

Tecumseh blanks Graham 4-0.

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The Tecumseh Arrows boy's varsity soccer team hosted the Graham Falcons on Monday, September 21st in a Central Buckeye Conference crossover match. The Arrows entered the game with a 3-1 CBC record and were undefeated on their home field. The Falcons, on the other hand, have struggled against the Kenton Trail division of the CBC and they were hoping to improve on their 1-3 CBC record.

From the opening kickoff, the possession was very lopsided in Tecumseh's favor with the Arrows actually taking their first shot in the first minute of the game. Graham's goalie was very busy for the entire game while Tecumseh senior keeper Jacob Heckman was never really pressured. The Arrows kept the ball on Graham's half for most of the game, but it took a little over 30 minutes for them to finally score.

Senior striker and team co-captain Zach Schwartz entered the game with about ten minutes left in the half. This was the first time that Schwartz had played since suffering an injury nearly three weeks earlier. Schwartz wasted no time in making his mark on this game. He subbed in on a goal kick which he promptly intercepted when the ball was put into play. Schwartz dribbled to the end line with two defenders in pursuit and crossed a line drive pass in front of the goal. Senior midfielder and fellow team co-captain Nick Dysinger lunged forward and headed the ball into the back of the net to give the Arrows a 1-0 lead with 9:08 remaining in the 1st half.

Schwartz certainly wasn't done yet. Two minutes later, Schwartz dribbled through the defense and slammed an unassisted goal into the net for a 2-0 lead. Two minutes after that, junior Cameron Fritschie sent a graceful rolling cross over to Schwartz who promptly pounded it into the goal as well. After approximately five minutes of play, Schwartz had 2 goals and an assist.

As the first half was winding down, sophomore Jordan Gozelski dribbled through a couple of defenders and ripped a shot from about 20 yards out that zipped right past the goalie to give the Arrows a 4-0 lead that they would carry into halftime.

Surprisingly, there were no more goals scored in the second half although the Arrows continued to play dominant soccer. With a final score of 4-0, Tecumseh had their 3rd shutout of the season and remained unbeaten on their home field.

The Arrows' (5-2, 4-1 CBC) next game will be at Urbana High School (2-5, 1-4 CBC) for their final CBC crossover match of the season on Wednesday, September 23rd. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:15pm.