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BGSU Men's Rugby Dominates In Route to 3rd Straight Midwest Title

ELKHART, Ind. -- Bowling Green State University men's rugby has won their third straight Midwest Rugby title by defeating Indiana University by a score of 21-10. The Falcons were not the favorite heading into the Midwest tournament due to a loss to Ohio State just two weeks earlier. The loss to Ohio State was Bowling Green's first loss against the Buckeyes since the fall of 2006, and only their first loss in six matches against OSU. However, BGSU avenged the loss with a solid victory over the Buckeyes by a score of 55-32 when it mattered most, during the tournament semi-finals on November 14th. Tony Brown and Nick Viviani were the rocks that solidified the victory over the Buckeyes. Brown contributed three tries in the victory while Viviani scored 25 of the teams 55 points to seal a victory for the Brown and Orange.

The OSU loss before the Midwest tournament could have put the Falcons into poor position for a shot at the Midwest crown. Instead of playing at home after the OSU game, BGSU traveled to Minneapolis to take on the Golden Gophers of the University of Minnesota. The Falcons held on in a tight game defeating Minnesota 35-27 to assure a position in the Midwest tournament.

BGSU cruised through the first rounds of the Midwest tournament before facing off against the Indiana University Mudsharks for the title. Indiana held the match close until Bowling Green's Joey Newton scored a try on a skip pass, sealing the victory for the Falcons. Newton's score created a three possession deficit for Indiana from which they could not recover. BGSU stamped and sealed their trip to the Division I Collegiate Rugby National Championships in San Diego, California to be held April 23-25, 2010.