



WALTON-VERONA BEARCATS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

A Tradition of Excellence

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The Bearcats stayed close to home last weekend competing at the Ryle Raider Rumble. This tournament is annually one of the toughest events in the entire state. This year was no exception with 6 top 10 ranked Kentucky teams, a number of tough Cincinnati teams, and one of Indiana's top teams from last season. Although we were a bit short-handed (missing 3 of our 5 upper classmen from the lineup), there were a number of outstanding individual performances.

TJ Meyer – 120 lb champion beating #5 ranked Trumble (Ryle) in the semifinals before taking out #3 Jenkins (Union Co) in the finals

Mason Schweitzer – 144 lb runner-up knocked off #2 Smith (Ryle) in the semifinals, unfortunately suffering an injury in the process and had to injury default the championship match

Luke Hyden – 190 lb 3rd place

Ben Teipe – 215 lb 7th place beating #16 Peltier (Madison Central)

This week the Bearcats continue the major tournament portion of our season as we cross the river to compete in the Southwest Ohio Wrestling Coaches Association Coaches Classic. The SWOWCA tournament features 43 tough teams from across southwest Ohio and northern Ky and will be contested Saturday and Sunday. This event (along with the GMVWA Holiday Tournament) is a great opportunity for our team to be tested against some of the best wrestlers in the greater Cincinnati and Dayton area and always plays a big part in preparing our kids to make a run at a state championship in February.

These 10 Bearcats are ranked in the top 20 of their weight class as the team is ranked #5 in the state (record):

19th @ 113 lbs: Freshman CJ Holt (3-5)

2nd @ 120 lbs: Freshman TJ Meyer (8-0)

16th @ 126 lbs: Sophomore TJ Sulfsted (4-0)

2nd @ 132 lbs: Senior Isaac Thornton (4-0)

11th @ 150 lbs: Junior Hunter Isaacs (did not compete)

2nd @ 144 lbs: Junior Mason Schweitzer (8-1)

16th @ 165 lbs: Freshman Ben Walton (4-2)

10th @ 190 lbs: Freshman Luke Hyden (8-1)

15th @ 215 lbs: Sophomore Ben Teipe (6-2)

20th @ 285 lbs: Senior Zach Watson (4-0)

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

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