



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

November 28, 2022

The traditional kick-off to our season happens this Saturday as we host the annual Bearcat Brawl dual tournament at Walton-Verona High School. This year's event will include three top 40 ranked teams from Kentucky (#34 Boyle County, #36 Lafayette, and #38 Highlands) along with a couple of Ohio teams. The dual format gives our team, which will start a number of young wrestlers in the varsity lineup, the opportunity to gain mat time and experience before we hit the heart of our schedule in mid-December. Anyone looking to catch the Bearcats in action can see us at WVHS on Saturday beginning at 9:00 am and concluding mid-afternoon.

We begin the running of the gauntlet of our December schedule on Dec 10 as we stay close to home to compete in one of the toughest in-state tournaments of the year at the Ryle Raider Rumble. This event is typically a good chance for our kids to face some of the top ranked wrestlers in the region and state. It allows us to get a gauge on where we stand early in the season before we battle across the river for a few weeks.

Early season schedule of events:

December 3	Bearcat Brawl @ WVHS
December 10	Raider Rumble @ Ryle
December 17-18	SWOWCA @ Middletown, OH
December 27-28	GMVWA @ Butler, OH

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:

18th @ 106 lbs: 8th Grader Brennan East

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

9th @ 132 lbs: Junior TJ Sulfsted (20-12 last season and 4th at Region)

4th @ 138 lbs: Senior Hunter Isaacs (25-10 last season and 3rd at Region)

3rd @ 144 lbs: Senior Mason Schweitzer (37-10 last season and finished 4th in the state)

15th @ 165 lbs: Sophomore Ben Walton (17-10 last season and 6th at Region)

11th @ 215 lbs: Sophomore Luke Hyden (19-8 last season and is a 2x state qualifier)

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 #8 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