



## WALTON-VERONA BEARCATS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

### *A Tradition of Excellence*

March 9, 2021

The last weekend of regular season competition concluded at Dixie Heights as the Bearcats finished the season with a dual meet record of 15-2. The team was significantly short-handed last Saturday as our 8<sup>th</sup> graders were competing at the middle school regional championship and injuries have hampered us this year. But the guys who stepped on the mat stepped up and did their job for the team to be competitive even with 6 holes in the lineup. Dual meet results were:

WV 36, Dixie Heights 27

WV 46, Highlands 24

WV 36, South Oldham 39

This weekend we will be heading to Ryle for the Region 6 Championship on March 12-13. Top 4 at each weight qualify for the semi-state tournament next Saturday.

#### 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

The following Bearcat wrestlers are ranked in the top 25 of their weight class as the team is ranked #7 in the state (recent results):

7<sup>th</sup> @ 106 lbs: 8<sup>th</sup> grader TJ Meyer (13-0) – MS regional champion and MS State Runner-up

13<sup>th</sup> @ 113 lbs: Freshman TJ Sulfsted (14-2) – lost a tight battle with #12 Miller (Dixie Heights)

1st @ 120 lbs: Senior Spencer Moore (17-0) – 3 more pins

126 lbs: Sophomore Hunter Isaacs (13-1) – season ended due to injury

2<sup>nd</sup> @ 132 lbs: Junior Isaac Thornton (8-0) – 3-0 on the day

11<sup>th</sup> @ 138 lbs: Sophomore Mason Schweitzer (15-2) – lost overtime barnburner #10 Oliveros (South Oldham)

16<sup>th</sup> @ 170 lbs: 8<sup>th</sup> grader Luke Hyden (15-2) – MS regional champion and MS State Runner-up

2<sup>nd</sup> @ 195 lbs: Senior Brandon Gibson (15-2) – 3-0 on the day

HM @ Heavyweight: Junior Zach Watson (10-1) – all forfeits on the day

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

#1 Union County (14)

#2 Ryle (13)

#3 Johnson Central (13)

#4 Paducah Tilghman (12)

#5 Campbell County (11)

#6 Louisville Trinity (12)

#7 Walton-Verona (7)

#8 Christian County (8)

#9 Louisville St Xavier (8)

#10 Caldwell County (7)

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