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**Atlantic 10 Men's Soccer Championship – Semifinals**

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**XAVIER HEADED TO FIRST A-10 CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH**

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** – Sixth-seeded Xavier pulled off its second upset of the 2010 Atlantic 10 Conference Men's Soccer Championship, outlasting top-seeded and nationally-ranked Charlotte on penalty kicks during the semifinals on Friday night at Charlotte's Transamerica Field.

"To beat one of the best teams in the Country is special," commented first-year Xavier head coach Andy Fleming. "We played a classic road game, it was a chess match. We rode our seniors a little bit and did a great job this week of getting ready for penalty kicks. No one on this team, prior to this week, had ever played in a playoff game and no one had ever taken a penalty kick. To win at Charlotte, against Charlotte is very special. We are not done, but we are certainly happy to advance to Sunday."

With the win, Xavier improves to 10-6-4 overall and advances to the Championship game for the first time in school history. The Musketeers will face #2 La Salle, who defeated #5 Saint Louis in the earlier semifinal match, on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 1:00PM. With the loss, No. 15 Charlotte is now 13-5-1 on the season.

After playing 110 minutes and two extra sessions of scoreless soccer, highlighted by 13 saves from Xavier goalkeeper Justin Marshall, the two teams were forced into penalty kicks to decide who would advance to the A-10 Championship. The Musketeers held the 5-3 advantage on PK's.

The title game of the 2010 A-10 Championship will be held Sunday, Nov. 14, at 1:00pm (ET). Live audio and video streaming of the Championship will be available for free via the Atlantic 10 Conference official website – [www.atlantic10.com](http://www.atlantic10.com). For complete coverage of the 2010 Atlantic 10 Men's Soccer Championship, log on to [www.atlantic10.com](http://www.atlantic10.com).