

# WARRIOR WRESTLING

Welcome to the Wahoo Wrestling Newsletter — the place where our entire wrestling family comes together! This newsletter connects everything happening across our K–12 programs, celebrating the hard work, heart, and grit of every athlete in our community. From our youngest wrestlers just stepping on the mat to our seasoned competitors battling under the lights, we're here to highlight the big wins, the breakthrough moments, and the growing pride in our program. Get ready for updates, spotlights, and stories that showcase the power of a united Wahoo wrestling family. Let's keep building something special — together!

## HIGH SCHOOL BOYS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY FEB 14<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICTS @ HOME 9:00 AM

## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY FEB 17<sup>TH</sup>/18<sup>TH</sup> CLASS B STATE @ CHI CENTER

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

TUESDAY FEB 10<sup>TH</sup> TRIANGULAR W/ PLATTSMOUTH @ PLATTEVIEW 4:30 PM

## CLUB UPCOMING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY FEB 15<sup>TH</sup> TEAM AGOGE @ L. EAST

## WARRIORS SWEEP NEUMANN IN PROGRAM-WIDE DUALS

The Wahoo Warriors put together a perfect night on the mat, sweeping Neumann 3–0 across the club, middle school, and high school levels in a strong display of program depth and consistency.

The club team set the tone early with a dominant 55–17 victory, controlling the dual from start to finish and showcasing aggressive wrestling and solid fundamentals throughout the lineup.

The middle school boys followed with a hard-fought 54–45 win, battling through a competitive dual and coming through in key matches to secure the team victory.

Capping the night, the high school varsity wrestlers earned a gritty 42–37 win, showing composure in close bouts and finishing strong to complete the sweep.

Overall, it was a great night for Warrior Wrestling and a clear example of the strength and continuity across all levels of the program.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS**

# **MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS EARN DUAL WIN OVER NEUMANN**

The Wahoo Middle School boys wrestling team picked up a strong dual victory over Neumann on Tuesday, winning 54–45 with an overall match record of 11–8.

“The boys wrestled very well throughout the dual,” said head coach Bernie Nicola. “Our goal was to take chances, and I believe they did a great job being aggressive and trusting themselves.”

That aggressiveness showed up in the stats, as the Warriors tallied 34 takedowns, 5 pins, and 2 tech falls, along with 3 nearfalls, 3 reversals, and 2 escapes. Each wrestler competed with high effort, learning and adjusting as the dual progressed.

“Every wrestler gave their best effort and learned from their mistakes,” Nicola added. “This week we’ll start tuning things up and addressing the little details as we prepare for our triangular next Tuesday.”

The performance marked another positive step forward for the middle school program as the Warriors continue to build confidence and momentum.

## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

# WAHOO GIRLS SHOW GROWTH AT DISTRICTS, SHARPE AND BEAVERS QUALIFY FOR STATE

The Wahoo girls wrestling team wrapped up its season at the NSAA Class B District 3 Tournament, finishing 14th with 49 team points while continuing to show the growth that defined their year.

"First off, I want to congratulate the whole team on a great season," said head coach Ed Raney. "This group was very inexperienced at the beginning of the season, but they worked hard, soaked up everything the coaches had to say, and really came together to get some big wins in the last few weeks. The future is really bright for this group."

Leading the way for the Warriors were Kinzley Beavers and Livia Sharpe, who both placed third to qualify for the state tournament in Omaha.

Beavers delivered an impressive performance in a loaded bracket, battling her way to third place in a field that featured four of the top nine ranked wrestlers in the state. "Kinzley is peaking at the right time," Raney said. "She put together a great tournament."

Sharpe showed resilience after an early setback, responding with four consecutive wins to secure her second straight trip to state. "After getting caught in the quarterfinals, she showed why she's the team captain," Raney added. "She shook off the loss and wrestled back to qualify."

Raney also recognized seniors Rachel Stevens and Lexi Jonas for their leadership throughout the season. Stevens was described as the "ultimate team player," competing wherever the lineup needed her despite often giving up size.

