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#5 SAINT LOUIS UPSETS #4 ST. BONAVENTURE, 2-1

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Fifth-seeded Saint Louis pulled the second upset of the day, as the Billikens defeated fourth-seeded St. Bonaventure, 2-1, Thursday night during the opening round of the 2010 Atlantic 10 Conference Men's Soccer Championship at Transamerica Field on the campus of UNC Charlotte.

"It wasn't the prettiest game," commented Saint Louis head coach Mike McGinty. "When you get into the playoffs, both teams know they have to go for it and they are going to be up for the challenge. We expected a tight game and St. Bonaventure didn't disappoint. They came out in the second half, scored a goal and made things interesting."

With the win, Saint Louis improves to 9-6-3 overall and advances to the semifinals of the Championship for the sixth-straight year. The Billikens will face #2 La Salle tomorrow evening at 5:30 PM at Transamerica Field. St. Bonaventure concludes its 2010 campaign with a 10-8-1 overall mark.

Saint Louis took the early 1-0 advantage after the ball ricocheted off St. Bonaventure goalkeeper David Flynn's shin on a failed clearance in the 29th minute. The Billikens then scored what would prove to be the game-winning goal, 37:17 into the first half, as junior defender Alex Johnston found the back of the net for the third time this season off a pass from Jake Brown.

St. Bonaventure would retaliate in the second half and cut SLU's lead to 2-1, as Kolby Banker notched his first goal of the season off a Fabrizio Savarino distribution in the 40th minute.

Friday's semifinal action will be broadcast via the Atlantic 10 Conference official athletic website – www.atlantic10.com – and will be free to the public. For more information on the 2010 Men's Soccer Championship go to ww.atlantic10.com.

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