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**Atlantic 10 Conference Men's Soccer Championship**

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**#6 XAVIER CAPTURES ITS FIRST A-10 MEN'S SOCCER TITLE**

*The Musketeers defeat #2 La Salle, 2-0, to claim the 2010 Atlantic 10 Men's Soccer Championship Crown*

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** – Sixth-seeded Xavier continued its storied run through the 2010 Atlantic 10 Conference Men's Soccer Championship on Sunday afternoon at Charlotte's Transamerica Field, as the Musketeers completed their third and final upset, a 2-0 victory over second-seeded La Salle for the program's first-ever league title.

Backed by Championship Most Outstanding Player Justin Marshall, who recorded 21 saves in his 285 minutes on the pitch, Xavier registered three shutouts in four days, including a 1-0 win over #3 Temple and a 0-0 tie against #1 Charlotte. The Musketeers advanced past the 49ers on penalty kicks (5-3).

"If you knew where our program was in January, and for us to come this far – winning on three shutouts in four days – really is a testament to the guys," commented Xavier first-year head Coach Andy Fleming. "We felt all along like we had one of the best teams in the league – our pieces are very good, our morale was good and we have a lot of trust in each other, and great senior leadership. I really felt we were the team of the year all year long, and we showed that we were the team of the year today. It was a wonderful day and I'm proud to be the Coach at Xavier."

With the win, Xavier improves to 11-6-4 on the season and secures the A-10's automatic bid to compete in the NCAA Men's Soccer Championship. XU will learn its place in the NCAA event on Monday, Nov. 15 between 4:30-5:00PM ET on ESPNU. With the loss, La Salle drops to 9-7-3 on the year.

The two teams remained scoreless for nearly 60 minutes, until Xavier scored what would prove to be the game-winning goal during the 58th minute, as senior midfielder James Getzen blasted a shot into the net off a pass from sophomore forward Luke Spencer for a 1-0 Musketeer advantage.

Xavier rookie midfielder Matt Walker followed with an insurance goal for the Musketeers in the 78th minute, after senior forward Bryan Kahn delivered a pass from 40 yards out to Walker, who found the back of an open net for a 2-0 XU advantage.

**ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**

Issac Cowles, Charlotte

Andres Cuero, Charlotte

Jeff Pio, La Salle

Glenroy Chapman, La Salle

Don Korenyi, La Salle

Emmett O'Connor, St. Bonaventure

Chad Vandegriffe, Saint Louis

Nick Hagglund, Xavier

Brandon Bucker, Xavier

Luke Spencer, Xavier

Justin Marshall, Xavier – Most Outstanding Player