

TUSCOLA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS



WARRIORS

“COLA WARS”

Mr. Charles S. Earle, a graduate of Dartmouth, was principal of Tuscola High School in the 1890's. He organized the first football team in 1894. In order to have someone to compete with, he went to Arcola and helped them organize a team. Every Thanksgiving Day, from the 1900's to the 1940's, the two teams would take to the field for their annual game and for “bragging rights”. This was the beginning of the perpetual rivalry between Tuscola and Arcola. In later years the game has been played on Friday night some time during the football season. Some years it counts and some years not, but it always counts in the hearts of Warrior and Rider fans alike. In anticipation of the Friday night game, a bonfire pep rally is held at TCHS the night before to muster up spirit for the annual “Cola Wars.”

An Ode to the Memory of Seven Chickens November 2, 1961

On a night both dark and drear,
Warrior fans fired up with cheer,
Looked about with laugh and leer
And sought to place a little fear
Into the Rider fans of yore.

Warrior fans both far and wide
Drove to the local country side
Found chickens there who sought a ride
“To Arcola, they then cried!”
Upon that fateful night of yore.

As they drove to Rider land
With chicks and Ex-Lax both in hand
And with their thoughts so bold and grand
Began to execute a plan
Upon the rider school of yore...

Soon they found to their delight
No one was guarding that dark night.
School windows were not shut too tight
So chickens entered left and right
Into the rider school of yore...

Around in front two local twins
Drove up to ask with friendly grins,
“What went on their school within?”
But one lone squaw distracted them,
So easy in the days of yore.

The other Warriors soon came round
And said, “Let's drive back to our town.”
With laughter thus their prank went down
No linking trace was ever found
By those who searched in days of yore.

The next day, so that we've been told,
Those chickens walked so very bold.
Their excrement they freely doled
Through study hall and class it flowed
In smelly Rider land of yore.

That night those riders filled with shame
Came to avenge through football game
Their reputations ne'er the same
Since chickens to their school laid claim
In famous football days of yore.

The teams both battled hard that night.
They put up such an awesome fight
But Riders seemed to sense their plight
As Warriors held their line so tight.
On Warrior football field of yore.

Both teams pushed up and down the field
And neither team would victory yield
Till in the fourth quarter fate seemed sealed.
We led, the scoreboard thus revealed
In Warrior football game of yore.

The clock ran out! Sweet Victory!
Our team had won! We screamed in glee!
We left the field quite joyfully.
But woe, our joy was not to be
In dark old football days of yore!

The “refs” came to our locker room
To spread sad words of darkest gloom.
A “clip” occurred, and therefore soon
The play of game must thus resume
On Warrior football field of yore!

Our team returned our goal to tend,
Our victory again to defend!
When a Rider snuck around the end
To score a touchdown and thus rend
Our victory on our field of yore!

And so sweet victory we did yield.
In twist of fate our loss was sealed.
In heart-felt silence Warriors reeled.
We staggered off our football field.
That sorrowful football night of yore.

The way those Riders victory bore
To gloat and brag and crow some more!
But Warrior fans knew the true score
We'd had our victory the night before!
In olden football days of yore.

*Because 'tis known throughout the land
Warriors were there who proudly stand
As they recall a night so grand
And laugh at how they left their brand
In golden days of Warrior lore...*

*When Warrior fans had glee galore
And Rider fans were really sore
For they'll remember evermore
Those chickens strutting across their floor
In grand old football days of yore!*

By Marsha Graham Strader
TCHS Class of 1962

Dedicated to the approximately thirty-five Warrior players, cheerleaders and fans of the Classes of 1962, '63, '64 & '65 who, *had this event actually occurred, of course*, made that wild ride to Arcola to execute what became known as the Great Chicken Caper of November 2, 1961

