

## Arrows lose tough one to Tippecanoe.

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Coach Jason Runner and the Tecumseh boy's soccer team travelled to Tipp City on Wednesday, September 30th to face off with the Tippecanoe Red Devils. Both teams entered the stadium with excellent records. The Arrows were 6-1-0 in the CBC and Tippecanoe had a perfect 7-0-0 record. It was a must win situation for the Arrows if they hoped to capture the league title this year and the Red Devils would virtually clinch the championship if they could defeat Tecumseh. The stage was set for a terrific game.

From the opening kickoff, sparks were flying. Tippecanoe proved to be an extremely fast team and they pushed the pace of the game from the very beginning. The Red Devils had the early advantage as they raced into the Arrows half repeatedly looking for an opportunity to strike. That opening came early when Tippecanoe earned a corner kick after about four minutes of play. Andrew Abboud headed in the kick taken by Dan Colvin to give the Red Devils a 1-0 lead with 35:27 remaining in the first half. One of the Arrows nearly prevented the goal, but was too late. The ball ricocheted off of his foot and into the top of the goal as he stretched to make the save.

As the game resumed, the play was very even with both teams creating opportunities to score. In fact, as it began to get late in the game, it seemed that the Arrows were actually breaking through the Red Devils' defense more and more consistently and had a real shot at finding the equalizer. Then in the final minutes of the game, Tippecanoe found the insurance goal that they needed. With 5:36 remaining in the game, Tipp City's Cullen Baron headed the ball past Arrows senior keeper Jacob Heckman to teammate Cody Pricer. Pricer easily knocked the ball into the empty net to give Tipp their final goal. Tippecanoe defeated the Arrows by a final score of 2-0.

Tippecanoe Coach Scott Downing was very complimentary towards the Arrows after the match. Downing said he thought that the game was much closer than the final score might indicate and that he was impressed with the quality of Tecumseh's team. With a CBC championship seemingly out of reach now, the Arrows will turn their focus to preparing for post-season tournament action that is just around the corner.