

## Tecumseh defeats Urbana 8-0.

By David Dysinger

The Tecumseh Arrows boys varsity soccer team travelled to Urbana September 23rd under unusual circumstances. For the first time since opening day, Coach Jason Runner had all 18 members of his roster to choose from. Tecumseh has been plagued with injuries and illness this season and at one point the Arrows had four players out at the same time, including three starters. The team has battled through that adversity and built a solid record of 5-2-0 (4-1-0 CBC) and is eager to show what they can do at full strength. There is no doubt that Urbana was unlucky to be the first to face the Tecumseh Arrows' full roster.

Strangely enough, the Arrows got off to an uncharacteristically slow start and found themselves defending their goal for the first few minutes of the game. Urbana was physical and aggressive at the start, but the momentum began to change as the Arrows became more comfortable with the narrow Urbana field. By the time the Arrows finally scored, the possession was almost completely in the Arrows favor. With 20:41 remaining in the half, senior Nick Dysinger gathered up a ball near the corner of the penalty box and launched a shot that bent around the Urbana keeper's hands and into the side netting of the goal for a 1-0 Tecumseh lead.

Ten minutes later, the flood gates burst open. Junior Cameron Fritschie passed a ball forward to senior Zach Schwartz, who smoked the ball off the goalie and into the goal. Three minutes later, Schwartz dribbled through the defense and slotted the ball past a diving goalie to increase the Arrows lead to 3-0 with 7:47 remaining in the half.

With 4:26 remaining, sophomore Jordan Gozelski uncorked one of his long, trademark throw-ins that junior Cameron Fritschie knocked in with a diving header. The Arrows weren't quite finished yet. With 1:19 left in the half, junior Neil Lindsey collected a rebound at the top of the penalty box and hammered it into the goal for a 5-0 lead that the Arrows took into halftime.

In the second half, Tecumseh wasted little time getting back to work. After four minutes of play, senior midfielder and team co-captain Chase Budurka crossed a beautiful corner kick into the box and Gozelski easily headed it past the goalie for a 6-0 lead. Approximately ten minutes later, Schwartz received a slick little wall pass from Dysinger and scored his third goal of the match to increase the score to 7-0.

The scoring slowed down as the game wore on, but the Arrows were still in complete control. Junior Sam Studebaker was the final member of the team to finally come off of the injured reserve list and this was his first game back. Studebaker played with a confidence and aggression that completely concealed the fact that he had just recovered from a serious ankle injury. His return to the lineup further solidifies the strength of the team.

Tecumseh continued to attack as the clock would down and with a mere sixteen seconds remaining on the clock, sophomore Joel Summerfield pounced on a rebound and banged it into the goal for the final score of 8-0. The Arrows senior keeper and co-captain Jacob Heckman logged his fourth shutout of the season and his third in a row.

The Arrows (6-2-0, 5-1-0 CBC) travel to Springfield High School (0-9-0, 0-2-0 GWOC) for a non-conference game Saturday, September 26th. Kickoff is scheduled for 1:00pm.