

Quebec holds Laurentians to draw 10/12/02

By JOHN BROWNE, The Telegram

Cesar Pineda-Sanchez scored with three minutes left to play to give Quebec a well-earned 1-1 draw with St. Lawrence Laurentians in Challenge Cup national men's soccer action Friday night at King George V Field in St. John's.

Neda-Sanchez silenced the crowd of more than 4,000 when he caught Laurentians keeper Pat Byrne well out of his net and booted a low, hard shot into the back of the empty goal.

Byrne had made a brilliant tip save over the bar moments earlier.

Quebec dominated the second half and with a bit of luck would have won the match. They hit two goal posts and one cross bar and came out on the short end of some questionable officiating.

Quebec coach J.R. Toussaint said, "We had to go forward down 1-0 and they (St. Lawrence) dropped back and gave us some opportunities."

St. Lawrence coach Junior Edwards said, "It was Quebec's first game and our second match in two nights. The boys got tired in the second half. Quebec played well. It was a fair result."

Richard Kelly opened the scoring at the 12-minute mark.

Kelly went wide and, from a difficult angle, booted the ball low to the short side of the net. The Quebec goalkeeper got a piece of the ball but it went off his hand and rolled slowly over the goal line.

Five minutes earlier, Kelly had an excellent scoring chance when he went in alone on the Quebec net. Although he was taken down from behind in the penalty area, the referee let the play go on.

With the tie, St. Lawrence's record drops to one win and a tie.

Semifinal games, as of Friday night, were still not finalized.

In other games Friday:

Ontario 1, Manitoba 1

Paulo Ferreira, at 39 minutes, booted Ontario's marker, while Tony Nocita, at 11, scored for Manitoba.

Alberta 3, New Brunswick 0

Cenek Patik, at 25 minutes; Noel Grisdale, at 27 and Mike Howlett, at 35, tallied for Alberta. Dave Harrison had the shutout.

P.E.I. 2 , Saskatchewan 1

Brett Norton scored on a penalty kick at 67 minutes for the winner. Patrick O'Connell, at 27, also scored for P.E.I.