TCHS FOOTBALL

Statistics

DATE	W	L	T	COACH	1950	8	1	Paul Doolittle
1895	0	1		Breeden	1951	2	6	Paul Doolittle
1896	3	1		Breeden	1952	8	1	Paul Doolittle
1897	3	0		Breeden	1953	9	0	Bob Brigham
1898	1	1	1	Breeden	1954	6	3	Bob Brigham
1899	1	4		Breeden	1955	4	5	Jordan
1900	0	2	1	Breeden	1956	9	0	Bill Butkovich
1901	1	3	1	Breeden	1957	3	4	1 Bill Butkovich
1902	2	1		Schacht & Brunage	1958	5	3	Bill Butkovich
1903	4	2		Curt Thornton	1959	5	3	1 Bill Butkovich
1904	5	2		Curt Thornton	1960	8	0	1 Bill Butkovich
1905	6	2		Paul McKee	1961	4	4	Bill Butkovich
1906	3	1	1	Paul McKee	1962	6	0	2 Bill Butkovich
1907	4	2	1	Heaton & Van Buron	1963	3	5	Bill Butkovich
1908	5	2	1	Heaton & Van Buron	1964	5	2	1 Bill Butkovich
1909	2	4		Heaton & Van Buron	1965	7	1	Gene Murray
1910	6	3		Carson Beane	1966	4	3	1 Gene Murray
1911	5	4	1	Carson Beane	1967	3	4	1 Gene Murray
1912	5	3		Carson Beane	1968	3	4	1 Gene Murray
1913	6	3		McKee	1969	2	6	Lynn Strack
1914	5	3		McKee	1970	7	1	1 Lynn Strack
1915	5	2	1	Wilson & Ewing	1971	4	3	1 Lynn Strack
1916	7	0	2	Wilson	1972	6	3	Lynn Strack
1917	3	5		Roy Boyer	1973	7	2	Lynn Strack
1918	2	1		Joe Keltery	1974	5	4	Lynn Strack
1919	7	1		Lappin	1975	4	5	Lynn Strack
1920	3	5		Lappin	1976	9	1	Lynn Strack
1921	6	2		McWherter	1977	5	4	Lynn Strack
1922	6	2	1	McWherter	1978	2	7	Bill Vangel
1923	7	1	1	Bodman	1979	7	2	Bill Vangel
1924	6	3		Lentz	1980	5	4	Bill Vangel
1925	1	5	2	Lentz	1981	2	7	Bill Vangel
1926	8	0	1	Nick Carter	1982	9	2	Bill Vangel
1927	5	1	2	Nick Carter	1983	4	5	Bill Vangel
1928	8	0	1	Nick Carter	1984	3	6	Bill Vangel
1929	2	6	1	Nick Carter	1985	1	8	Bill Vangel
1930	4	1		Nick Carter	1986	8	2	Larry Bienias
1931	6	1	1	Nick Carter	1987	7	3	Larry Bienias
1932	4	3		Nick Carter	1988	7	2	Larry Bienias
1933	1	6	1	Nick Carter	1989	5	4	Larry Bienias
1934	1	6	2	Vernon Askew	1990	3	6	Stan Wienke
1935	4	2	3	Vernon Askew	1991	5	4	Stan Wienke
1936	5	2	1	Rex Benoit	1992	3	6	Stan Wienke
1937	6	3		Rex Benoit	1993	2	7	Stan Wienke
1938	3	5		Rex Benoit	1994	7	3	Stan Wienke
1939	9	0		Al Kish	1995	7	4	Stan Wienke
1940	8	1		Al Kish	1996	11	1	Stan Wienke
1941	9	1		Al Kish	1997	10	2	Stan Wienke
1942	8	1		Al Kish	1998	7	3	Stan Wienke
1943	6	2		Al Kish	1999	11	1	Stan Wienke
1944	7	0	2	Al Kish	2000	10	2	Stan Wienke
1945	6	2		Al Kish & Guy Collins	2001	8	3	Stan Wienke
1946	6	0	2	Paul Doolittle	2002	10	1	Stan Wienke
1947	5	3	1	Paul Doolittle	2003	7	3	Stan Wienke
1948	9	0		Paul Doolittle	2004	10	2	Stan Wienke
1949	7	1		Paul Doolittle	2005	12	1	Stan Wienke

