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Football: Blackhawks seal home-field edge

COUNCIL BLUFFS — Eric Johnson? Nick Freet? Zach Kohlhoff?

They're not names familiar to fans that have followed the Iowa Blackhawks for the past few years. But thanks to them, the path to the American Professional Football League championship will once again come through Council Bluffs.

Johnson scored the game-winning touchdown from a yard out with 2:35 remaining Friday at the Mid-America Center. Then Freet recovered a fumble snap by Mid-Missouri at the Iowa 5 with nine seconds left to preserve the Blackhawks' 41-37 win over the Outlaws in a matchup of the top teams in the APFL.

Kohlhoff, meanwhile, filled in for injured kicker Jerry Lakin and booted two field goals and three extra points as Iowa clinched the league's regular-season title and the home-field postseason advantage.

"One of the things we always work for is to make sure we have the home-field advantage throughout the playoffs," coach Mike Wolff said.

— **Tony Boone**

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