



## 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 16, 2023

What a weekend. Great support from our parents, alumni, and WV fans to help out and cheer on the team. Small school, small team, small program but huge hearts. We made a good run at a regional championship at Walton Verona High School on Saturday, but came up just a little short. The kids wrestled tough and gave a great effort that resulted in a Region 5 Runner-up finish ending the day just 18 points behind first place Ryle. Individual finishes on the day:

106lbs – 8<sup>th</sup> grader Brennan East came in as the #3 seed and finished 2<sup>nd</sup>  
113lbs – Junior Aiden Svec was unseeded and went 0-2 on the day  
120lbs – Sophomore TJ Meyer was the #1 seed and went 3-0 and finished 1<sup>st</sup>  
126lbs – Sophomore Sophie Anderson was unseeded and went 0-2 on the day  
132lbs – Junior TJ Sulfsted was the #2 seed and went 3-1 and finished 2<sup>nd</sup>  
138lbs – Senior Hunter Isaacs was the #1 seed and went 4-0 and finished 1<sup>st</sup>  
144lbs – Senior Mason Schweitzer was the #1 seed and went 4-0 and finished 1<sup>st</sup>  
150lbs – Junior Liam Bird came in unseeded and went 3-3 to finish 6<sup>th</sup>  
157lbs – Sophomore Tyler Kennedy came in as the #4 seed and went 2-3 to finish 6<sup>th</sup>  
175lbs – Sophomore Ben Walton was the #3 seed and went 3-1 to finish 3<sup>rd</sup>  
215lbs – Sophomore Luke Hyden was the #1 seed and went 3-0 and finished 1<sup>st</sup>  
285lbs – Junior Ben Teipe was the #3 seed and went 3-1 to finish 3<sup>rd</sup>

We will make the short drive north to Ryle HS on Saturday for the State First Round #2 (semi-state). In addition to our region foes, semi-state will bring in other highly ranked teams including #4 Great Crossing, #5 Johnson Central, #10 Taylor County, #14 Harrison County, #16 Madison Southern, and #18 Boyle County. This event is a deep, tough 16-man bracket where the top 8 at each weight advance to the State Final Round at GRC next weekend.

Heading into the State First Round #2 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):

10<sup>th</sup> @ 106 lbs: 8<sup>th</sup> Grader Brennan East (13-3) – upset #4 Badida (Conner) in region semis to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in region

2<sup>nd</sup> @ 120 lbs: Sophomore TJ Meyer (34-2) – region champ

10<sup>th</sup> @ 132 lbs: Junior TJ Sulfsted (28-11) – region runner-up

1<sup>st</sup> @ 138 lbs: Senior Hunter Isaacs (25-1) – region champ

2<sup>nd</sup> @ 144 lbs: Senior Mason Schweitzer (33-5) – region champ

30<sup>th</sup> @ 157 lbs: Sophomore Tyler Kennedy (21-13) – 6<sup>th</sup> at region

17<sup>th</sup> @ 175 lbs: Sophomore Ben Walton (24-8) – 3<sup>rd</sup> at region

9<sup>th</sup> @ 215 lbs: Sophomore Luke Hyden (28-10) – region champ

17<sup>th</sup> @ 285 lbs: Junior Ben Teipe (14-5) – 3<sup>rd</sup> at region

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

Twitter (@WV\_Wrestling1) and Instagram (@wv\_bearcats\_wrestling)

### **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