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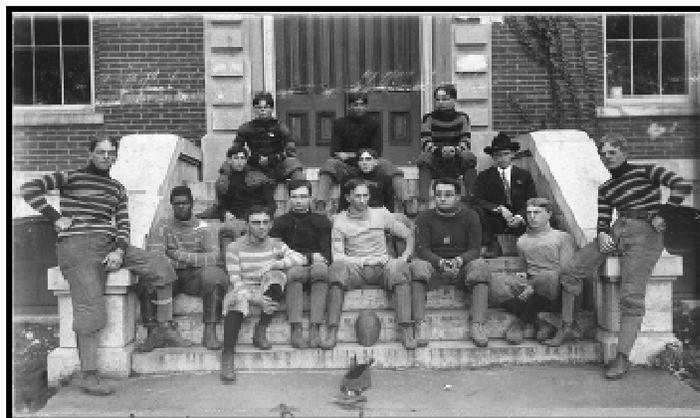
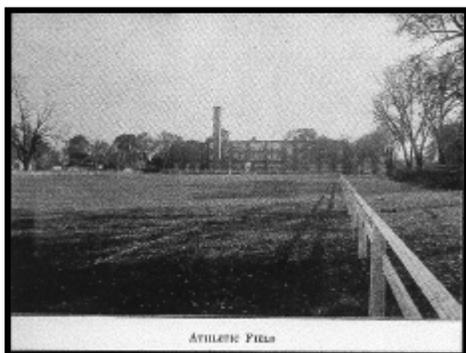
First Football Team – 1895
 1st row – Averitt, Ewers, Moore, Helm, Brown, Cosler, King.
 2nd row – Hammett, Glassco, Capt. Drake, Bail.
 Top – Armstrong.

The Saturday Journal, 1895



**Tack Green
1928**

Yearbook Photos



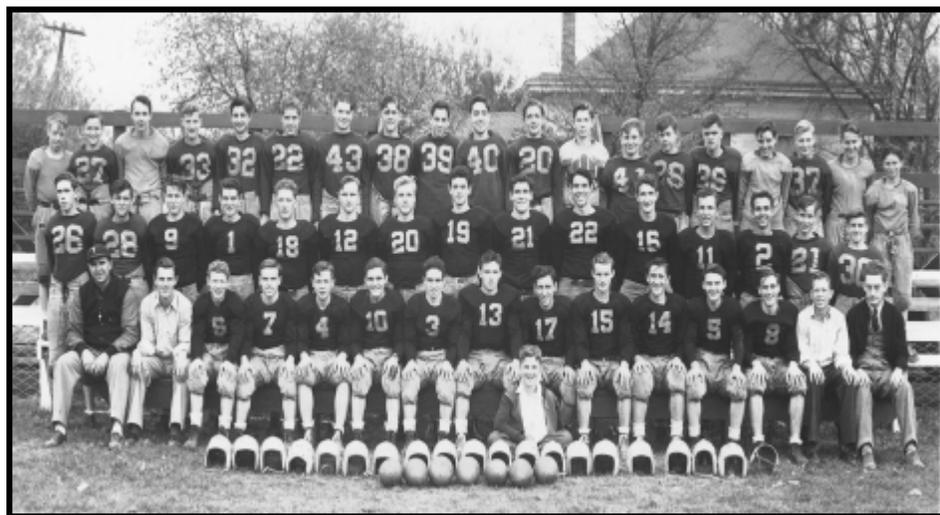
TUSCOLA HIGH SCHOOL TEAM, 1921

Top Row: Paul McKee, Will McCarty, Curt Smith
 Middle Row: Don Gregg, Fred Wilson, Curt Thornton
 Bottom Row: Percy Jones, Tom Wright, Carl Goodman,
 Ralph Callaway, Grover McCormack, Mac
 Rice, Grover Hein, Bert Parker

Fred Wilson, Captain; Bert Parker, Manager; Curt Thornton, Coach

Championship Team - Defeated Shortridge High of Indianapolis, Wendell Phillips High of Chicago & Millikin U. of Decatur

Photo – William McCarty



1940 Football Team

Top – B. Weaver, J. King, J. Stenger, F. Akers, L. Hettinger, B. Stallworth, G. Frahm, B. Hausmann, B. Huber, G. Flesor, R. Helm, B. Kennedy, C. Gilles, E. Holmes, L. Dick, J. O'Keefe, L. Kennedy, B. French, B. Wright.

2nd – D. Stenger, W. Winn, J. Ross, P. Eastin, H. Archibald, W. Smith, J. Osborne, C. Colwell, C. Gross, B. Huber, B. Overturf, J. McGuire, J. stabler, D. Ponder, K. Tingley.

