



Photo: Tracy Hornaday

The Tuscola High School freshman football team takes the field against Leroy on September 8.

Tough stretch for Tuscola Community High School Warrior football

Tuscola's football team opened the season with back to back road games against state ranked opponents and then hosted one of the best 1A teams out of Indiana Parke-Heritage this past Friday. For the second week in a row coach Andy Romine's black and gold had victory stolen away falling to the visiting Wolves in the waning seconds dropping to 1-2 on the year.

Tuscola fell behind 19-0 at Cumberland a week ago, rallied to take the lead late in the fourth only to watch the Pirates steal the win on their final drive. This past Friday it was déjà vue as the Wolves tied it up late in the final stanza and then sealed the deal scoring with two sec-

onds left to collect the win.

Warrior coach Andy Romine was informed Tuesday morning that Sullivan was cancelling their varsity schedule due to low numbers and he and athletic director Ryan Hornaday went to work. "I told the guys we could take the forfeit but that's not us, Parke Heritage is a very good team and it's the right game for us. You guys deserve to play and we are going to play. This game will pay dividends later in the season. They had some great skill players and were very good on the perimeter on both sides of the ball. It was a great high school football game."

Romine called on his offensive line and senior quar-

terback Peyton Armstrong to shorten the game with a power ground game. Armstrong ended the night with 232 yards and three touchdowns on 37 carries following the lead blocks of fellow seniors and backfield mates Patrick Pierce and Caden Baer. Pierce did some damage at the line of scrimmage as well averaging just over five yards a carry gaining 21 yards on five carries. Hunter Branca found his way to 22 yards on three tries while Jordan Quinn ripped off a 17-yard jaunt midway through the second half.

Armstrong connected on five of ten passes for 46 yards and a touchdown finding Quinn on a tight-end go route into the east end zone.

The sophomore hauled in two passes for 33 yards while Baer, Pierce and Eric Badgett all grabbed one out of the air.

Pierce made a big play out of the gate stripping a ball on the opening kickoff and five plays later the Warriors got on the board with a five-yard run up the middle by Armstrong. Keller Beachy followed with the point after making it 7-0 good guys. The freshman kicker was good on all four attempts in the game. Parke Heritage fired back with a pair of big touchdown passes in a short span owning a 14-7 lead after one quarter of action.

Tyson Macauley picked up a fumble after a big hit by Pierce midway through the

second setting up a five-yard Armstrong scoring scamper knotting it at 14's and that's where it stayed entering the break. After punts by both teams Tuscola retook the lead on a ten-yard TD run by Armstrong following a fumble recovery by Jordan Quinn making 21-14 Warriors with 1:32 left in the third. The Wolves answered on the ensuing drive on a 25-yard TD pass entering the final 12 minutes up on top by one following a successful two point conversion.

Tuscola once forced a turnover and after runs by Armstrong and Pierce the senior signal caller found Quinn on a 13-yard go route or the middle to put Romine's squad back in front 28-22.

But like a week ago two big plays down the stretch sealed the deal on a 36-28 Wolves victory dropping the Warriors to 1-2 on the year.

For the third straight week Pierce led the defense in tackles from his middle linebacker position securing eight stops, seven of which were solos. Defensive end Chris Boyd and outside linebacker Tyson Macauley were next up with seven tackles each. The weak side duo were part of all five of the Warrior sacks.

"I've never been prouder of our team," stated Romine. "Our guys went toe to toe with one of the best out of Indiana and never wavered. Their effort was off the charts."

Fiscus and Gough lead the way for the Tuscola Warrior golf teams

By Lenny Sementi

Makenna Fiscus and Brayden Gough led the charge this past Wednesday, September 8 for Tuscola's girls and boys golf teams respectively. Fiscus collected medalist honors for the girls in the three-team event that also included Blue Ridge.

She pared a pair of holes enroute to a 52. Next up was classmate Molly Macauley with a 55 then came Marley Good and Addyson Ring who tied with matching 57's to round out the scoring securing coach Nate Wollers squad the win beating Blue Ridge by 14-strokes.

Jocelyn Ford and Isabelle Struts rounded the nine hole course as alternates for the black and gold.

Gough was tops on the boys side carding a 48 helping the coach Angela Gough's team to a runner up outing to the host Panthers. Landon Banta was

next in line finishing in seventh overall. Jacob Waugh and Christopher Atwater were the final two scorers for the Warriors while Thomas Brown and Kade Wilcox toured the links as alternates.

Fiscus was tops again for the Warriors one night

later at Ironhorse Golf Club in a four team event that also involved Effingham St. Anthony, Villa Grove and Salt Fork. She was a few strokes better than the night before firing a 47 finishing in second overall helping the Warriors capture second place behind only state

ranked St. Anthony. Ford was next in line in the two spot for coach Woller, followed by Ford, Ring and Macauley. Banta took the lead for the boys with a 49 while Waugh, Atwater and Brown rounded out the scoring. Wilcox was the first alternate.

Pierce fuels the volleyball defense

By Lenny Sementi

Senior Kerri Pierce fueled the offense in Cola Wars road victory this past Monday the sixth. The Warriors setter delivered a match-high 19 assists in the 25-19, 25-17 two game sweep of the Riders. She also accounted for five service points, including an ace, three digs and a kill of her own.

Kate Dean led all with ten kills to her credit. Pierce found the outside hitter four times in the first set fueling a pair of five-point runs leading to the first victory. Dean pounded home six more of Pierce's sets in the second contest as well while Amelia Bosch banged out four of her six kills securing the non-conference victory. Dean was

strong on defense, blocking two balls and digging out another five. Bosch led all with three aces, and seven service points.

Maddie Stahler and Sydney Moss added to the kill total combining for five. Stahler also found her way to four saves. But it was libero Reagan Wyrich that stole the show in the back row diving her way to a match-high 15 digs. Anna Rauguth chipped in with five digs as coach Lydia Miller's squad covered the floor moving to 6-5 overall as they prepare for the looming Central Illinois Conference slate.

Pierce served it up again and Dean and Bosch fired away a few nights later in Monticello on Wednesday. The Warriors

traded points with the Lady Sages throughout the first set before the home team took a 1-0 advantage, escaping game one with an extra time 27-25 victory. Tuscola looked to force a third set early in the second but two six-point runs were too much to overcome as Monticello collected the match victory with a 25-15 win.

Pierce led all Lady Warriors with ten assists, finding Dean for six kills and Bosch and Moss for three each. Dean did it all, posting six service points, including one ace, five blocks, five digs and onw assist to the stat sheet. Addisyn Pettry, Anna Rauguth and Reagan Wyrich patrolled the backcourt combining for 14 digs.



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The 2021-22 Tuscola High School Varsity volleyball team. Pictured in back from left to right are Maddie Stahler, Sydney Moss, Amelia Bosch, Kate Dean, Addison Pettry, and Zoey Thomason. Pictured in front are Arianna Borea, Mia Hausmann, Reagan Wyrich, Kerri Pierce.



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