

Warriors put it two past century mark in Friday night football

By Lenny Sementi

Both senior running back Grant Hardwick and junior quarterback Payton Armstrong eclipsed the century mark on the ground but it was not enough as the Warriors fell to the state's second ranked Bulldogs from Decatur St. Teresa 42-10. It was a tight contest for most of the evening until the home team busted it open with a few big plays late in the game.

Coach Andy Romine's offense ate up the clock, running 69 plays while owning the time of possession by a little over a quarter. Armstrong totaled 114 yards on the ground on 30 carries and completed seven of 18 through the air for 38 yards and a score. Hardwick toted the rock for 106 yards on 18 carries with five of ten yards or more including a 31-yard jaunt early in the third quarter.

Tuscola posted the first points on the board against the Bulldogs all season long finishing off a 14-play five and a half minute drive with a 13-yard touchdown pass from Armstrong to junior TE Patrick Pierce. St.



Photo: Lenny Sementi

Coach Romine and senior football captain Hans Goodmann take the field before Tuscola's football game against St. Teresa.

T answered on their second drive with a 26-yard TD run by Denim Cook. They added another on a 26-yard run by QB Cord Miller with six minutes left on the clock in the first half.

The Warriors took the ensuing kick and looked to knot it at 14's putting together a ten-play drive to the Bulldog 31-yard line. That's where it would end for the black and gold and gold gave up a 69-yard

pick six pushing it to 21-7 St. T entering the break. The CIC heavyweights traded possessions before the Bulldogs busted it open with a pair of big plays ending any hope of a Tuscola comeback. Aiden

Beachy rounded out Tuscola's scoring on the evening with a 38-yard field goal through the middle of the uprights thanks to a great snap by Chris Boyd and placement by James Boyd.

The line backing crew comprised of Tyler Walker, Hardwick and Pierce led the charge on the defensive side of the ball. Pierce ended his night with a team best six tackles posting three solos and three assists. Seniors Walker and Hardwick weren't far behind delivering four stops each while defensive lineman Haven Hatfield and C. Boyd each checked in with three tackles each.

"We are just short of being really good," stated Romine. "Our first drive was great, but it seemed like we would have ten guys execute a play and the one that didn't limits our ability to do things. We just can't afford negative plays and penalties; they are drive killers when you have a small margin for error. Our effort is outstanding, we just need to eliminate the mistakes."

Tuscola	7	0	0	3	- 10
St. Teresa	7	14	7	13	- 41
T-Patrick Pierce 13 yd. pass from Peyton Armstrong (Aiden Beachy kick)					
ST-Cook 26 yd run (kick good)					
ST-Miller 24 yd run (kick good)					
ST-Miller 69 yd. interception return (kick good)					
ST-Woods 3 yd run (kick good)					
T-Beachy 38 yd Field Goal					
ST-Lewis 71 yd. run (kick failed)					
	ST			T	
First Downs	12			16	
Penalties	4-30			2-15	
Fumble-Lost	0-0			2-0	
Had Intercepted	0			1	
Rushing	25-266			51-223	
Ave. per carry	10.6			4.4	
Passing	4-11-0=61			7-18-1=38	
Total Yards	327			261	
Time Possession	12:56			35:04	
Tuscola Individual Rushing					
	No.-Yds.-Ave.				
Payton Armstrong	30-114 - 3.8				
Grant Hardwick	18-106 - 5.9				
Caden Baer	1-6 - 6.0				
Robert Fancher	1-1 - -1.0				
Nathan Koester	1-2 - -2.0				
	51-223 - 4.4				
Tuscola Individual Passing					
	Comp.-Att.-Int.-Yds.				
Payton Armstrong	7-18-1 - 38				
Tuscola Individual Receiving					
	No.-Yds.-Ave.				
Hunter Branca	2-15 -7.5				
Patrick Pierce	1-13 - 13.0				
Nathan Koester	1-6 - 6.0				
Caden Baer	1-4 - 4.0				
Eric Badgett	1-2 - 2.0				
Grant Hardwick	1-2 - -2.0				
	7-38 - 5.4				
Tuscola Tackles					
	S-A		Total		
Patrick Pierce	3-3		6		
Grant Hardwick	3-1		4		
Chris Boyd	3-1		4		
Tyler Walker	3-1		4		
Haven Hatfield	3-0		3		
James Boyd	2-1		3		
Hunter Branca	2-0		2		
Hans Goodman	0-2		2		
Audie Patel	1-0		1		
Aiden Beachy	1-0		1		
Nathan Koester	1-0		1		
Alex Brooks	0-1		1		