1st – Coach Al Kish, F. Kleiss, J. bird, L. Stevens, D. Rice, C. Meyer, H. Pflum, W. Hilligoss, B. Jolley, F. Warters, H. Ford, C. Cooch, D. Smith, P. Bird, Assist. Coach Lee Dular. Yearbook



**Cheerleaders
1927**

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1953 WARRIORS

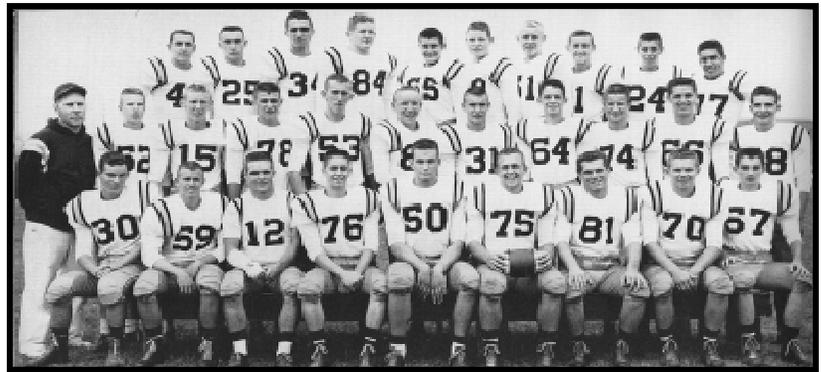
1st – Bob Brehm (Assist. Coach), Mike Martin, Errol Frahm, Jim Weber, John Hartmann, LeRoy Balary, Stanton Dotson, Keith Farber, Jim Foley, Ken Michaels (Assist. Coach).
 2nd – Paul Gilpin (Assist. Coach), Jack Hood, Tommy Meyer, Phil Flanigan, Larry Little, Max Buchanan, Wayne Vest, Chuck Martin, John Lewis, Bill Ware, Robert Brigham (Head Coach). Yearbook Photo



The Tuscola Review



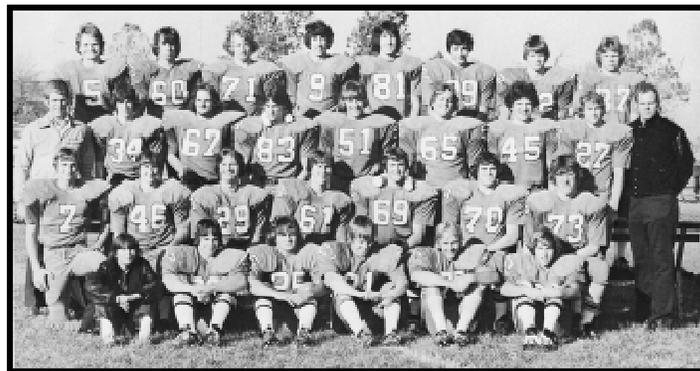
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1960 WARRIORS

Top – T. Mercer, J. Snyder, L. Anderson, D. Etwiler, R. Waugh, M. Kyle, J. Gernon, R. Wetzel, E. Alexander, R. Rankins.
 2nd – Coach Butkovich, R. Chaplin, J. Manwaring, D. Bean, W. Rahn, R. Lietz, J. Bell, D. Wilson, J. Luechtefeld, A. Wilson, J. Kleiss.
 1st – M. Reece, P. Green, B. Kleiss, B. Alexander, C. Kohrt, D. Green, P. Donley, R. Bridges, D. Hackett.

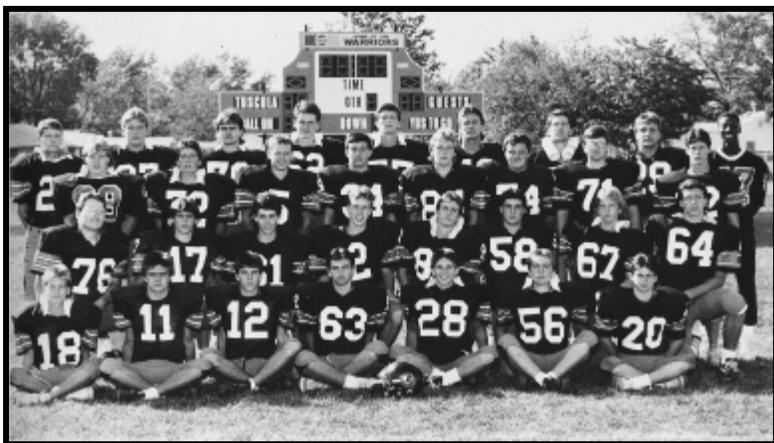
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The 1976 varsity football team gave the Tuscola fans something to cheer about with a 9-0 record. The guys that made this possible are as follows:

