



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 8, 2024

The post season is in full swing as the girls competed in the Region 3 Championship last weekend. For the girls this is a combination of boys' Region 5 and Region 6 which includes Northern Kentucky and the Lexington regions. With our 3 girls we finished in 7th out of 20 teams which included the top team in the state (Harrison County). Also, all 3 girls placed in the top 4 of their weight class and will advance to the first ever KHSAA Girls State Championship next weekend at the Kentucky Horse Park. Individual results from the weekend:

- Emma Moore (21-2) was the #1 seed in the bracket and received a bye to the semifinals where she pinned her opponent to advance to the finals. In the championship match Emma beat the #1 state ranked wrestler from Harrison County by a score of 17-8 and earned the Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament.
- Emily Stephenson (10-12) was the #3 seed in the bracket, but the young 7th grader fell to a senior in the consolation finals. But her hard work and effort have earned her a spot at the state tournament.
- Sophie Anderson (23-0) moved up at 138lbs for post season action and was the #1 seed. After pinning her way into the finals, Sophie faced the #2 state ranked wrestler at 138lbs. After falling behind, she battled back from the mid-match deficit to pin her opponent and take home the title.

The girls will have this weekend off as the boys travel to Boone County High School for the Region 5 Championship and their opportunity to earn a spot at the state tournament. Wrestling will take place on Saturday with the top 4 at each weight advancing.

The following Bearcat wrestlers are ranked in the top 30 of their weight class as the team is ranked #15 in the state:

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

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

20th @ 144 lbs: Senior TJ Sulfsted (21-9)

28th @ 150 lbs: Senior Liam Bird (17-14)

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

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

2nd @ 100 lbs: Sophomore Emma Moore (21-2)

1st @ 132 lbs: Junior Sophie Anderson (23-0)

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