

Tuscola Warrior quarterback puts up big numbers

By Lenny Sementi

What a difference a week makes. Tuscola's football team gave up short fields a week ago in a loss to Shelbyville on a pair of special team plays and turned the ball over twice. This week Jordan Quinn and the boys in black and gold took advantage of a short field early, and forced three turnovers bouncing back from their CIC opening loss to the Rams with a big time win over a good Central A&M squad.

For your fantasy football fans Quinn put up Madden-like numbers. The senior quarterback was part of all six Warrior scores earning him Deep Dish Pizza Friday Night player of the week honors. The senior ran for two TD's, Threw for three more and returned an interception to the house for one more. He gained 111-yards on 12-carries, while throwing for 152-yards through the air.

The big QB connected with classmate Austin Cummings on a slant that culminated

with a 47-yard scored to put the Warriors up 7-0 less than 2-minutes gone. A&M answered on the next play from scrimmage knotting at 7's with an 82-yards scoring jaunt. Senior Brady Cain set up the next Warrior venture into the promised land. The emotional leader of the defense scooped up a loose ball punched out by Tuscola's Nate Thomason and returned 42-yards to the Raiders 9-yard line. Two plays later Quinn went in from 5-yards out to the Warriors in front 14-7. Quinn connected with Cummings late in the first frame on a 64-yard scoring strike to make 21-7 Tuscola at the first buzzer.

The QB was at it again only this time it was on the defensive side of the ball taking an A&M pass 32-yards down the north sideline at Memorial Field on homecoming pushing the lead to 28-7 Warriors. He scored in all four quarters finding the end zone on a 54-yard jaunt in the third before hitting Dylan Graves on a

4-yard touchdown pass off left end in the fourth.

Graves had two catches for 21-yards and gained 35-yards on 10-tries. Cummings hauled in a pair of Quinn passes for 101-yards and two scores. Jayden Conner had three grabs for coach Andy Romine for 24-yards while Zach Rennels pulled one Quinn pass out of the air.

"We played with a lot of passion," stated the coach. "The boys responded this week, and were physical from the start. Jordan did a little big of everything for us tonight and Brady was a force on defense."

Cain led all with 12-tackles securing 6-solos and 6-assists. A pair of sophomores Cam Jones and Draven Warner were next in line each donating 6-stops to the cause. Jones also added a sack to his season stat sheet, as did Quinn and JJ Reynolds. Both had 4-tackles in the game as did Calvin Cook who also came away with an interception.



THE WARRIOR'S DEFENSIVE LINE takes down the A&M Raider's ball carrier during the Sept. 22 homecoming game. Tuscola won 42-14. Photo by Dominik Stallings.

Tuscola boys cross country win Spartan Classic

By Dan Chamness

As the season progresses, the Tuscola Warrior boys' cross country team is leaving little to no doubt who the best team in IHSA Class 1A is.

Running at the St. Joseph-Ogden-hosted Spartan Classic, the Warriors reduced their point total to only 20 points, five away from a perfect score of 15 points.

St. Joseph-Ogden took second with 86 points. No other team was below 170 points.

Almost as amazing as their team finish was the fact that the best two runners in the race Tuscola seniors Jackson Barrett and Josiah Hortin. The senior pair, as has often happened during their careers, were side by side and pull on the Yellow and Black each time they competed. Barrett finished in 14 minutes, 12.45 seconds. Hortin was less than a second behind, crossing the finish line in 14:13.11. The course was designated as three miles.

The pair were followed less than a minute later by sophomore Blake McNeese (14:51.23) and senior Will Foltz (15:09.13). They were fourth and fifth respectively. Xander Neamtu was the fifth and final scorer for Tuscola. He was eighth in 15:27.35.

David Hornaday, who is a junior and a sprinter on the track team, and sophomore Boyd Brewer filled the sixth and seventh slots. Hornaday was 37th in 16:41.61, while Brewer finished in 17:11.14, which was good for 59th.

The girls started five minutes after the boys, starting with the gun at 9:05 a.m. In some cases, the girls were able to run down the boys.

Especially if your name is Kate Foltz or Isabella Keller. The Tuscola sophomore and Effingham St. Anthony freshman proved that unless something unexpected happens, they will be wearing medals representing all-state status on November 4. Foltz finished second in 16:10.95, while Keller, the lone female to break 16:00, finished in 15:58.75. The girls, like the boys, ran three miles. Seeger's Hadessah Austin took third in 16:26.99.

Everyone else trailed the terrific three females by over 40 seconds.

Foltz led the Lady Warriors, without one senior in the varsity lineup, to a 14th-place finish. Tuscola finished with 374 points. The

women's title was won by the defending IHSA Class 1A State Champions, the Tolono Unity Rockets. They finished with 39 points. Shelbyville took second with 79 points.

Tuscolan four freshmen, two sophomores and one junior. Bella Dueker (22:14.91) and Bailey Ritter (22:45.90) broke the top 100.



TUSCOLA VARSITY BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS, Jackson Barrett, Josiah Hortin, Will Foltz, Blake McNeese, Xander Neamtu, David Hornaday, and Boyd Brewer, take off during the Spartan Invitational Sept. 23. The team won the meet with first place overall. Photo by Tracy Hornaday.

Dueker was 74th, while Ritter finished 85th.

The Lady Warrior top five was rounded out by freshmen Celeste Rebollo and Hanna Carswell. Rebollo finished the race in 24:25.81, which was good for 113th, and Carswell was 124th in 25:07.47.

Annie Brazzell and Makayela Sexon were

127th and 130th respectively. They ran respective times of 25:22.92 and 25:43.69.

