



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

December 6, 2023

The boys program kicked off their 2023-24 season this past weekend by hosting our annual Bearcat Brawl. This year the event was organized as an individual pool tournament and our guys got plenty of competitive matches in to start the season. As a team we finished with 10 top-4 medalists and runner-up to a solid Madison Central squad in the 10-team field. Individual results:

106 Oliver Pfeffer placed 4th

113 Brennen East placed 1st, Aiden Svec placed 4th

120 Carter Daniels placed 4th

126 Boone Sawyer placed 6th

132 CJ Holt placed 4th

138 TJ Meyer placed 1st

144 TJ Sulfsted placed 3rd

150 Liam Bird placed 5th

175 Ben Walton placed 1st

190 Tyler Kennedy placed 1st

215 Luke Hyden placed 3rd

285 Ben Teipe placed 1st

The Bearcats jump right into the heart of the competition season with the Ryle Raider Rumble this weekend (including the JV Raider Rumble on Friday night). This tournament is one of the toughest events in the state every single year with the following teams in attendance: #1 Union County, #7 Ryle, #12 Woodford County, #14 St Xavier, #17 Conner, #18 Madison Central, #19 South Oldham, #21 Grant County, #24 Anderson County, #28 Campbell County, and multiple top Ohio teams (Elder, Lasalle, and Lebanon).

Looking ahead the girls will be wrestling at 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 #15 in the state:

16th @ 113 lbs: Freshman Brennen East (3-0)

2nd @ 138 lbs: Junior TJ Meyer (5-0)

11th @ 144 lbs: Senior TJ Sulfsted (4-1)

19th @ 165 lbs: Junior Tyler Kennedy (4-1)

16th @ 175 lbs: Junior Ben Walton (4-0)

6th @ 215 lbs: Junior Luke Hyden (4-1)

14th @ 285 lbs: Senior Ben Teipe (5-0)

1st @ 126 lbs: Junior Sophie Anderson (3-0)

5th @ 126 lbs: Junior Rebecca McCray (0-0)

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 #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