs: Sophomore Mason Schweitzer (13-1) – decision over #11 (@ 132) Shaddix (Great Crossing), #22 Green (Holmes), and #24 Davis (Johnson Central)

8<sup>th</sup> @ 160 lbs: 8<sup>th</sup> grader Luke Hyden (12-2) – lost to #14 (@ 152) Castle (Johnson Central) and #16 (@ 152) Strayer (Great Crossing)

2<sup>nd</sup> @ 195 lbs: Senior Brandon Gibson (12-2) – lost huge battle with #1 Rodriguez (Johnson Central)

HM @ Heavyweight: Junior Zach Watson (7-1) – did not compete

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

#1 Union County (13)

#2 Ryle (13)

#3 Paducah Tilghman (12)

#4 Johnson Central (11)

#5 Walton-Verona (8)

#6 Christian County (8)

#7 Campbell County (11)

#8 Louisville Trinity (12)

#9 Louisville St Xavier (10)

#10 Larue County (8)

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