



## 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

December 5, 2022

The Bearcats started the season with 4 dual meet wins to take the Bearcat Brawl Championship this past weekend at WVHS. We began the day with a dominant win over region foe Cooper 66-12 followed by an equally impressive win over Indian Hill (OH) 72-6. This put WV into the championship pool where we faced #36 Lafayette and #34 Boyle County. The Bearcats put together solid team efforts in defeating Lafayette 51-18 before taking out Boyle County 42-24 in the final dual of the event.

The gauntlet begins this week as we travel up I75 to Ryle High School on Friday night for the JV Raider Rumble and then Saturday for the varsity version of the Raider Rumble which is annually one of the toughest events in the entire state. This tournament will feature #3 Union County, #6 St Xavier, #13 Campbell County, #18 Ryle, #19 Conner, #26 Woodford County, and tough out of state teams in East Central (IN), Elder (OH), Lebanon (OH), Moeller (OH), West Clermont (OH), and Wyoming (OH).

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 (record on the season):

18<sup>th</sup> @ 106 lbs: 8<sup>th</sup> Grader Brennan East (1-1)

2<sup>nd</sup> @ 126 lbs: Sophomore TJ Meyer (4-0) – pin over #10 @ 120lbs Thompson (Boyle Co)

9<sup>th</sup> @ 132 lbs: Junior TJ Sulfsted (4-0) – beat #11 @ 126lbs Browning (Boyle Co)

4<sup>th</sup> @ 138 lbs: Senior Hunter Isaacs (4-0)

3<sup>rd</sup> @ 144 lbs: Senior Mason Schweitzer (4-0) – huge win over #4 @ 157lbs Kubwimana (Lafayette), Mason beat him last season in state quarterfinals, but lost to him in the state 3<sup>rd</sup> place match; also beat #16 @ 150lbs Carey (Boyle Co)

15<sup>th</sup> @ 165 lbs: Sophomore Ben Walton (4-0) – dominant win over #14 Hughes (Cooper)

10<sup>th</sup> @ 215 lbs: Sophomore Luke Hyden (4-0)

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 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 #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