

## Lady Arrows Tie Springfield

By Tom Minutolo  
September 26, 2009

-Springfield

The Tecumseh Lady Arrow Soccer Team traveled to Springfield on Saturday and came away with a 2-2 tie against the Lady Wildcats. For Springfield it has been a difficult season competing in the Great Western Ohio Conference. Thus far they were winless and had only scored one goal vs Trotwood. The Arrows on the other hand were looking to add to their win total after a disappointing tie to Urbana on Wednesday.

The game started out well for Tecumseh as Casey Cope took a nice pass from Jessica Boggs and finished in the left corner for a 1-0 lead at 31:34. Boggs had a second great cross early from the right side that narrowly missed the head of Cope as she leapt to strike the ball as it soared passed her. The Arrows dominated possession throughout the half and had 14 shots on goal but on this day those shots were not hitting the mark. Allison Denton also had a hard shot from 30 yards out on the right that struck the goal post. Springfield on the other hand showed improvement in their athleticism and speed up front over previous recent engagements with the Arrows. They scored their first goal at 14:01 as they broke through the Arrow defense and finished from the right side. Their exuberance at scoring carried over just two minutes later as they sank a long shot from 40 yards out on the right off a misplayed ball by Morgan Robinson that set up the shot. The half ended in a 2-1 Springfield advantage.

For the half the Arrows outshot Springfield 14-5 and won 13 of 20 50/50 balls. They had 93 intercepts but readily gave up the ball on 48 loss of possession plays. Coach Jim Paxton was livid and embarrassed by the team's performance thus far. He implored the team to be more patient in its passing and to control possession utilizing shorter more accurate passing than long balls that are less accurate. He also asked the girls to do a better job of bringing down high balls to their feet than trying to deflect the ball onward with their heads.

The second half began in a very promising way for the Arrows as Jessica Boggs scored on a breakaway off a great pass from Casey Cope at 32:57 to knot the score at 2-2. Again the Arrows launched 15 shots as well as three corner kick and one direct kick situations but were not able to find the net. Overall the Arrow defense played well limiting Springfield to only one wide shot the second half. Kellie Gruber had two saves for the Arrows who face Kenton Ridge at Spitzer Stadium on Monday.