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The Raider soccer team got back into the finals of its own Raider Invitational on Saturday but ran into one of the state's top teams.

Winnebago Lutheran of Fond du Lac, ranked second in Division 3, stayed unbeaten on the year as they beat Kiel 4-0 in the finals.

Nate Calkins scored three of the WLA goals as the Vikings scored twice in the first seven minutes. Kiel still managed ten shots on the Viking goalie.

To reach the championship, Kiel looked solid in wins over Ozaukee (8-0) and Fond du Lac St. Mary's Springs (4-1).

Brandon Riesterer scored two goals in the first 84 seconds in the Ozaukee match and the Raiders totally overwhelmed the winless Warriors. Bret Maurer, Trevor Rabe, Tim Hauch, Jason Kuske, Trevor Casper and Cole Voelker also scored goals with assists going to Riesterer, Josh Whitmon and Voelker.

The offense stayed hot in the semifinal win over Springs.

Bret Maurer gave the Raiders a 1-0 lead off a pass from Riesterer, but the Ledgers' Dylan Apkarian tied the match at 1-1 with a goal at nine minutes with an assist to Joe Zotter.

The Maurer-Riesterer combo teamed up again at the 15-minute mark for what proved to be the winning goal and second half scores from Casper and Riesterer, with assists to Jose Villa and Maurer, sent Kiel to the championship match.

A special thank you to all of the volunteers from the Kiel Soccer Club for making a great day of soccer.