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# 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

MONDAY DEC 22<sup>ND</sup> JV INVITE 10:00 AM @ LINCOLN EAST

TUESDAY DEC 23<sup>RD</sup> JV/V DUAL 11:00 AM @ SEWARD

## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS UPCOMING SCHEDULE

TUESDAY DEC 23<sup>RD</sup> JV/V DUAL 10:00 AM @ SEWARD

## CLUB UPCOMING SCHEDULE

TUESDAY DEC 23<sup>RD</sup> DUAL 9:00 AM @ SEWARD

## ***GENERATIONS ON THE MAT: WAHOO WRESTLING ALUMNI REUNITE***

The 1st Annual Wahoo Wrestling Alumni & Fan Social was a huge success on Saturday, December 20th, bringing together nearly 60 former wrestlers, coaches, and supporters for an evening of connection and celebration at Hilltop Country Club. The event showcased the deep roots and lasting impact of the Wahoo wrestling program, with alumni in attendance representing every decade from the 1970s through the 2020s.

Stories were shared, memories relived, and plenty of laughs filled the room as generations of Warriors reconnected. The night was made even more special with the presence of longtime coach Doug Watts, whose influence and legacy were felt throughout the evening. The strong turnout and wide range of alumni highlighted what makes Wahoo Wrestling special — a program built on tradition, relationships, and pride that lasts far beyond the mat.



## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

# GIRLS WRESTLING BATTLES AT HOME INVITE

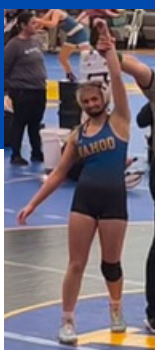
The Wahoo girls wrestling team competed Friday, December 19, at their home invitational, gaining valuable mat time and showing continued growth across the lineup. While the team finished 11th overall in a deep, competitive field, several wrestlers delivered strong performances and quality wins throughout the day.

“Our team wrestled really well,” coach Ed Raney noted. “Our more experienced girls really put it together, with Kinzley, Emma, Liv, and Brianna all placing in the top five, and a number of other girls picking up quality wins.” Brianna Marshall earned a 5th-place finish at 100 lbs, Kinzley Beavers placed 3rd and Emma Jones took 4th at 140 lbs, while Livia Sharpe added another 5th-place finish at 155 lbs.

Freshmen Kinzley Beavers and Emma Jones continue to impress early in the season, combining for a 16–5 record to start the year—one of those losses coming against each other. “They’ve really hit the ground running,” Ed Raney shared. “We’re excited to see what they can do once they settle into their weights after the break.”

The growth of the program was also evident from newer wrestlers. Holly Buckmaster picked up multiple wins and narrowly missed a top-six finish, while first-year wrestlers Adyson Kadlec and Norah Herrera both earned quality victories, showing clear progress each time they step on the mat.

Overall, the invite showcased the depth, resilience, and upward momentum of the girls program as they continue building confidence and experience moving forward.



# HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

## HOME MAT GRIT: WARRIORS BATTLE TO 4TH AT WAHOO INVITE

The boys wrestling team turned in a strong, gritty performance at their home invitational on Saturday, December 20, finishing 4th overall in a deep and competitive field. Throughout the day, the Warriors consistently won tight matches and showed growth across the lineup, especially from younger wrestlers stepping into bigger roles.

Coach Hodges was pleased with the effort and toughness shown on the mat, saying, “The guys battled hard and won tons of close matches. We are seeing several young wrestlers step up and perform at a high level against tough upperclassmen.” That competitiveness paid off with multiple podium finishes, highlighted by Grady Meyer’s championship run at 175 lbs, where he went undefeated on the day and controlled every match.

Several wrestlers earned third-place finishes, including Grayson Styskal (126), Gavin Sutton (132), Zane Wesely (144), and Braydon Fittro (165), each stringing together impressive wins in the consolation rounds. The lineup depth and fight were evident from start to finish, with athletes finding ways to score bonus points and swing close team battles in Wahoo’s favor.

With momentum building, the focus now shifts to one final dual before the break. As Coach Hodges added, “I’m looking forward to one last dual with Seward before we head into break for some much-needed rest.” The showing at the home invite reinforced that this group is trending upward and laying a strong foundation for the rest of the season.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS

# STRONG FINISH ON THE HOME MAT

The Wahoo Middle School girls wrapped up their home invite with a strong, competitive showing, continuing to build momentum as the season winds down. Across the brackets, the girls battled hard, showed growth on the mat, and picked up valuable match experience against tough competition. Several wrestlers stepped up with podium finishes, highlighted by Kate Leinemann and Avery Williams, who each earned first-place finishes, while London Vasa, Breean Foster, and Mckinnley Pflanz added runner-up performances.

Beyond the medals, the biggest takeaway was continued improvement and confidence. Many wrestlers pushed through challenging matches, gained mat time, and showed resilience—key indicators of long-term growth. Coach Nicola praised the group's effort, saying the girls “wrestled well at their last meet of the year” and noted that several athletes will continue their season next week at the Wahoo Club Tournament and the dual at Seward. With progress evident across the lineup, the future of the middle school girls program remains bright.



## CLUB WRESTLING

# FUTURE WARRIORS TAKE CENTER STAGE AT HISTORIC HOME YOUTH TOURNAMENT

The Wahoo Wrestling Club proudly hosted the largest youth tournament ever held in Wahoo, welcoming over 500 wrestlers from grades K–8, boys and girls alike, for a full day of competition, learning, and excitement. The mats were packed with energy as young athletes showcased toughness, effort, and enthusiasm—clear signs that the future of Wahoo wrestling is strong.

Beyond the action, the event was a major success thanks to the incredible support from coaches, parents, volunteers, officials, and table workers who kept everything running smoothly from start to finish. Hosting an event of this size takes tremendous coordination, and the wrestling community stepped up in a big way.

The day also included some fun holiday flair, highlighted by Santa Claus pinning the Grinch, much to the delight of wrestlers and fans alike—adding a memorable and lighthearted moment to an already exciting tournament.

Most importantly, the tournament provided invaluable mat time, confidence-building experiences, and the chance for young wrestlers to compete in front of a home crowd. It was a true celebration of youth wrestling and a powerful reminder that the foundation of the program continues to grow and thrive.

