

Lady Arrows Lose 2-1

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The Tecumseh Lady Arrow Soccer Team finished the pre-season with a 3-1 record as they lost a close match to a very good Troy Christian Lady Eagle Team by a 2-1 final. In this contest the Arrows were confronted with a team that had good speed, good organization to their attack, and played a very tightly marked and physical style. As such the Arrows were forced into a very defensive game in which shots were hard to come by and with each pass there was a battle for possession. The Arrows were up for the challenge however until the Eagles scored at 20:51 for the early 1-0 lead. Jessica Boggs tied the score at 10:02 off a long thru pass by Kaitlyn Novinger for a 1-1 halftime. For the half the Arrows were outshot by the Eagles 7-2. They had 69 intercepts and 45 loss of possession plays. They also had difficulty winning 50/50 balls as they only captured 5 of 18. Coach Jim Paxton was displeased with their effort and stressed better passing and decision making.

The second half was more of the same as the defensive battle raged on. In this half the Arrows were unable to get any shot attempts while Troy Christian again had 7. Kellie Gruber had several outstanding saves in the game but allowed the winning goal at 29:20 off a defensive miscue and a mishandled shot for the 2-1 final. Gruber had 13 saves for the contest. The Arrows begin regular season play at Spitzer Stadium on Monday against Sidney. The JV match begins at 5:30pm.

Reserves:

The Lady Arrow JV Soccer Team finished their preseason with a 3-1 loss to the Valley View JV squad in another defensive affair that saw Shelby Gillespie score the lone goal for Tecumseh.