Several Warriors battled hard in the tournament, with Brianna Marshall, Taylor Christian, Lillian Schneider, Adyson Kadlec, and Rylynn Walsh each earning wins in the consolation rounds, reflecting the team's determination and continued improvement.

"Liv and Kinzley have really set the pace for the team all year," Raney said. "I think their district performances set them up to be really dangerous in Omaha."

With a young roster gaining valuable experience and momentum built late in the season, the Warriors look poised for continued success as the program moves forward.

## **HIGH SCHOOL BOYS**

# **WARRIORS SECURE DUAL VICTORY OVER NEUMANN, PLACE FIFTH AT ADAMS CENTRAL INVITATIONAL**

The Wahoo High School boys wrestling team delivered a strong week of competition, defeating Bishop Neumann 42–37 in a Tuesday night dual before earning a 5th-place team finish at the competitive Adams Central Invitational on Friday.

The Warriors picked up key dual wins from Grayson Styskal, Gavin Sutton, Tiger Bartek, Grady Meyer, Jayse Styskal, Parker Lienemann, and Daniel Oehm, while Jayse Styskal secured a quick fall to help seal the team victory.

At Adams Central, Wahoo continued to build momentum with several podium finishes. Grady Meyer led the way with a 1st-place finish at 175, while Gavin Sutton and Parker Lienemann each placed 2nd. Tiger Bartek battled back for 3rd, and both Zane Wesely and Braydon Fittro added 4th-place finishes. The Warriors totaled 120.5 points to place fifth in a deep tournament field.

“The boys are really putting it together towards the end of the season,” said Head Coach Tyler Hodges. “Really strong performances from sophomores Tiger Bartek and Parker Lienemann. They both walked away some really good wins during the tournament.”

Wahoo also saw solid contributions from the junior varsity lineup, highlighted by a 1st-place finish from Colton Nutzman, along with strong efforts from Jonathan Cook (2nd), Tyree Goynes (3rd), and Abel Olson (4th).

“We have one more week to fine tune and get everyone as healthy as we can for districts,” Hodges added.

With the postseason approaching, the Warriors appear to be peaking at the right time and continuing to gain confidence on the mat.

# CLUB WRESTLING

## WRESTLING CLUB SHINES AT WAYNE TOURNAMENT

The Wahoo Wrestling Club had an outstanding showing at the Wayne Club Tournament, with wrestlers across multiple age groups bringing home medals and racking up team points through aggressive, confident wrestling.

In the boys PreK-K division, Kruz Kunz led the way with a dominant first-place finish at 51–53 lbs. Kunz scored 20 team points and won all three matches by fall, showcasing strong offense and control. At 1st–2nd grade, Jaxon Thomalla captured first place at 51–53 lbs with a mix of tech falls and quick pins, while Drake Walling added a second-place finish at 52–54 lbs after two impressive wins.

Strong performances continued through the younger age groups as Maverick Wynn (64–67 lbs) and Easton Vermeline (80–86 lbs) both earned first-place finishes, each scoring big team points with multiple falls. Sawyer Menousek added a runner-up finish at 90–99 lbs.

In the 3rd–4th grade division, Wahoo wrestlers continued to compete hard. Beau Blackburn won his bracket at 52–56 lbs, while Wyatt Andresen and Quintin Maly each earned first-place finishes in their respective weight classes. Additional podium finishes came from Thad Watts, Roman Simonsen, Austin Sutton, and Warren Doyle, all contributing valuable team points.

Older age groups also saw success, with Everett Beaver earning first place at 122–128 lbs and Scotty Nice finishing second at 124–138 lbs. Emerson Stuchlik rounded out the boys' results with a hard-fought fourth-place finish.

The girls competed with the same toughness and determination. Skyla Graves was dominant in the PreK-K division, winning all three matches by fall to take first place. Peyton Cox battled back to earn a third-place finish, while Paisley Moore gained valuable experience competing against tough opponents.

Overall, it was a great weekend for the Wahoo Wrestling Club, highlighted by strong effort, aggressive wrestling, and continued growth across all age levels. The future continues to look bright for the Warriors as they gain experience and confidence on the mat.

