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The Coaseh Lady Arrow Soccer Team suffered their second loss of the season at home by a 3-1 score while facing the Northeastern Lady Warriors squad on a slurry Wednesday evening.

Throughout the first half the Arrow struggled to maintain possession of the ball in the middle and appeared to be having difficulty applying enough defensive pressure perhaps due to the hot and humid conditions outside as well as Northeastern's superior speed and passing ability. Freshman Gioe West utilized her speed and shooting skills to break through on the left side and score the first of her two goals at 3:26. The Arrow picked up their defensive pressure at that point and held the Warriors in check until West broke through again at 10:24. For the 2-0 halftime lead.

For the half the Arrow intercepted the ball 8 times but had far too many losses of possession play (0) that limited their ability to develop scoring chances. As such they were outshot by a 9-5 margin.

Coach Jim Dixon was upset with the team's effort and implored his charge to make a much stronger effort to get to the ball and build better possession through team play.

The second half saw a much improved Arrow performance. Better passing and interplay between midfielders Gadhlope Mendez and Jessi Cabg's coordination with striker Base Mintolo and Same Allensaw Coaseh getting on with better scoring positions. The Arrow broke through on a well executed hard ground pass off the foot of Base Mintolo from the far right side that swept past the diving hands of the Warrior keeper and was redirected in by Allen at 01.

With that effort the game took on a high level of intensity which saw several more Arrow scoring chances just miss the intended target.

Northeastern scored again however on a misplayed ball off the hands of Courtney Smithart on a shot from the right side at 10:51 to put out the fire and stage off what appeared to be a promising Arrow comeback.

Alli Pielt had her usual strong defensive effort from the sweeper position and Courtney Smithart had a very respectable game with 11 saves.

The Arrow look to get back on track on Saturday with another tough road game against the Sidney Lady Ellojackets who won their division title in the Great Western Division Conference last year.