



## WALTON-VERONA BEARCATS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

### *A Tradition of Excellence*

February 16, 2022

We started down the home stretch of the 2021-22 wrestling season this past weekend with the Region 5 championship. Going into the toughest region in the state, which features 4 top 25 teams, with over half of our lineup as freshmen, this young team stepped up. Ten of our eleven starters finished in the top 6 at the regional event while seven of those wrestlers qualified for this week's semi-state tournament by placing in the top four. As a team we finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Individual results:

106: Blake Morrison – the freshman went 0-2 drawing the #2 wrestler in the state in round 1

113: CJ Holt - finished 5<sup>th</sup> and will be an alternate for semi-state as a freshman

120: TJ Meyer - the top wrestler in the state finished as the region champ; and yes he is a freshman

126: TJ Sulfsted - finished 4<sup>th</sup> losing to a couple of top 10 wrestlers

132: Isaac Thornton - ended as runner-up losing to the top wrestler at 132

138: Hunter Isaacs - finished 3<sup>rd</sup> only losing in the semis to the #2 wrestler in the state

144: Mason Schweitzer - won the title in the deepest weight in the tournament

150: Tyler Kennedy – freshman bumped up two weight classes from the regular season and finished 6<sup>th</sup> place

165: Ben Walton – another freshman finished 6<sup>th</sup> after a really solid season

190: Luke Hyden – a freshman who has been in the lineup for years now, finished as region runner-up

215: Zach Watson – senior leader finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at region

The path to an individual weight class state medal will continue this Saturday as we travel to Great Crossing High School for the State First Round Semi-State 2 Championship. Our region will combine with the Lexington region as well as Southern KY and Eastern KY to determine the wrestlers who will move on to the state final 16.

The 7 Bearcat Semi-state qualifiers are ranked in the top 20 of their weight class as the team is ranked #9 in the state (record):

1<sup>st</sup> @ 120 lbs: Freshman TJ Meyer (30-3)

19<sup>th</sup> @ 126 lbs: Sophomore TJ Sulfsted (19-10)

2<sup>nd</sup> @ 132 lbs: Senior Isaac Thornton (27-2)

11<sup>th</sup> @ 138 lbs: Junior Hunter Isaacs (24-8)

8<sup>th</sup> @ 144 lbs: Junior Mason Schweitzer (30-7)

7<sup>th</sup> @ 190 lbs: Freshman Luke Hyden (15-5)

14<sup>th</sup> @ 215 lbs: Senior Zach Watson (18-10)

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

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