

# Tecumseh boys defeat Northwestern 4-3.

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The Tecumseh Arrows boys' varsity soccer team hosted the Northwestern Warriors at Spitzer Stadium on Monday, September 14th in a Central Buckeye Conference showdown. From the opening kickoff, the Warriors seemed especially motivated and after less than 2 minutes of play knocked in the game's first goal to take an early 1-0 lead. As the match progressed, the Arrows had a slight edge in possession and created numerous scoring opportunities. But, it took nearly 30 minutes for their efforts to finally pay off. With 10:05 remaining in the first half, senior Chase Budurka took advantage of a rebound from the Warriors' goalie and slammed the ball into the goal's side netting to tie the score at 1-1. Budurka is fresh off of the injured reserve list and his return to the field made an immediate impact.

If Northwestern had hoped to get to halftime with a tie score, they were sadly disappointed as the Arrows picked up their intensity. With less than 4 minutes remaining in the half, sophomore Jordan Gozelski made a long throw-in towards the Warriors goal. Gathering up the ball, senior Nick Dysinger raced past the Northwestern defenders and launched a curving shot past the goalie and into the goal on the far post. The Arrows took a 2-1 lead into halftime.

In the 2nd half, the Arrows picked up right where they left off. After about 4 minutes of play, Tecumseh found the net's interior again. Junior Cameron Fritschie slipped an elegant through ball to the feet of junior Kyle Keeton who touched it forward and then fired the ball past sophomore Warriors' keeper Nick Sullivan to increase Tecumseh's lead to 3-1.

Northwestern wasn't done yet though. Over the course of the next 20 minutes, they scored twice to tie the score up at 3-3. The first goal came on a loose ball in front of the goal that fell to the feet of an attacker and got knocked in. The second goal was a tremendous blast from the right wing that ripped past senior keeper Jacob Heckman and into the net with 17:22 remaining in the match.

The Arrows were well aware that a tie to a CBC opponent would likely dash their hopes of winning the CBC Kenton Trail division this year and Northwestern knew that either a win or a tie would give them an advantage in their division. What unfolded for the remaining time in the game was one furious attack after another by the Arrows. The Warriors were clearly reeling under the pressure when junior Neil Lindsey finally put Tecumseh in front to stay. With 4:31 remaining in the game, Lindsey took possession of the ball inside the Warriors' penalty box and hammered it past the goalie on the near post side of the goal. Though Northwestern threatened to score in the final seconds of the game, the Arrows held on for the 4-3 victory.

The Tecumseh Arrows (3-2, 2-1 CBC) travel to Ben Logan High School (2-4, 0-3 CBC) on Wednesday, September 16th for their next match. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:15pm.