

BACK-TO-BACK CHAMPIONS!

Oct. 31, 2005

PELLA - Wartburg College captured its second straight Iowa Conference men's soccer championship Saturday, Oct. 29. The Knights did so despite a 3-2 double-overtime loss to Central.

Head coach Jim Conlon's squad forced extra time after trailing 2-0 just over 20 minutes into the first half. Sophomore midfielder Casey Johnson of Dubuque and senior forward Scott Hill of Mundelein, Ill., posted goals at 25:13 of the first frame and at 82:19 in the second half for a 2-2 tie. The Dutch concluded the battle with a tally in the 105th minute.

The Knights (16-2, 7-1 IIAC) out-shot their hosts 28-14 but Central goalkeeper Greg Foote came up with 10 saves.

With the championship, Wartburg earned the right to host the 2005 IIAC postseason tournament semifinals and finals in men's and women's action this weekend (Friday, Nov. 4 and Saturday, Nov. 5). The league tourney began Tuesday, Nov. 1, with quarterfinal round competition at higher seed sites, and the Knights earning byes in the men's and women's brackets.

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