

# VHS WRESTLING

## Upcoming Events

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### December

12/1-2	V	Weeki Wachee Duals
12/4	JV	Tiger Matchup
12/8	JV	Captain Archer
12/8-9	V	Palm Beach Christmas Classic
12/15-16	V	Gorman Duals
12/20-22	V	Knockout Christmas Classic

### January

1/4	V	District Duals
1/9	JV/V	Lakewood Ranch
1/11	V	Regional Duals
1/13	V	King & Queen of the Island
1/16	JV	Braden River Match Up
1/19	JV/V	Port Charlotte
1/20	JV	Triton JV Memorial



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## Starting off the New Season

The 2023 school year has started off with a bang! The Indians have entered the wrestling room to find it freshly cleaned with new updates! Thanks to some helpful hands, the wrestling room has been upgraded with a fresh coat of paint, refurbished lockers, and benches. The team will be able to start off the new season in a room that will help mentally and physically prepare them for the season and honor past Indian wrestlers.

## Summer Training

As the season is about to officially begin, it is worth talking about the hard work that was put in leading up to it. Over the summer, numerous Indians put in hours in the wrestling room to become wrestlers. Four wrestlers had the opportunity to compete in the SUPER 32 CHALLENGE in Greensboro, North Carolina this past October. This included Massimo Pellicano, Kase Hopper, and Milana Borrelli from our high school group, and Nicco Pellicano from our middle school group. These individuals put in a lot of hard work and were able to take home valuable lessons from this experience.

## Fundraising

This year we are raising money in order to help take the team to new levels. With these events we are trying to raise money for more team gear for each wrestler, new uniforms, bringing wrestling clinics to our home wrestling room, and a new wrestling mat. We want to provide the best opportunities for these wrestlers to become successful and achieve their goals. This year's team goal is to raise \$10,000.

We are currently selling advertisements that will be placed in our team program which will be available at each home event. We are looking to show as much support to our community in these programs and have all sales in by December 28th so they will be ready for the new season. These programs are great for our community members, families, and friends to get to know the athletes they are supporting. Please stop by one of our home events for the opportunity to get this year's team program! If you are interested in donating to the team, checks can be written out to "Venice Takedown Club" and given to Coach Cook.

## Upcoming Events

### January

1/20	V	State Duals
1/23	JV/V	Parrish
1/25	JV/V	Booker - ALUMNI NIGHT
1/26-27	V	Moskowitz IBT
1/29	JV	Indian Match Up
1/31	JV/V	Palmetto - SENIOR NIGHT

### February

2/2-3	V	Braves Invitational
2/5	G	Girl's Districts
2/10	JV	Cypress Lake
2/16	V	Districts
2/23-24	V	Regionals
2/29-3/2	V	States



### Social Media

Venice Indians  
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[www.venicetakedownclub.org](http://www.venicetakedownclub.org)



## Meet Your Tribe: Kase Hopper

### Where were you born?

Cartersville, Georgia

### When did you move to the area?

Summer of 2022

### What is your favorite food?

My mom's chocolate cake

### What is your favorite movie?

A Few Good Men

### What is your favorite subject in school?

Math, I enjoy problem solving

### What is your favorite thing to do outside of being on the mat?

Hanging out with my brother and sister or playing other sports



### What is a possible career path for you?

Anything involved with engineering or mechanics, possibly a firefighter

### How long have you been wrestling?

Since I was 8, so about 6 years

### Why do you love wrestling?

I enjoy the competitiveness of the sport, being physical, roughing kids up, and even getting roughed up. I've always enjoyed it and it can be unexplainable sometimes

### What is your goal for this year?

To place at the Knockout Christmas Classic and to be a state champ

## Relentless Indian Club

We have a new club that is dedicated to our Indian wrestlers called the Relentless Indian Club (RIC). Members of this club are chosen based off of their unrelenting pursuit of greatness on and off the mat. Since its inception, 5 individuals have been selected to be a part of this club: Blaine Taranto, Kase Hopper, Masamilliano Pellicano, Dylan Vu, Colton Lehmann. We strive for each Indian to be in this club and do what it takes to achieve a champion mindset.

## Venice Warriors Youth Program

We have a youth program for those K-8 who are looking to become a better wrestler and even a future Indian. Practices are held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and their first tournament is in December. There are currently 20+ wrestlers and we are always looking for more to join! If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to Coach Cook! (941.600.8277)