- 1st – Brad Stout, Steve Rhodes, Rick Miller, Gordon Cross, Phil Rahn, Don Cain.
- 2nd – Steve Laley, Gary Campbell, Mark Maxey, Buck Hausman, Bob Laley, Dave Houser, Doug Dunn.
- 3rd – Couch Strack, Glen Mick, Jack Moody, Ryk Holden, Robbie Wilson, Tony Hausman, Eric Foster, Randy Hastings, Coach Nofftz.
- 4th – Mark Vansteenhuyse, Mike Kennedy, John Pflum, David Dietrich, Jeff Riley, Pete Porter, Jimm Grimm, Paul Kohlbecker.

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1988 WARRIORS

Front – Jeff Cline, Gary Alexander, Scott Zane, Stacy Pollock, Brian Hatfield, Brian Olehy, Mike Allen.
 2nd – Tom McCollum, Brian Moody, Scott Michener, Charles Gettleman, Doug Cottle, Koby Williams, Jaysen Short, Rob Hardwick.
 3rd – Jamey Smith, Jason Duhamell, Killy Waugh, J. J. Donnals, Brent Washburn, Tim Yarbro, Travis Skinner, Josh Gordon.
 Back – Josh Ochs, Matt Washburn, Mark Burriss, Jeremy Ross, Steve Weemer, Greg Carter, Roger Warner, Mark Kalmar Ben Mingo.

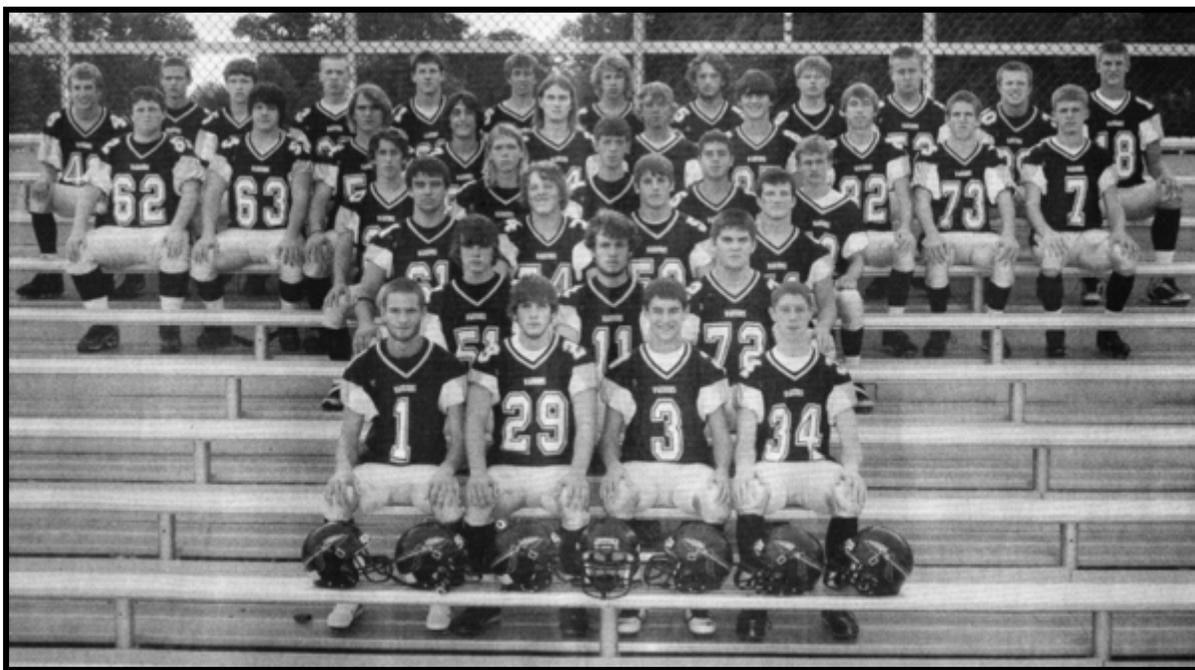
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**Brent Higgins, the 1991-92
 Warrior Mascot**

