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Gaels Keep Winning Steak In Overtime

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Yousef Samy (8, right) passing on to Kyle Ciliento (9, in the middle) Photo Tod Fierner

From half to half the game changed wildly, but the Saint Mary's men's soccer team did not let Santa Clara bring their winning streak to a close. Coming off of a 3-1 win over the University of San Francisco on October 10, the Gaels tied 1-1 with Santa Clara moving them to a 3-6-2 overall record and a 2-1-1 record in West Coast Conference play. The Broncos now sit at 2-6-3 overall and 0-2-1 in WCC play.

Santa Clara came out strong in the first half attacking the goal with 7 shots, 4 of which made Saint Mary's keeper Jason Badger have to hustle. Badger has really picked up his play in the latter half of the season, lowering his on goal average to 1.34 and accumulating 34 saves.

Despite Badger's heightened performance, with 16:20 off the clock in the first half, Jalil Anibab got the best of him. From 35 yards out directly in front of the goal, Anibab's strong left foot booted the ball past Badger with force into the upper left corner of the net for his first goal of the season.

The Gaels continued to prove themselves a second half team. In their last two games Saint Mary's took 17 second half shots, compared to 9 in the first half. Sunday wasn't any different as they took 4 shots in the first half and 7 in the second.

Thirteen minutes into the second half, freshman defender Justin Grider won a header over the Broncos and sent the ball up to fellow freshman forward Malcolm Alugas. Clearing out space with some fancy footwork, Alugas slipped it past the Santa Clara keeper Kevin Klasila with his left foot from 15 yards out.

The Gaels and Broncos fought hard for the remainder of regulation play, but neither team could gain an advantage on the scoreboard, sending them into an uneventful overtime. Saint Mary's tallied 3 shots in the second overtime to Santa

Clara's 1, but the action was still not enough for either team as they tied 1-1.

The Gaels will try to keep their winning streak alive as they play their next game at Gonzaga on Friday, October 17th.



Erik Rivas, (7) Photo Tod Fierner

Saint Mary's Grabs

An Earlier Win

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It looked like the Saint Mary's College and Loyola Marymount University men's soccer teams were headed into overtime on Sunday, October 5, until Gael freshman mid-fielder Emmanuel Sarabina earned his first collegiate goal as he sent a header past keeper Patrick Sampson with 58 seconds left in regulation play. The goal cinched the 2-1 win, giving the Gaels a 2-6-1 record overall and a 1-1-0 record in the West Coast Conference.

Loyola attempted more than 20 shots, 9 of which were on goal, but Saint Mary's keeper Jason Badger held them to only one goal with a strong performance, earning a season high of 8 saves.

It was late in the first half when Saint Mary's Mark Araujo tied the score. Araujo headed Justin Kims' long thrown-in into the left corner of the net. It was both Araujo's first goal of the season and Kims' first assist. The goal sent the Gaels into half time with a lot of momentum, which they used coming out in the second half attempting 6 straight shots on goal.

The heated rivalry will continue on October 31st at Loyola Marymount as the two teams meet for their second game of conference play.

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