



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

February 1, 2024

As the post season approaches, we finished off the regular season with some dual meet action. Last night the Bearcats traveled to West Clermont (OH) for the regular season finale where WV came home with a 41-30 victory and some solid momentum heading into region action. Over the weekend we competed in the KYWCA State Dual Championship where we earned a 5th place finish going 3-1 on the day. Dual meet results:

WV 66, Floyd Central 6

WV 34, #10 Caldwell County 38

WV 51, McCreary Central 26

WV 42, Martin County 34

This week the boys have an off weekend in prep for region, but the girls will take the mat at Bryan Station High School in Lexington for the Regional Tournament and an opportunity to qualify for the first ever KHSAA Girls State Championship. Our region will be highly competitive with #1 ranked Harrison County and #5 ranked Lafayette. A brief preview heading into action this weekend:

- Emma Moore (19-2) is ranked #2 in the state and is the #1 seed at 100lbs. The #2 seed in the bracket is the #1 state ranked wrestler from Harrison County.
- Emily Stephenson (10-10) is the #3 seed at 107lbs.
- Sophie Anderson (20-0) is ranked #1 in the state at 132lbs, but will be competing up at 138lbs for post season action. She enters region as the #1 seed, while the #2 and #3 state ranked wrestlers at 138lbs are the #2 and #3 seeds in this tournament.

Tough competition ahead, but these girls are ready for it. Wrestling will begin on Saturday at 9:30am.

The following Bearcat wrestlers are ranked in the top 30 of their weight class as the team is ranked #16 in the state:

9th @ 113 lbs: Freshman Brennen East (22-9)

2nd @ 138 lbs: Junior TJ Meyer (35-3)

20th @ 138 lbs: Senior TJ Sulfsted (21-9)

7th @ 165 lbs: Junior Tyler Kennedy (28-12)

3rd @ 215 lbs: Junior Luke Hyden (31-4)

2nd @ 100 lbs: Sophomore Emma Moore (19-2)

1st @ 132 lbs: Junior Sophie Anderson (20-0)

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



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 #25 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