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Missouri Valley College Wins HAAC Semifinal Match on Penalty Kicks



Marshall, Mo. (November 11, 2009)—The MVC men's soccer team outlasted a stubborn Graceland Yellowjackets team through regulation, into two overtimes, and finally in PK's, winning 4-3. The Vikings had earlier defeated the Jackets 3-1 in the regular season also in Marshall.

Graceland took an early lead in the first half on a shot by Diego Gonzalez (Sr., Brampton, ON). The Vikings came back with a penalty kick by Carlos Arribas (Sr., Zaragoza, Spain) at the 36 minute mark. The score ended the first half 1-1.

The second half was an offensive struggle for both teams and resulted in no points for either side. The teams battled for two periods of extra time without a result, and the match proceeded into penalty kicks to break the 1-1 tie. The Jackets first PK shot was stopped by Valley's keeper, Igor Lima (Sr., Sao Paulo, Brazil), the next Graceland shooters managed to tie up the score with the help of a Viking shot that hit the goal post. But the final Missouri Valley strike found the goal, while the goal keeper, Igor Lima denied the final shot and the fans stormed the field to celebrate the win.

The Vikings will advance to the Heart of America Athletic Conference Championship on Friday, November 13 starting at 2:00 pm on Reed Kepner Field on the campus of Missouri Valley College against Lindenwood University. The Lions upset #1 seeded Benedictine College 1-0.

ABOUT MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE

Missouri Valley College is a liberal arts college that provides educational, social and cultural experiences in a decidedly Christian environment. Established in 1889, MVC offers over 30 majors and 7 pre-professional programs, and 15 sports. The most popular majors include education and business, and the newest majors are nursing, graphic design, dance, and hospitality/tourism management, which will begin in Fall 2009. The liberal arts heritage focuses on scholarship, critical thinking and academic excellence to prepare students to become members of a responsible citizenry. For more information, call (660)831-4000 or visit www.moval.edu.