The end of a tradition

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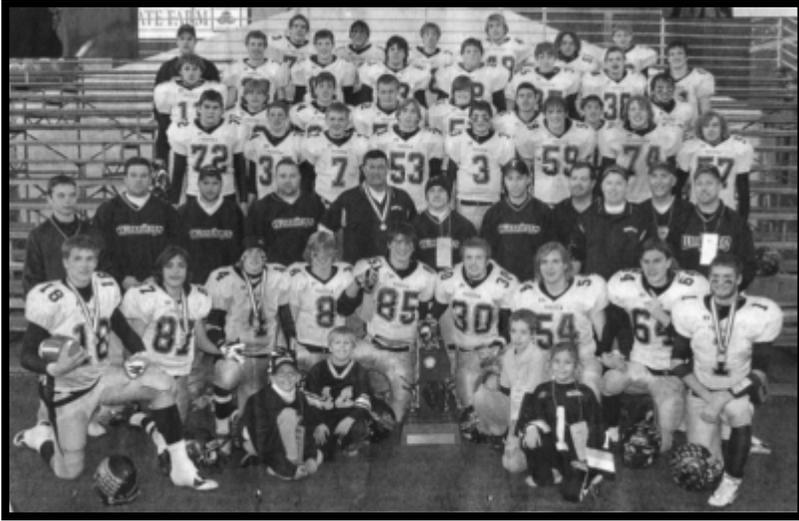


2006 TUSCOLA WARRIOR FOOTBALL TEAM

Front row – Travis Surma, Josh Nichols, Clayton Meyer, and Tyler Carter. Second row – Cody Chenoweth, Zack Martin and Zach Bosch. Third row – Stephen Bosch, Blake Bassett, Dane Winn and Austen Schultz. Fourth row – Auste Shelmadine, Joe Vandeventer, Ben Edwards, Caleb Little and Gunnar Edwards. Fifth row (first long row) – Shane Jaeger, Ian Harp, Nate Phipps, Nick Hanke, Brad Donnals, Jerad Barr, Broc Winn, Richard Buckner, Jordan Knerr and Matt Bailey. Sixth row (second long row) – Josh Scribner, Colby Knerr, Brent Harris, John Ervin, Shane Albert, Jesse Hall, Steven Lange, Johnny Marcrum, Travis Close, Joel Hilgendorf, Wil Maxey and John Wienke.

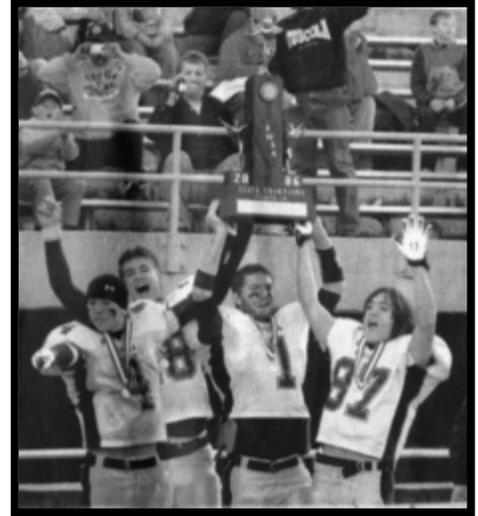
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Tuscola Warriors – State Champs

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The Trophy

Team captains, Joe Vandevanter, John Wienke,
Travis Surma and Nick Hanke.

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Scoreboard at Memorial Stadium Urbana showing final score of championship game.

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**Tuscola defeated Aledo
35 – 20**
on November 24, 2006 at Memorial Stadium to capture the 2006 State 1A High School Football Championship.



The Fans

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2006 TCHS CHEERLEADERS
Front – Casey Schuckman, Nikki Mattlin,
Kristian Bingamen, Kathy Pangborn.
Back – Rachel Sapp, Maria Hanke, Jessica
Smith, Emily Groves, Cori Ponder, Morgan
Short and Kelsey Phipps.
The Tuscola Journal, November 28, 2006