

Black & Gold



THE SAMY SEALS Mattoon YMCA Swim Team competed this past Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Danville Super Splash Swim Meet. They competed against five other swim teams. Pictured are swimmers from the Tuscola Torpedoes Swim Team who also swim for the Samy Seals and competed at the Danville Super Splash. From left to right are Grace Walker, Ainsley Renert, Olivia Witheft, Phoebe Witheft (in front), and Sami Walker. Submitted photo.



KAJA MCCALL DRIBBLES downcourt during a recent Biddy Basketball game in Tuscola. She plays in the 3rd and 4th grade girls division. Photo by Margie Carter.



RAJAN PATEL (15) CONTROLS the ball on Saturday afternoon. Even though the Warriors were battling injury, they won the opening round of the CIC Tournament convincingly. Identifiable Warriors watching the action are Jordan Sanchez (25) and Jackson Barrett (20). Photo by Daniel L. Chamness.



JORDAN SANCHEZ (25) DRIBBLES the ball on Saturday. The junior earned some varsity minutes as four players did not suit up on Saturday. Photo by Daniel L. Chanes.

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are asking guys to step up into spots they are not used to. They are doing so very nicely. We are doing very well defensively. We had a consistent effort defensively."

The Sullivan Redskins did not celebrate for long. The Warriors would hold the Redskins scoreless until the final minute of the second quarter. The result: the Warriors entered halftime with a 38-16 lead. Tuscola senior Preston Brown scored on a layup only 22 seconds into the second quarter.

The Warriors would then score their next six points on free throws as Haven Hatfield and Jalen Quinn made trips to the free throw line. Jalen Quinn would hit a layup at 4:20 and at 1:58, he could grab a rebound and a bucket. Sandwiched between the two buckets was three free throws by Jordan Quinn.

Much the same happened in the third quarter as Tuscola

scored the first 14 points of the quarter. The run, which ended with an old fashioned three by Jalen Quinn at 4:51 gave Tuscola a commanding 52-16 lead. Other than Jalen Quinn and Jordan Quinn, Hortin also contributed to the run.

Jalen Quinn led all scorers with 22 points. He was one of three Warriors in double figures. Jordan Quinn scored 12 points. Chris Boyd had 11 points. Jackson Barrett and Hortin each had eight points, while Brown and Colton Musgrave each had four points.

"We are hoping to win the title," said Boyd. "I think any-

thing short of that would be disappointing out of this tournament. We got a chance to see what we can be like next year. We will miss Jalen next year for sure, but I think tonight, we got a chance to see what we will be like in a year."

The tournament will continue on Tuesday night. Win or lose, the Warriors will play on Friday night. They will either play at 6 p.m. for third place or at 7:30 for the championship. Both games will be at Macon Meridian High School. The Warriors are 19-4 overall and 4-0 in the CIC.

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