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The coach Lady Aow by soccer team fought their way back to post a well earned 2-2 tie against the Green Lady Falcons on Wednesday. Green came into the game with a 4-2 record and a lot of energy as they were ranked 7th in the last MIA Coach Division II poll and were looking to improve upon their Central Key Conference score.

Early into the game it looked as if the Falcons were going to be their way as they dominated possession and were moving the ball easily into the Aow defense. Out of the field of play, Julie Stole took a box on the left side of the field and fired a long ball into the goal for a 1-0 lead.

The Aow responded by tightening up their defense in intensity and were doing a good job after that point of doing down on Manner in order to prevent her long diagonal passes into the box. However, speedy sophomore, Hilby Soan, tipped past her mark down the right side of the field at 19:35 and took a low ball past the diving Courtney Smith for a 2-0 lead.

The Aow brought back their senior keeper, Be Mintlo, who had a record at 17:35 with a low ball bending in from the left side to give her team some momentum heading into the half. For the half the Aow intercepted the ball 6 times but 2 loss of possession plays and the inability to win 50/50 balls out of the air (3 for 1) limited their ability to generate scoring chances. Coach Jim Patton told his team at halftime that they had played the Falcons by playing pressure and that the high key if his team would see another goal that they would not likely be a good chance at winning the game.

Both teams battled hard in the second half but neither team was able to get into the finishing third on a consistent basis. Mintlo did a long diagonal pass into the box at 2:00 to a heading by the Alleluia in a bid to equalize with a high ball to freshman, Esca Boggs for a 2-2 tie. The Aow only other scoring chance came at 19:06 on a long direct kick off the foot of Allie Pletch that sailed high.

Courtney Smith had a nice game in the goal with 7 saves and a great mid fielder Megan Wilson, Taylor Thompson, and full backs Allie Pletch, Kelly Karda and Eva Penney for applying pressure on the Falcons during the game passing and scoring opportunities. The Aow seek to improve their record with a road trip to Troy on Friday.

Tom Mintlo