

Lady Arrows Win First Warm-UP

-New Carlisle
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The Tecumseh Lady Arrow Soccer Team began to work out the kinks in their first full scrimmage game of the new season and came away with a 3-0 win over the visiting Lady Pirates from W. Carrollton HS. The Arrows scored early at 29:25 on a shot from 12 yards out on the left by Nicole Snyder(Jr) off a nice pass from Jaela Coffey(Fr). Snyder scored again at 25:42 off a deflection from the goalkeeper from a shot by Jessica Boggs. The Arrows maintained possession throughout the first half outshooting the Pirates 11-2 and winning 12 of 19 50/50 balls. Coach Jim Paxton encouraged the team at halftime to maintain their defensive pressure and to keep better spacing and coordination of their passing.

In the second half the Arrows struggled with possession but were able to keep enough defensive pressure on the Pirates to limit their scoring chances. Gadalope Mendoza finished the scoring at 32:08 off a great through pass from Jessica Boggs that split two defenders inside the eighteen yard line which enabled Mendoza a direct shot and finish for the 3-0 final. Credit the defense of Kaitlyn Novinger(Jr), Aysha Benson(So), Morgan Robinson(Jr) and Taylor Thompson(Jr) with a solid effort. Kellie Gruber(So) looked good in goal with 5 saves and continued to show improved leadership.

The Arrows will practice for a couple of days and then play again at Fairborn on Saturday.

-Reserves

The Lady Arrow Junior Varsity Team played a thirty minute 9 on 9 match which saw Taylor Henry(Fr) come up from her defensive position and score her first goal of the season on a breakaway from the left side at 10:10. Henry has good speed and size and can wear many hats for the Arrows. She especially looked good defensively during the summer tournaments but has the speed to help the JV team get forward offensively. Throughout the match, Chrissy Cantrell (So) and Kayla Kiger(So) had breakaway chances but were not able to finish on goal. Sarah Collins(So), Taylor Cyphers(Jr), and Caitlin Lobl(So) did a nice job of thwarting the Lady Pirate's chances. Alexa Gallo(So) will be a nice addition to the Arrows in the goal as she demonstrates good knowledge of the game and had several nice clearing kicks.