



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

February 2, 2023

For the second time in program history the Bearcats made a nice run to the State Dual Championship finals, losing a tough match against multiple time defending state champs Union County. We got a total team effort on the day with everyone contributing to the team success bringing home a state runner-up finish in the dual competition. Dual results:

WV 63, Nelson County 18

WV 37, Caldwell County 24

WV 48, Martin County 36

WV 15, Union County 52

While the varsity boys have the weekend off as we prepare to kick off the post season hosting the Region 5 Tournament, Sophie Anderson will head to the KYWCA Girls State Tournament. Sophie is a returning state placer and had a great season to this point to prepare to make a run for a state title.

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):

15th @ 106 lbs: 8th Grader Brennan East (11-2) – record of 3-1 on the day with a win over #16 Clifford (Union Co) losing to #12 Klidzejs (Caldwell Co)

2nd @ 120 lbs: Sophomore TJ Meyer (31-2) – record of 3-1 on the day with a win over #10 Brown (Caldwell Co) losing to #1 Raney (Union Co)

9th @ 132 lbs: Junior TJ Sulfsted (25-10) – record of 2-2 on the day losing to #3 Jenkins (Union Co) and #5 Walls (Caldwell Co)

1st @ 138 lbs: Senior Hunter Isaacs (21-1) – record of 4-0 on the day with a win over #6 Ray (Union Co)

2nd @ 144 lbs: Senior Mason Schweitzer (28-5) – record of 3-0 of the day with wins over #3 Mayes (Union Co) and #8 @ 138 Nichols (Caldwell Co)

29th @ 157 lbs: Sophomore Tyler Kennedy (19-10) – record of 3-1 on the day losing to #4 Ricketts (Union Co)

17th @ 175 lbs: Sophomore Ben Walton (21-7) – record of 3-1 on the day losing to #15 @ 165 Dowdy (Union Co)

9th @ 215 lbs: Sophomore Luke Hyden (25-10) – record of 2-2 on the day losing to #5 Sherrill (Caldwell Co) and #8 Pogue (Union Co)

17th @ 285 lbs: Junior Ben Teipe (11-4) – record of 3-1 on the day losing to #14 Goff (Nelson Co) and beating #19 Cummings (Union Co)

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 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