Senior duo of Martin and Dean provides punch in TCHS volleyball game

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Seniors Jessie Martin and Kate Dean have been playing volleyball together for a long time and that experience on the floor is paying dividends this year. Martin runs the offense from her setter position and one of her favorite targets at the net is Dean. Martin found Dean for 17 kills this past week while racking up 40 assists in the three match week. They opened Easter week on Monday March 29 with a road win over Arcola, then dropped a pair the next two nights falling to a very good Altamont squad on Tuesday and Central Illinois Conference favorite St Teresa on Wednesday.

Martin served up nine assists in a two game sweep of the Purple Riders from Arcola in the volleyball version of the Cola

Wars. Junior Kerri Pierce chipped in nine assists as well while Dean fueled an eight-point run in the first set and a six-point run in the second tallying nine kills when the dust settled on the 25-10, 26-24 victory over their visitors from the south moving to 4-3 on the year overall. Junior Amelia Bosch had three kills in the first skirmish and one in the second while senior Marissa Russo added three kills of her own to her season stat sheet.

Bosch did more damage at the service line posting 14 service points, including a match, season and career best nine aces as four players in the black gold fired up at least one, one-timer. Martin and Carlie Seip each had two aces and Pierce one. Hope Dietrich was tops in the backcourt finding her way



Photo: Lenny Sementi

The Lady Warriors volleyball team celebrates a kill point during their game last week.

to a match best six digs. Kendyl Ring and Reagan Wyrich weren't far behind ending the night with four saves each.

One night later Altamont invaded Tuscola High School and left with the non-conference win, downing coach Lydia Miller's team 19-25, 21-25. Both sets were back and forth affairs until Altamont posted late runs to secure the win. Dean and Martin connected ten times for kills in the contest as Martin delivered a match high 18 assists. Bosch was next up in the kill department with three, while Ring and senior classmate Laney Cummings each accounted for a pair. Ring was strong on the defensive side of the net putting nine digs into the scorebook. Dietrich, Tuscola's libero and Wyrich also put nine digs

in the book on the night.

Tuscola got back on the bus the next evening and once more traded points throughout the first two games but once more could not get past late runs by the Lady Bulldogs falling in two games 20-25, 19-25 moving to 4-5 overall and 1-2 in the CIC. Ring shined on defense with 15 saves and turned in a well-rounded performance overall donating three kills, one ace and eight service points to the cause. Dietrich covered the floor as well, finding her way to four digs while Martin and Pierce each notched three. Martin also fed the front row to the tune of 13 assists, sending seven sets Dean's way ending in kills and three sets to the other side that Bosch pounded home for points.

EP Middle School hosts first meet in two years; shatters school records

By Kendra Hennis

Seventh Grade

East Prairie Middle School held the first track meet the school has seen in two years on March 27. The seventh grade team came in first place at the meet with 71 points, followed by Judah Christian and Villa Grove with 22, and St. Joseph with 18.

Chloe Bowen led the 100-meter dash with a .14.98 time, Phoebe Wilkins followed in .15.42 and Chloe Fowler with .15.71. Reese Davis led the pack of 400-meter race runners with a 01:21.60, followed by Phoebe Wilkins in third with a 01:27.91 and Chloe Bowden

in fifth with a 01:27.91. Kate Foltz took home the gold in the 800-meter run with a time of 02:52.37 followed by Lily Kurtz in second with 03:22.08. Kate Foltz completed the 1600-meter run in first place with a time of 06:05.93. In the 4x100, Jazmine West crushed the competition with a 01:06.43. Phoebe Wilkins won the 4x200 race in a time of 02:16.22.

On the field side, Bella Taylor took the gold in discus with a 56 foot 11 inch throw followed by Lidia Manzella with a 45 foot five inch throw. Jazmine West took second in long jump with a ten foot five inch jump. In high jump, Chloe Fowler took first with

a three foot 6 inch jump.

Eighth Grade

There was just as much success on the eighth grade side, with the Tuscola girls also taking home the gold. Tuscola won the meet with 94 points, Villa Grove took second with 27, and St. Joseph finished with 20.

