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### Nepean Hotspurs Soccer Club – Hotspurs Knights Capture Rathwell Cup

The Nepean Hotspurs Soccer Club is pleased to announce that the Nepean Hotspurs Knights (MP) emerged as champions in the 2010 Rathwell Cup men's competitive division. In the Cup final, which was held at Algonquin College on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, the Knights edged the Gloucester (MP) side on penalty kicks, after the game ended in a 1-1 draw at the end of regulation time, and two 10 minute overtime periods. Knights keeper Alex Rassi made 2 great saves during the penalty kicks to seal the victory. In advancing to the Cup final, the Knights recorded a 5-3 victory over the Capital City Ambassadors (MC1), a 4-1 victory over Capital United (MP), and a 3-1 victory over the Gloucester Celtic (MP) side, in the Cup semi final.

Earlier in the day, the Hotspurs Hearts (WP) narrowly missed a Hotspurs double Cup triumph falling 1-0 to the Ottawa Royals (WP) during the second overtime period of the final in the women's competitive division of the Cup competition. The Hearts advanced to the Cup final with a 3-2 victory over Kanata (WC1), and a 5-0 victory over the Ottawa Royals (WC3), in the Cup semi final.

The entire Hotspurs family congratulates the Knights, Coach Nikola Brkljaca and Manager Brenda Mackey, and the Hearts, Coach Duane Barker and Manager Greg Elliott on excellent team efforts during the Rathwell Cup Competition. The Hotspurs also congratulate the Ottawa Carleton Soccer League (OCSL) for hosting an excellent Cup competition with all teams displaying a spirited and competitive level of play with an equal level of sportsmanship.

In 2008, the OCSL renamed the historic Ottawa Cup, the Rathwell Cup, to honour the memory of Bob Rathwell – “*the man in the red hat*”. Well known and highly respected in Ottawa's soccer community, Bob Rathwell was an inspiration to all who knew him until his untimely passing.

In order to ensure the best possible environment for our members, the Nepean Hotspurs strictly complies with OSA policies regarding coach certification and volunteer screening. For further information, please email the Hotspurs office at [info@hotspurs.on.ca](mailto:info@hotspurs.on.ca) , or telephone us at 613-723-5762.

*The Nepean Hotspurs Soccer Club was founded in 1970. Proudly promoting the “beautiful game”, the Nepean Hotspurs Soccer Club provides inclusive soccer programs for all age groups and skill levels. A full service, community based soccer club, the Nepean Hotspurs serve a large geographical area in Ottawa's western and southern areas.*

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