



## 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 13, 2023

The annual December grind is in effect as the boys program made the short drive up I-75 to Ryle High School for the Raider Rumble. Jumping right into a top level tournament gives us a good gauge where we stand in the state with nine top 25 teams and a handful of top Ohio teams. Unfortunately, illness and injuries resulted in the Bearcats going in well below full capacity. We only sent 8 of 14 weight classes and finished 15<sup>th</sup> as a team in the 21 team field. The event was won by perennial powerhouse Union County followed by Lebanon (OH) and Elder (OH).

Fortunately, we expect to be back to a full lineup as we travel to Alexandria for Campbell County's Senior Night on Thursday. We will have varsity duals against #24 Campbell County and #29 Highlands with action kicking off at 6:00. There will also be girls duals and JV matches on a second mat. This is a great opportunity to see the entire high school program in action at one time. It will also be the first time we have competed head-to-head in a dual against regional power CC.

The girls will jump right back on the mat on Saturday as we compete in Springfield, OH at the 28 team Dreamcatcher Girls Tournament.

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 #14 in the state:

12<sup>th</sup> @ 113 lbs: Freshman Brennen East (8-1) – tied for third with his only loss to #6 Fowler (Union County)

2<sup>nd</sup> @ 138 lbs: Junior TJ Meyer (10-0) – finished as champ with a finals win over #5 Thomas (Union County)

7<sup>th</sup> @ 144 lbs: Senior TJ Sulfsted (4-1) – did not compete this past weekend

22<sup>nd</sup> @ 165 lbs: Junior Tyler Kennedy (8-2) – finished 5<sup>th</sup> at 175 lbs with a win over #15 Smith (Cov Cath)

14<sup>th</sup> @ 175 lbs: Junior Ben Walton (4-0) – did not compete this past weekend

7<sup>th</sup> @ 215 lbs: Junior Luke Hyden (4-1) – did not compete this past weekend

13<sup>th</sup> @ 285 lbs: Senior Ben Teipe (8-2) – finished in 5<sup>th</sup> with wins over #21 Bwendele (Moore) and #23 Neumann (Ryle); lost in the semi round to defending state champion Guillame (St Xavier)

1<sup>st</sup> @ 126 lbs: Junior Sophie Anderson (3-0)

5<sup>th</sup> @ 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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