



## WALTON-VERONA BEARCATS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

### *A Tradition of Excellence*

24 REGION CHAMPIONS

83 STATE QUALIFIERS

42 STATE PLACERS

2 GIRLS STATE PLACERS

9 STATE CHAMPIONS

February 10, 2023

Sophie Anderson had a great run at the KYWCA Girls State Tournament. Coming in as the #3 seed, she pinned her way to the state finals where she fell to the 5-time state champion Olivia Messerly from Grant County. A state runner-up finish in her sophomore season is amazing and she will no doubt continue to compete for state titles and set the bar for girls wrestling at WV in the years to come.

On the boys varsity side the post season run kicks off at Walton Verona High School on Saturday as we host the Region 5 Championship. Our region is historically one of the toughest in the state to advance from, as the top 4 wrestlers at each weight will move on to the State Tournament First Round 2 at Ryle next weekend. Region 5 features 7 top 30 ranked teams including #7 WV, #10 Ryle, #17 Campbell County, #22 Simon Kenton, #25 Scott, #29 Conner, and #30 Covington Catholic. Wrestling is expected to begin at 9:00am with round of 16 action with the finals anticipated to begin at approximately 4:00pm.

The following Bearcat wrestlers are ranked in the top 30 of their weight class as the team is ranked #7 in the state (record on the season):

15<sup>th</sup> @ 106 lbs: 8<sup>th</sup> Grader Brennan East (11-2) – #3 seed at region

2<sup>nd</sup> @ 120 lbs: Sophomore TJ Meyer (31-2) – #1 seed at region

9<sup>th</sup> @ 132 lbs: Junior TJ Sulfsted (25-10) – #2 seed at region

1<sup>st</sup> @ 138 lbs: Senior Hunter Isaacs (21-1) – #1 seed at region

2<sup>nd</sup> @ 144 lbs: Senior Mason Schweitzer (28-5) – #1 seed at region

29<sup>th</sup> @ 157 lbs: Sophomore Tyler Kennedy (19-10) – #4 seed at region

17<sup>th</sup> @ 175 lbs: Sophomore Ben Walton (21-7) – #3 seed at region

9<sup>th</sup> @ 215 lbs: Sophomore Luke Hyden (25-10) – #1 seed at region

17<sup>th</sup> @ 285 lbs: Junior Ben Teipe (11-4) – #3 seed at region

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, taking a redshirt year in '22-'23



Zach Watson (class of 2022) – Thomas More University (197 pounds), first year



Spencer Moore (class of 2021) – University of North Carolina (125 pounds), finished 4<sup>th</sup> 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