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Top-Seeded Meramec Soccer Squads Head To Semi-Finals

The STLCC-Meramec men's and women's soccer squads both enter the Region XVI Tournament semi-finals this Friday (Oct. 30) as the top seeds. The men's team, boasting a 14-3-1 record, takes on Blue River (11-5-1) in Kansas City. The women's team, at 7-5, faces fourth seed STLCC-Forest Park (7-10-1) at St. Charles Community College. Both semi-final games are at 2:00.

The men's team advanced after crushing STLCC-Florissant Valley (0-18-1) 11-0 in quarterfinal action Tuesday. The game was shortened by officials when they declared the rain-drenched field unplayable after 70 minutes of play. In that game, freshman midfielder **Kyle Merry** (Ft. Zumwalt West) scored four goals, while sophomore midfielder **Marc Bowron** (Aberdeen, Scotland) had the hat trick with three scores.

Captain **Almin Sabotic** (Mehlville) had a goal and four assists. He leads the team in scoring with 11 goals and 8 assists. Sophomore goalie **Chris Eason** (Lindbergh) recorded the shutout. Earlier this season, Meramec defeated Blue River 1-0. Looming in the other semi-final, second-seeded Crowder (8-7-1) takes on third seeded Maple Woods (12-4-1). The title game is Sunday, Nov. 1 at 1:00 at Excelsior Springs High School in the Kansas City area.

The women's team will be trying to beat the Highlanders for the third time this year, having bested them 3-2, and 1-0. **Casey Caldwell** (Lindbergh) has been the squad's main offense with 10 goals and 2 assists. Goalie **Katie Joliff**, (Northwest) last week's NJCAA National Goalie Of The Week, has been a big part of the Magic's success with four shutouts in a five game span, all wins.

In the other semi-final, third seeded Maple Woods (12-2-1) faces tourney host second seed St. Charles (8-5-1). The title game is slated for Saturday.