A total of 167 runners ran in the boys' race and 23 teams posted a team score on the boys' level. On the female level, 22 teams posted a score. There were 146 girls in the Spartan Classic.

Football stats

Central A&M	7	0	0	7	-	14
Tuscola	21	7	7	7	-	42

T-Austin Cummings 47 yd. pass from Jordan Quinn (Keller Beachy kick)

A&M-Evan Piersall 82 yd. run (kick good)

T-Quinn 5 yd. run (Beachy kick)

T-Cummings 47 yd. pass from Quinn (Beachy kick)

T-Quinn 32 yd. interception return (Beachy kick)

T-Quinn 54 yd. run (Beachy kick)

T-Dylan Graves 4 yd. pass from Quinn (Beachy kick)

A&M-Piersall 2 yd. run (kick good)

	A&M	T
First Downs	9	12
Penalties	9-59	5-30
Fumble-Lost	3-1	4-2
Had Intercepted	2	1
Rushing	37-207	23-158
Ave. per carry	5.6	6.9
Passing	2-16-2=54	8-18-1=152
Total Yards	261	310

Tuscola Individual Rushing		
	No.-Yds.-Ave.	
Jordan Quinn	12-111 - 9.3	
Dylan Graves	10-35 - 3.5	
Austin Cuimmings	1-12 - 12.0	
	23-158 - 6.9	

Tuscola Individual Passing		
	Comp.-Att.-Int.-Yds.	
Jordan Quinn	8-18-1 - 152	

Tuscola Individual Receiving		
	No.-Yds.-Ave.	
Austin Cummings	2-101 - 50.5	
Jayden Conner	3-24 - 8.0	
Dylan Graves	2-21 - 10.5	
Zach Rennels	1-6 - 6.0	
	8-152 - 19.0	

Tuscola Tackles		
	S-A	Total
Brady Cain	6-6	12
Draven Warner	3-3	6
Cameron Jones	3-3	6
Caiden Russo	3-1	4
Calvin Cook	2-2	4
Nate Thomason	2-2	4
JJ Reynolds	0-4	4
Andrew Spillman	2-1	3
Aiden Weaver	2-1	3
Jordan Quinn	1-2	3
Dylan Graves	1-2	3
Nathan Klie	0-3	3
Austin Cummings	2-0	2
Kaedan Chenoweth	2-0	2
Clayton Neuner	1-1	2
Nate Hudson	0-2	2
Zach Rennels	1-0	1
Jayden Conner	1-0	1

Warriors volleyball falls to Argenta-Oreana

By Lenny Sementi

Tuscola's volleyball team kicked off the back half of their schedule this past week with a squaring off with Argenta Oreana on Tuesday the 18th in historic Tuscola Gym and then went on the road for a CIC skirmish a few nights later in Warrensburg. The Lady Warriors came close against Argenta falling 25-20 in game one and then came out on the wrong

end of an overtime thriller in game two 26-24.

Emily Czerwonka and Sydney Moss connected 10-times in game two and pushed the Warriors in front late but it was not enough. Moss ended the night with a match high 11-kills, accounted for 14-points and also found her way to 11-digs. Czerwonka fed the outside hitter notching 16-assists in the match

while delivering double-digit saves as well posting 10-digs. Addyson Petry was everywhere on the defensive side of the net adding 14-digs to her season stat sheet. Carly Ochs checked in with 9-digs and a kill while Catie Gibson donated 2-kills and 2-digs to the cause.

Perennial CIC power Warrensburg jumped out early and never looked back in the con-

ference showdown cruising to a two game sweep 8-25, 13-25. Czerwonka and Moss and Czerwonka again led the offensive attack posting 6-kills and 7-assists respectively. Ochs patrolled the back row finding her way to a team high 7-saves. Zoey Thomason added to the offense accounting for 5-kills and an ace.

Tuscola girls golf wins CIC Tourney

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Tuscola's golf teams collected some well-deserved hardware this past Tuesday the 19th. The host Warriors welcomed their Central Illinois Conference brethren to the links at Ironhorse Golf Course for the league tournament and came away with a precious medal haul. The girl's squad came away with the team crown for the second consecutive year putting three players in the top five earning them All Conference accolades. While the boys team was a near miss taking second overall landing five strokes behind Meridian.

Brayden Gough however collected some individual hardware winning the 18-hole event with a 78. The senior erased a 3-stroke deficit in the final three holes and held on to a 1-stroke advantage paring the 18th hole. He came out firing with four straight pars to open his round and ended just as strong shooting a 36 on the back nine birding the par 5 11th and the par 4 14th. Chris Atwater ended his day in the top ten taking 9th overall. Jacob Waugh was the third scorer for coach Angela Gough. Ty Thomason and Aiden Devlin tied, delivering the fourth

scoring card and the first alternate card. Carson Gaines toured the course as the second alternate.

"It was exciting to watch Brooks Culver from Clinton and Brayden compete," stated the coach. "They were just one stroke apart going into 18. I am proud of the mental toughness Brayden maintained throughout the round."

Zoey Thomason was tops for the ladies in black and gold taking second overall securing all conference honors with five pars on the day. Addisyn Petry and Addison Ring ended their round in the top five as well also taking

home individual All Conference medals landing in third and fourth respectively. Coach Lainey Banta's next two were just off the awards stand, landing in 6th and 7th overall. Jocelyn Ford donated the final scoring card for the CIC champs while Isabella Sturts was one spot back serving as the alternate.

Both squads open the post-season this week. The Boys kick it off first on Wednesday the 27th hosting the Tuscola Regional at Ironhorse Golf Course. Coach Banta's girls travel to Moweaqua teeing it up on Thursday the 28th.