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#2 LA SALLE OUSTS DEFENDING CHAMPION #5 SAINT LOUIS, 2-0

The Explorers make their first appearance in the A-10 Championship match for the first time since 1997

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. – Second-seeded La Salle ousted defending champion Saint Louis, downing the fifth-seeded Billikens, 2-0, during the semifinals of the 2010 Atlantic 10 Conference Men's Soccer Championship, Friday night at Charlotte's Transamerica Field.

"This win is a tribute to the players, they bought in all year long and they were willing to do all the work required to get them into this position," commented A-10 Coach of the Year Pat Farrell. "They started to experience the success and it bred more and more confidence. We are a solid team, we are a good team. Now we have an opportunity on Sunday to win the A-10, which would be huge for our program. It isn't going to be easy, but I have always told my players I never said it would be easy, but I did say it would be worth it."

With the win, La Salle improves to 9-6-3 on the season and advances to the A-10 Championship match for the first time since 1997 and only the second time in school history. La Salle will play the winner of the #1 Charlotte/#6 Xavier game. Saint Louis concludes its 2010 campaign with a 9-7-3 overall mark.

The two teams played to a scoreless tie at the intermission, combining for just three total shots in 45 minutes of action. La Salle opened up the scoring in the 59th minute, as sophomore forward Glenroy Chapman blasted an unassisted shot past SLU's Mark Pais. Just four minutes later, on a 3-1 La Salle breakaway, freshman Jidell Roach crossed the ball from the right side to a waiting Chapman, who steadily shot the ball past Pais for his second goal of the match and his third of the season.

La Salle goalkeeper John McCarthy recorded his eighth shutout on the year, registering four saves in his 90 minutes on the pitch. Pais also had four saves in the loss.

Saint Louis held the 9-4 advantage on corner kicks, while La Salle outshot the Billikens, 13-10.

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. For complete coverage of the 2010 Atlantic 10 Men's Soccer Championship, log on to www.atlantic10.com.