



WALTON-VERONA BEARCATS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

A Tradition of Excellence

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The Bearcat wrestlers now have a streak of 6 consecutive top 10 (single class) finishes at the KHSAA state championships and the expectations remain high for our team even with the graduation of two of the best leaders to come through WVHS, 2-time state champion Spencer Moore and Jakob Baum. With 8 individual state titles in the last 5 seasons we anticipate guys stepping in, stepping up, and competing at a high level. Although we have a relatively small roster that is filled with lots of young kids, there is a ton of talent with the potential to growth and improvement all year.

A quick look at the roster includes -

Seniors:

Isaac Thornton – defending state champ and 3-time state finalist is looking to cap his high school career with a second state title.

Zach Watson – our resident genius on the team, Zach is a great leader who hopes to finish his time as a Bearcat with a podium finish. Zach will also be joining the Thomas More University wrestling program next season.

John Stranko – after some time away from the mat, John is returning for one last season. And with his athletic ability he could surprise some folks this year.

Juniors: Hunter Isaacs, Mason Schweitzer

Sophomores: TJ Sulfsted, Ben Teipe

Freshmen: Blake Morrison, TJ Meyer, CJ Holt, Sophie Anderson, Tyler Kennedy, Ben Walton, Luke Hyden, Gavin Roberts

With a return to semi-normalcy, our first competition of the season as usual will be the Bearcat Brawl this Saturday at Walton-Verona HS. The dual meet competition will include Bardstown, Boone County, Boyle County, Cooper, Dixie Heights, Fairdale, Henry Clay, Highlands, Indian Hill (OH), Lafayette, and Princeton (OH).

The following Bearcat wrestlers are ranked in the top 25 of their weight class as the team is ranked #9 in the state as we head into the opening week of the official season:

9th @ 120 lbs: Freshman TJ Meyer (went 21-2 at the varsity level last season and finished 5th in the state)

12th @ 126 lbs: Sophomore TJ Sulfsted (19-5 last season finishing 4th at semi-state)

2nd @ 132 lbs: Senior Isaac Thornton ('21 State champ, '20 State runner-up, '19 State runner-up)

10th @ 138 lbs: Junior Hunter Isaacs (missed the post season last year due to a late injury)

4th @ 144 lbs: Junior Mason Schweitzer (22-5 last season finishing 3rd at semi-state)

15th @ 165 lbs: Freshman Ben Walton (12-4 last season placing 5th at region)

16th @ 160 lbs: Freshman Luke Hyden (14-4 last season placing 5th at region, '20 State qualifier)

17th @ 285 lbs: Senior Zach Watson (12-6 last season placing 4th at region)

Stay tuned for information on home meets and updates on rankings, schedules, and results! Follow us on social media:

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