



## WALTON-VERONA BEARCATS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

### *A Tradition of Excellence*

February 23, 2022

STATE WEEK! The week we've prepared for over the last 4 months and really the last year. All the blood, sweat, and tears, the hundreds of hours of preparation all come down to this one weekend. The Bearcats had 5 wrestlers move on to the State Final Round after last weekend's semi-state round. As a team we finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place (behind #3 Johnson Central, #2 Ryle, #6 Campbell County, and #10 Great Crossing). Individual results:

113: CJ Holt – after getting into the event as an alternate, CJ went 0-2

120: TJ Meyer – the state's top ranked 120 continued his winning ways

126: TJ Sulfsted – TJ went 1-2 coming up 1 match short of advancing

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

138: Hunter Isaacs – went 1-2 on the day losing 2 heartbreakers including and overtime match

144: Mason Schweitzer – finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in a deep, deep weight

190: Luke Hyden – also finished 3<sup>rd</sup> scoring a LOT of bonus points for the team along the way

215: Zach Watson – senior leader finished 7<sup>th</sup> to punch his ticket to the state final round

This weekend we travel to George Rogers Clark High School where the final 16 in each weight class will battle it out for podium spots and hardware to bring home from the state championship event. Action will get underway on Friday morning and conclude with the championship finals on Saturday night. The event will be streamed live on KHSAA.TV on the NFHS network. You can also follow along on trackwrestling for brackets and team scores.

The 5 Bearcat Final Round 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 (34-3) – after a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, TJ comes into the state tournament as a freshman ranked #1 in the state

2<sup>nd</sup> @ 132 lbs: Senior Isaac Thornton (30-3) – a 3-time state finalist and returning state champ at this weight, Isaac is the underdog facing a wrestler seeking to be a 4-time state champ

7<sup>th</sup> @ 144 lbs: Junior Mason Schweitzer (34-8) – COVID limitations kept Mason from making his second trip to the big stage last year, but he is back in the most balanced weight in the state

7<sup>th</sup> @ 190 lbs: Freshman Luke Hyden (19-6) – after making a huge splash as a 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Luke is back and ready to bring home a medal

14<sup>th</sup> @ 215 lbs: Senior Zach Watson (21-12) – one last tournament for the senior who just wants to help the team move up the leaderboard

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

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