

Tecumseh shuts out Wilmington.

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The Tecumseh boy's soccer team hosted the Wilmington Hurricanes on Saturday, October 3rd in a non-league contest. The Hurricanes had a 6-5-0 record coming into the match and were currently ranked 9th in the division II Cincinnati area coaches poll. Tecumseh had an 8-3-0 record and was ranked 10th in the division I Miami Valley coaches poll. This was an interesting matchup between two respected teams from different areas that were meeting for the first time.

From the opening kickoff, the Arrows imposed their will on the Hurricanes. Wilmington spent the entire game defending their goal and making the occasional counterattack. They were effective defenders though and against all odds, they managed to hold off the Arrows for the entire first half. As Tecumseh continued to attack, the physical play began to escalate. The Hurricanes received several yellow cards in the first half for reckless fouls and dissent while the Arrows managed to avoid collecting any cards of their own. At the end of the first half, the game was knotted up at 0-0.

After the halftime break, the Arrows picked up right where they left off. Tecumseh held the vast majority of the possession and continued pressing the attack against the Hurricanes goal. There were several times during the match that Wilmington would clear the ball and their strikers would come away empty handed trying to penetrate the Arrows defense. But the Arrows defenders continually intercepted the ball and sent it the other way.

Finally, with 8:36 remaining in the game, sophomore Jordan Gozelski earned a penalty kick when he drew a foul in the penalty box. The Hurricanes goalie guessed correctly on the kick and blocked Gozelski's initial shot. But, Gozelski pounced on the rebound and knocked into the goal giving the Arrows a 1-0 lead. Several minutes later, the Arrows scored an insurance goal during a corner kick set piece play. Sophomore Joel Summerfield received the cross on the corner kick and played the ball forward to senior Robert Erickson's feet. Erickson coolly trapped the ball and fired it past the goalie for a final score of 2-0.