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.