



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

October 31, 2022

As the streak continues with 7 consecutive top 10 finishes at the single class KHSAA state wrestling championships, the expectations remain high for our wrestling team even with the graduation of two college wrestlers including another D1 athlete (Isaac Thornton – Indiana University) and a great leader (Zach Watson – Thomas More University). But this team has produced 8 individual state titles in the last 6 seasons and there is reason to believe a lot more is on the way. The Bearcat wrestling team has a small roster that typically relies on a lot of youngsters to fill starting roles, but we have a ton of talent with the potential to compete with all of the big schools in the region and around the state.

A quick look at the roster:

Seniors:

Mason Schweitzer – great junior season ending as a 4th placer at the KHSAA state championship, Mason has the ability to win it all

Hunter Isaacs – had a really good season with a 3rd place finish at Region, but did not have his best day at semi-state; Hunter is back ready to redeem himself after pinning the #2 ranked wrestler in the state at the Ky All Star Classic a few weeks ago

Juniors: Liam Bird, TJ Sulfsted, Aiden Svec, Ben Teipe

Sophomores: Sohpie Anderson, CJ Holt, Luke Hyden, Tyler Kennedy, TJ Meyer, Gavin Roberts, Ben Walton

Freshmen:

Middle Schoolers: Brennan East, Boone Sawyer

The following Bearcat wrestlers begin the preseason ranked in the top 25 of their weight class as the team is ranked #9 in the state:

25th @ 120 lbs: Sophomore CJ Holt (5th at Region last season)

2nd @ 126 lbs: Sophomore TJ Meyer (37-4 last season and finished as the state runner-up)

15th @ 138 lbs: Junior TJ Sulfsted (20-12 last season and 4th at Region)

4th @ 144 lbs: Senior Hunter Isaacs (25-10 last season and 3rd at Region)

4th @ 150 lbs: Senior Mason Schweitzer (37-10 last season and finished 4th in the state)

17th @ 165 lbs: Sophomore Ben Walton (17-10 last season and 6th at Region)

9th @ 215 lbs: Sophomore Luke Hyden (19-8 last season and is a 2x state qualifier)

Also returning Sophomore Tyler Kennedy who placed 6th at Region last season

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 #7 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