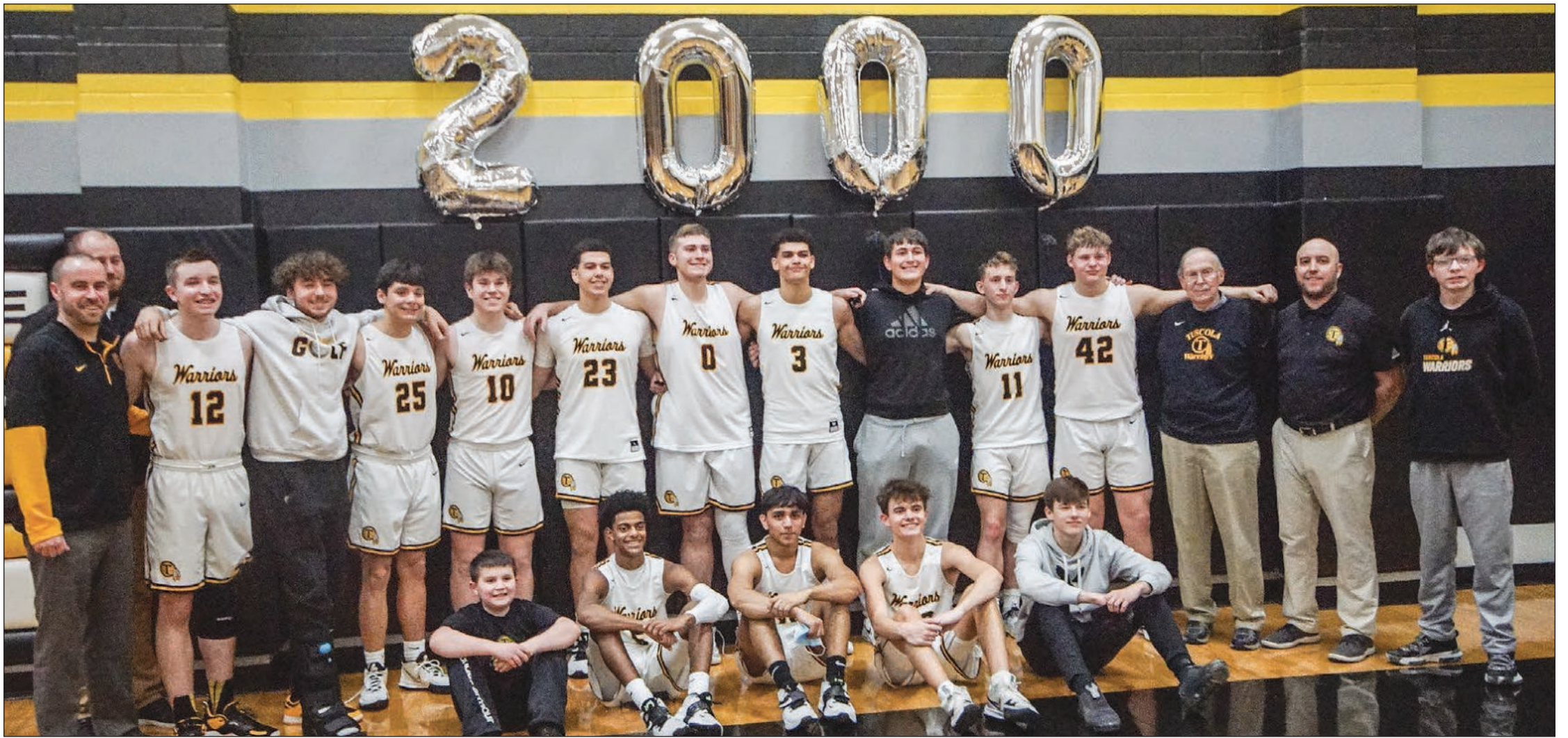


Black & Gold



FLANKED BY HIS TEAMMATES and coaches, Jalen Quinn (3) celebrates another career milestone. On Tuesday night against Arthur Christian, the senior reached 2,000 points and became the first Warrior to do so. The game was played at East Prairie across the street from the high school. The Lady Warriors were playing in the CIC Tournament the same night. Photo by Daniel L. Chamness.



JALEN QUINN (3) DRIBBLES around two Sullivan defenders on Saturday afternoon. Quinn would score 22 points in leading the Warriors to a 74-29 victory over the Redskins in the opening round of the tournament. Photo by Daniel L. Chamness.

Tuscola wins first game in CIC conference tourney

By Daniel L. Chamness

The Tuscola Warriors would like to end the week and be where the Lady Warriors are now: the Central Illinois Conference Tournament Champions.

The Warriors, who earned the top seed in the conference tournament, won the first round blasting Sullivan 74-29 in the opening game on Saturday afternoon.

While that in itself would be a reason to celebrate, the other reason to celebrate is the Warrior Greatest of All Time, Jalen Quinn, celebrated another career milestone on Tuesday night against Arthur Christian. Quinn reached 2,000 points in the win. At this point in his career, he has scored 400 more points than any other Warrior that pulled on the Black and

Gold.

Tuscola raced out to a 13-2 lead and not only did Jalen Quinn and Jordan Quinn supply the bread for the sandwich, they also supplied the meat in the sandwich. The elder Quinn brother, Jalen, scored less than 15 seconds into the game. With a pass from Josiah Hortin, Quinn nailed the first of many Tuscola buckets at the 7:46 mark of the first stanza.

"We came out and we were ready," said Jordan Quinn of the 45-point victory. "We have some injuries right now, but

the bench is really stepping up. The injured players are working hard to get back into the lineup."

Jordan Quinn then drained a three pointer from the left corner at 6:53. Next it was Jalen's turn as he leapt up and drove the basketball through the hoop with a slam. After Sullivan scored their first two points of the game, the Jordan Quinn grabbed a rebound and put it back at 4:07. Jalen Quinn followed suit at 3:24

Defensively, Hortin and Jalen Quinn were pressuring

Sullivan and the ball at 3/4 court. While Sullivan started slowly, they would be trailing by only five points, 19-14, at the end of the first eight minutes. The lead was only five due to a trey which was hit by Jayden Troxell with only one second to play in the quarter.

"Jalen and Josiah did a great job of ball hawking and keeping the ball in front," said Justin Bozarth, the Tuscola Warrior head coach. "It has been a challenging week. We

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