



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

January 11, 2024

The Bearcats kicked off 2024 with some dual meet action as the boys competed in the Small School Sectionals at Newport and the girls had a tri-meet at Simon Kenton with SK and Highlands. WV handled business in the sectional meet with wins over both Holmes (64-18) and Newport (78-6) to advance to the State Dual Championship at the end of January as a top 6 seed. The girls had a solid night at SK going 6-1 in matches wrestled securing multiple regional wins as we prepare for the post season.

On Saturday the girls made the long drive down to Owensboro for the Daviess County Tournament and saw some great competition from the western part of the state. Individual results:

100 lbs Emma Moore champion with a pin over #1 ranked Boyd (Taylor County) in the finals

107 lbs Emily Stephenson went 1-2 on the day

132 lbs Sophie Anderson champion with a 5-4 win in the finals over #5 ranked Sprague (Union County)

One important note I failed to mention last week was a career milestone for Luke Hyden. With his great results over the holidays, Luke was able to notch career win #100. Congratulations Luke!

The girls have the weekend off as the boys make the short trip to Georgetown for the Great Crossing Warhawk Classic. This event will kick off on Friday and finish on Saturday as we face off with a number of the best teams in Kentucky including #4 Great Crossing, #6 Oldham County, #8 Frederick Douglass, #10 Harrison County, #17 South Oldham, #22 Louisville Moore, and #23 Woodford County.

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

29th @ 106 lbs: Senior Aiden Svec (7-4)

9th @ 113 lbs: Freshman Brennen East (15-6)

26th @ 126 lbs: Junior CJ Holt (5-5)

2nd @ 132 lbs: Junior TJ Meyer (23-2)

9th @ 138 lbs: Senior TJ Sulfsted (9-7)

24th @ 165 lbs: Junior Tyler Kennedy (15-8)

11th @ 175 lbs: Junior Ben Walton (10-3)

3rd @ 215 lbs: Junior Luke Hyden (18-3)

3rd @ 100 lbs: Sophomore Emma Moore (19-2)

1st @ 126 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 #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