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## **Texas A&M Men and University of Iowa Women Win Championships in 36th Annual K-State Ed Chartrand Memorial Soccer Tournament**

*Organizers focus on significance of World War I Memorial Stadium and pledge efforts to rededicate it to fallen K-State soldiers.*

(MANHATTAN, Kans.) --- The Texas A&M men's and University of Iowa women's soccer teams took home championship trophies at the 36th Annual K-State Ed Chartrand Memorial Soccer Tournament held this past weekend, April 10-12, at Memorial Stadium on the campus of Kansas State University.

Other teams competing in this year's tournament included Kansas State, Truman State University, Sam Houston University, University of Kansas, Creighton University, Texas Tech University and the University of Colorado – Boulder. The Iowa women faced a tough final edging out the University of Kansas on penalty kicks after 1-1 in regulation play while Texas A&M men had a solid victory over Kansas to finish first. Scores from all matches can be found at [www.chartrandsoccer.com](http://www.chartrandsoccer.com)

The games are a partnership between K-State, the Chartrand Foundation and the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry, 5<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Division of Ft. Riley and held annually at the World War I Memorial Stadium. The stadium was constructed in the 1920's and dedicated in 1929 in honor the 45 K-State students and alumni who sacrificed their lives World War I.

"We are one of the finest and longest sports traditions at K-State and in the Midwest," Art Chartrand, president of the Chartrand Family Foundation, said. "The games this year showcased not only incredible soccer action, but a chance to honor the WWI Memorial where we are fortunate to play. Additionally, we are excited to be working with the University and new student leadership in order to rededicate this sacred memorial in honor the students it was built by and for and solidify it as home to K-State soccer."

Chloe Weston, junior in psychology, Junction City and Aaron Tatman, junior in chemical engineering, Wichita, were each recipients of \$500 scholarships from

the Chartrand Charitable Foundation. Those wishing to be considered for the scholarship, which is awarded annually, must be members of either the men's or women's soccer clubs, complete an application and be nominated by their teammates. The K-State Office of Student Financial Aid (SFA) administers the scholarship.

This year also marked the inaugural *Dennis Cook MVP Award*. The award recognizes Manhattan resident, Dennis Cook who has served as tournament director for 35 years. Christine Sadu, Iowa and Connor Hirt, Texas A&M were the first recipients.

The tournament is held in memory of Ed "Fast Eddy" Chartrand, a former K-State soccer player from Leawood, Kans. who died suddenly at the age of twenty-two in 1979. The Chartrand Charitable Foundation and private donors primarily fund the K-State Ed Chartrand Memorial Tournament and its scholarship program.

For more information on the tournament, pictures, rules and history, visit [www.chartrandsoccer.com](http://www.chartrandsoccer.com) or follow us on Facebook at K-State Ed Chartrand Memorial Soccer Tournament.