



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 19, 2023

The Bearcats had our first mid-week action of the season as we visited Campbell County for their senior night event with duals against the Camels and Highlands. This was a big deal as it was the first time in program history that we have competed head-to-head against CC in a dual. Campbell County is the powerhouse program in our region with multiple team state titles and numerous individual state champions and placers. This also turned into an opportunity for both the boys and girls teams to compete side by side in the same gym. Results from the night:

WV 54, Campbell County 24 (WV girls 3-1 against CC girls)

WV 42, Highlands 37 (WV girls 4-1 against Highlands girls)

After Thursday night action our girls got right back on the mat on Saturday traveling to Springfield, OH for the Dreamcatcher Girls Tournament at Northwest HS. This was a solid 25 team event with teams from across southern Ohio. We rolled in with our small group of girls and brought home 3 medals and a 7th place team finish. Individual results:

Emma Moore finished 5-0 on the day with 5 pins and champion at 105 lbs

Emily Stephenson finished 3-2 with 3 pins and 3rd at 110 lbs

Sophie Anderson finished 5-0 with 5 pins (barely 3 minutes in total) and champion at 130 lbs

As we move into the Christmas break wrestling action continues. On Thursday December 21 the girls will travel south to the Lioness Jessamine County Girls Tournament and then take a nice holiday break. The boys will be back in action on Friday and Saturday at Middletown, OH for the always tough SWOWCA tournament.

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:

12th @ 113 lbs: Freshman Brennen East (10-1)

2nd @ 138 lbs: Junior TJ Meyer (14-0)

7th @ 144 lbs: Senior TJ Sulfsted (4-5)

22nd @ 165 lbs: Junior Tyler Kennedy (8-6)

14th @ 175 lbs: Junior Ben Walton (8-0)

7th @ 215 lbs: Junior Luke Hyden (8-1)

13th @ 285 lbs: Senior Ben Teipe (8-2)

3rd @ 100 lbs: Sophomore Emma Moore (12-1)

1st @ 126 lbs: Junior Sophie Anderson (10-0)

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