

Lady Arrows Win Second Preseason Game

-Fairborn
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The Tecumseh Lady Arrow Soccer Team enjoyed its second preseason warmup with a 6-2 win at the expense of the Fairborn Lady Skyhawks on Saturday. The game started out slow for the Arrows as Fairborn controlled possession early which led to a score from 20 yards out on the left wing and a 1-0 lead at 29:10. At that point the Arrows quickly adjusted to the speed of play. The passing improved and there was better switching of the point of attack which allowed the Arrows to open up space and begin to find sophomore striker Jessica Boggs. Boggs proceeded to personally assault the Skyhawk net scoring four unanswered goals over a twenty minute period from a variety of good passes from Guadalupe Mendoza(Sr), Nicole Snyder(Jr), a long thru pass from Taylor Thompson(Jr) and Marissa Stone for a 4-1 lead at 9:50. The Skyhawks finished the half scoring off a defensive miscue for a 4-2 halftime margin. For the half Tecumseh out shot Fairborn 10-4 and were 9 for 17 in winning 50/50 balls. There were 77 intercepts and only 36 unnecessary loss of possession plays. Coach Jim Paxton implored his team to go out and play as hard the second half as they did the first and to not let Fairborn get back into the game.

In the second half Boggs continued her strong play scoring at 27:20 on another nice pass from Mendoza in a sequence that began with a well placed throw-in by Kaitlyn Novinger for a 5-2 lead. Nicole Snyder finished the scoring at 21:10 on a pass from Boggs for the final 6-2 margin. Kellie Gruber had a good game in goal with 5 saves. Freshman Jaela Coffey played strong in her first start in the sweeper position which allowed Alysha Benson (So) to move up into the mid-field where her speed and size made it difficult for the Skyhawks all day. Thompson and Morgan Robinson(Jr) were strong on defense as well. The Arrows continue the pre-season with a game at Newton on Tuesday.

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Chrissy Cantrell scored off a long pass from Taylor Henry as the first half time was about to expire for a 1-0 margin in a game that was more of a defensive battle. The Arrows showed improved passing and team play that Coach Jim Paxton said at the half was some of the best he has ever seen of previous JV teams especially in the aggressiveness with which they went for loose balls. For the game the Arrows outshot the Skyhawks 11-8 and won 13 of 22 50/50 balls. Alexa Gallo was solid in the goal with 5 saves. Sarah Collins, Taylor Cyphers, Caitlin Lobl and Taylor Henry made several nice defensive stops thwarting many Fairborn advances into the finishing third.