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Best Game

-Fairborn

The Coe Lady Arrow Soccer Team played spoiler Monday by enjoying their best complete game of the season in a 1-0 win over the Fairborn Lady Skunks on Saturday in Fairborn.

The pre-game ceremony was well organized and complete with balloons and parents lining the field to honor the girls who graduate in their careers at the school. There was also reading of letters from our donors who reminisced about their best memories of the graduating seniors.

The game itself was a physical battle fought with neither team giving up hard in the first half. As the Arrow struggled with possession in the field and were unable to finish with shots on goal by the forwards, Fairborn was equal in their ability to penetrate the strong back line of Coe. The first half ended in a scoreless tie with Fairborn not shooting the Arrow 4-2. The Arrow intercepted the ball 65 times but had 49 loss of possession plays. Coach Jim Paxton was upset with the team's inability to generate better passing and awareness of seeing the whole field by sighting the point of attack. He encouraged the team to connect on shorter length passes and to pick out target players to pass to versus lofting the ball down field to the opposition's defense.

The Arrow began the second half showing much greater patience and better team passing while maintaining their defensive pressure. As a result they were able to get several shots from their offense. Unfortunately however most shots were either high or wide of the net. That is until Missa Sorelofted a well played ball into the middle from 20 yards out on the left which ended up just in front of the opening. Brian Wilson was able to redirect the ball with 21 left in the game for the 1-0 final.

Credit the whole Arrow Team for playing very strong on defense. Courtney Smith that tortures to play all in the goal she had 6 saves for Coe whose record now stands at 7-6-2. The Arrow finished the regular season on Wednesday at Kenton Ridge.

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