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(front) Brian Garcia, Edson Irineo, Jazmin Oviedo, (middle) Ismael Garcia, Eryc Bravo, Devon Conley, (back) Anthony Cardona, Adrian Montes, David Montes, Seth Luesebrink.

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SSC Special Olympics has athletes playing at high levels on the big stage.

They are now part of the Unified Union Omaha Owls Soccer team; with other athletes from the Omaha Special Olympic program. The Unified Union Omaha Owls (UUOO) soccer team is sponsored by Special Olympics Nebraska and the Union Omaha Owls professional soccer team. They recently went on the road to play two tough games.

Traveling to Colorado Springs on Aug. 8, they played the Colorado Switch Backs for their second engagement of the season. UUOO walked away with the victory, defeating the Switch Backs 3-1. All the goals were scored by South Sioux City athletes. Eryc Bravo scored the first goal with an assist from Devon Conley in the first half. A second first-period goal came from Brian Garcia. Anthony Cardona followed up on a hard rebound for the third goal in the second half as the Owls defeated the Switch Backs for a second time this season.

The Owls had a solid defense with Seth Luese-

brink. Brian Garcia and David Montes keeping the number of shots on goal down to four. Playing mid field was Adrian Montes, Anthony Cardona, Jazmin Oviedo, Devon Conley and Edson Irineo.

They then traveled to Madison, Wisc., for their second meeting of the season with the Forward Madison team on Aug. 12.

Matt Hoffman from Omaha scored in the first minute of the game with an assist from Anthony Cardona. The Owls controlled the game with 17 shots on goal compared to Forward Madison's five shots on goal. The Owls Edson Irineo scored again in the second half with an assist from Eryc Bravo to tie the game 2-2.

This closed out the Owls season with a 3-0-1 record. This is the second season for this team, the Owls have not been defeated since their inception.

The Owls would like to thank the U-16 boys Interstate soccer team for the many scrimmage games they played with the Owls over the summer.