Lia Patterson broke numerous school records at the meet on March 27, beginning with a first place win in the 100-meter dash with a time of 00:12.96. Kenna Clodfelder took second in 00:14.06, Ava Boyer took third in 00:14.50, and Carly Ochs in fourth in 00:14.98. Additionally, Lia Patterson broke the school record in the 200-meter dash with a time of 00:26.82.

Kenna Clodfelder followed in second with a 00:30.35, Ava Boyer came in fourth in 00:31.84, Carly Ochs in fifth in 00:32:66 and Belle Notaro in sixth in 00:33.31. Rylie Vanausdoll claimed victory in the 800-meter dash with a time of 02:56.09, followed by Adreina Simmons in second in 02:58.12. Rylie Vanausoll additionally took second in the 1600-meter run with a 06:04.21. Lia Patterson broke a third school record during 100-hurdle dash with a 00:15.80 time. Ayla Deleva also competed in the race and received third place with a time of 00:23.29. Olivia Wallace took gold in the 4x100 with a 01:05.53 as well as Belle Notaro in the

4x100 with a 02:06.48.

Over in field, Rylie Vanausdoll won first with a four foot six inch jump in long jump. Lia Patterson claimed first place in high jump with a 14 foot 5.50 inch jump. Ava Boyer additionally took fifth in the event with an 11 foot eight inch jump and Belle Notaro followed in sixth with an 11 foot .50 inch jump. Olivia Wallace took third in discus with 53 foot 5 inch throw, Taylor Gordon trailed in fifth with a 46 inch 4 inch throw, and Ayla Deleva followed in seventh with a 40 foot two inch throw. In shot put, Ayla Deleva claimed third with a 22 inch seven inch throw, Taylor Gordon followed in fourth with a 22 foot three

inch throw and Olivia Wallace took fifth with a 19 foot eight inch throw.

Girls track coach Beth Pugh said, " It was a great day for a track meet. It was the first track meet in two years. Every track participant gave great effort. East Prairie track coaches want to thank all the volunteers that made the meet such a success."

"Congratulations to Lia Patterson for setting three new school records in the 100-meter-dash in 12.96, 100-meter hurdles in 15.80 and the 200-meter dash 26.82.I think these girls will set many personal records throughout the year. They are really hard workers and such a fun group to work with."

Hornets go 3-0 in conference with double wins

By Kendra Hennis

Seventh Grade

The Lady Hornets were off to a strong start in the conference with a 24-15 win over LSA on March 26. Amaryiah Banda led the Hornets with 12 points and Chloe Fowler and Lilly Kurtz each added six points.

Eighth Grade

The eighth grade Lady Hornets also claimed victory on April 26, defeating Tri-County 35-10. Ava Boyer led the ladies with thirteen points, Lia Patterson contributed six, Emily

Veach and Taylor Gordon each added four, and Ava Boyer, Rylie Vanausdoll, Carly Ochs, and Olivia Wallace each had two points.

On the game, Coach Pugh said, "Both seventh and eighth grade are 2-0 in the conference. Both teams played well, but did not play as aggressive as they did in the first game. Most of the girls are playing basketball and are participating in track and field. This makes it hard to work on aspects of the game in practice, but the girls are really doing a great

job of working hard at both sports."

Seventh Grade

The seventh grade Lady Hornets claimed another victory on March 30, winning 21-16 over Tri-County. Amaryiah Fowler and Chloe Fowler led the ladies with six points each, Reese Davis and Lilly Kurtz each contributed four, and Phoebe Wilkins added one point.

Eighth Grade

The eighth grade girls saw equal success on March 30 with a 42-15 win. Taylor Gordon led the Hornets

with ten points, Ava Boyer followed with nine, and Lia Patterson added six points. Olivia also Wallace contributed four points, Adrina Simmons had three points, and Rylie Vanausdoll, Isabelle Sturts, Anjalei McColium, Carly Ochs, and Emily Veach each added a basket.

Coach Pugh said, "Both seventh and eighth grade teams are 3-0. The seventh grade had a tough game against a good Tri-County team. They played tough and came out with the win."

A black and white photograph showing a group of elderly residents sitting in a common area. Some are in wheelchairs, and others are in chairs. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. There are tables and chairs around them.

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