

## Laurentians reach semis 10/13/02

St. Lawrence Laurentians finished first in their division and have earned the right to compete in today's semifinals at the Challenge Cup national men's soccer championship in St. John's.

The Newfoundland and Labrador representatives (1-0-1) will meet Alberta at 4 p.m. at King George V Field.

The Alberta club placed first in the four-team Group C/D with an identical 1-0-1 record.

The other semifinal will see Nova Scotia (first in Group A, 1-0-1) take on Manitoba (second in Group C/D, 1-0-1) 1 p.m. at the Mount Pearl pitch.

St. Lawrence's top placing in Group B came as a result of a 2-2 tie between Quebec and British Columbia Saturday afternoon.

With the Laurentians needing Quebec either to lose or tie to advance to the semifinals, more than 3,000 fans turned out at King George V Field to cheer the B.C. club, which delighted the home fans with a big comeback.

Trailing 2-0, B.C. netted two second-half markers, the last one on a penalty kick at the 78-minute mark, to earn a 2-2 tie, giving St. Lawrence the semifinal spot.

Members of the Laurentian team, which didn't play Saturday, were at the game and saluted the B.C. players after the match with handshakes.

The semifinal winners will meet in the championship game, scheduled for 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at King George V Field.

B.C. 2, Quebec 2

John Gilber scored at the 73-minute mark to give B.C. the tie, while Sean Ebbs-Canavan netted the team's first marker on a penalty shot at the 58-minute mark.

Sitataty Matondo, at 24 minutes, and Jose Guerra, at 45, tallied for Quebec.

B.C. outshot Quebec 7-5. Two British Columbia players were handed red cards by referee Rob Antle of St. John's.

Nova Scotia 4, Saskatchewan 0

Danny Fournier booted two goals, at 32 and 90 minutes, to lead Nova Scotia to its division's top spot and a semifinal berth.

Trevor Reddick, at 28 minutes, and Mesut Mert, at 80, added singles for the winners. Mark Gardiner turned away three Saskatchewan shots for the shutout.

Each team was handed four yellow cards by referee Ian Fradham.