

Scarlet Hawks on National Stage

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The Illinois Tech men's soccer team recently traveled to Charleston, West Virginia for the USCAA National Tournament. At the opening banquet, several Scarlet Hawks came away as All-Americans. Senior goalkeeper, Euijin Yang, was awarded an Academic All-American award for his cumulative GPA greater than 3.5. Rex Meier was awarded 2nd Team All-American due to his role as the anchor of the defense that ranked 4th in the nation allowing just 1.11 goals per game. Senior playmaker, Brahadon Ramirez, was named USCAA 1st Team All-American after scoring 12 goals and providing 7 assists for 31 points on the season.

In the opening match against the 4th seed Concordia College of Alabama, the 5th seeded Scarlet Hawks came out strong, but in the 5th minute the referee awarded a penalty for Concordia College of Alabama, who converted for an early one goal lead. The referee had a howler of an afternoon and was not up for such an important match. Within ten minutes the referee once again incorrectly

awarded a penalty for Alabama and it was once again, converted. Coming out in the second half the Illinois Tech dominated the flow of the game continuously pressing Alabama into their own half and creating chances. Finally, off a Brahadon Ramirez corner Rex Meier punched in the goal from inside the 6 yard box to cut the deficit to one. The Scarlet Hawks kept pressing, but Alabama snuck a long distance shot past Yang to punch their ticket to the next round.

Illinois Tech played the next day in consolation match against Washington Adventist, where once again the play was dominated by the Scarlet Hawks, but this time it was rewarded with a 2-0 victory. The first goal was off a Tyler Haag cross that was tipped by Brahadon Ramirez where Julio Reyes powered in a close range volley. The second goal was created by a perfect 40 yard cross by Sam Smith that found Brahadon Ramirez, who found a way to score with an overhead kick.

The Scarlet Hawks end their very successful season with a 13-5-1 record and will look to build on the success and confidence gained this year for a deeper run in the national tournament next year!

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