



WALTON-VERONA BEARCATS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

A Tradition of Excellence

28 REGION CHAMPIONS

91 STATE QUALIFIERS

46 STATE PLACERS

2 GIRLS STATE PLACERS

9 STATE CHAMPIONS

November 28, 2023

History (or HERstory) was made on Saturday as the Lady Bearcats competed at Tates Creek High School for the Centre Parkway Classic in the first KHSAA sanctioned girls wrestling event in Kentucky. Because it was such an historic event there was great participation and most of the top teams in the state were in attendance. Even with our small numbers, the Bearcats competed well finishing in 9th place out of 28 teams. We saw individual success as well with Sophie Anderson going 3-0 with 3 pins to win the 132 lb bracket, Emma Moore going 4-1 with 4 pins and a 3rd place finish at 107 lbs, and Emily Stephenson going 1-2 at 114 lbs with a big consolation pin. Continue to follow these girls as they get more mat time and learn and grow and continue to develop. They will be really good by the time we get to the Horse Park in February.

The Bearcat boys will kick off action this Saturday at home with the Bearcat Brawl. This event has always been a dual event, but this season we are changing it up to an individual tournament. Teams in the event this week are Boone County, #12 Boyle County, Cooper, Covington Catholic, East Central (IN), Henry Clay, Highlands, Lafayette, and #18 Madison Central. Come out to WVHS on Saturday to cheer on the Bearcats!

Looking ahead the boys will be wrestling at the Raider Rumble December 8 & 9, while the girls are off until the Dreamcatcher Tournament at Northwestern High School in Ohio on December 16.

The following Bearcat wrestlers begin the season ranked in the top 25 of their weight class as the team is ranked #11 in the state:

10th @ 106 lbs: Freshman Brennen East (13-5 last season with a regional runner-up finish)

2nd @ 138 lbs: Junior TJ Meyer (41-3 last season and finished as state runner-up for the second year in a row)

7th @ 144 lbs: Senior TJ Sulfsted (31-16 last season and finished 2nd at Region to qualify for state)

22nd @ 165 lbs: Junior Tyler Kennedy (21-13 last season finishing 6th at Region)

18th @ 175 lbs: Junior Ben Walton (24-10 last season with a 3rd place finish at Region to qualify for state)

1st @ 215 lbs: Junior Luke Hyden (35-13 last season finishing 4th at State)

14th @ 285 lbs: Senior Ben Teipe (15-7 last season with a 3rd place finish at Region to qualify for state)

1st @ 126 lbs: Junior Sophie Anderson

5th @ 126 lbs: Junior Rebecca McCray

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



Hunter Isaacs (class of 2023) – Thomas More University (141 pounds), first year



Isaac Thornton (class of 2022) – Indiana University (133 pounds)



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



Spencer Moore (class of 2021) – University of North Carolina (125 pounds), finished 4th at the 2022 ACC Championships as a true freshman; currently ranked #20 nationally in D1



Daulton Mayer (class of 2020) – Thomas More University (285 pounds), 3x NAIA National All American, currently ranked #8 nationally in D2



Ryan Moore (class of 2018) – Thomas More University (transfer - Cornell University) (149 pounds), 3x NAIA National Runner-up, currently ranked #8 nationally in D2