

No. 11 Men's Soccer, Loyola Marymount Play To Scoreless Draw

Flames remain undefeated after scrappy match.

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Box Score

Chicago, Ill.- The 11th-ranked UIC men's soccer team wrapped up the Chicago Classic weekend with a 0-0 tie against Loyola Marymount at Flames Field on Sunday afternoon.

The unbeaten Flames (5-0-2) registered their second straight shutout while limiting the Lions (1-2-3), a team that has played all six of its matches against Top 25 sides, to just five shots.

In a scrappy contest that featured 30 fouls, seven total yellow cards and a pair of send-offs, UIC created a variety of opportunities that narrowly missed. The Flames had nine corner kicks, multiple direct free kicks and some solid shots that were just inches off the frame, particularly in the match's late stages.

"Usually when a team goes down a man and feels wronged, they play with an energy and a heart, and that's a compliment to Loyola Marymount," said UIC head coach John Trask. "As I told the guys, we've had a good beginning to the season, and they're a good team. They've tied Saint Louis, they've tied New Mexico.

"Would we have liked to see one of the nine corners go in? Yeah. Would we have liked to see some of the great stuff we did at the edge of the box get finished off? Yeah. But it's not an easy game," said Trask. "This was a big weekend for us. In years past I felt we would have probably lost a game on Friday night because we didn't play well, and against a 10-man team that was playing with all that emotion, I think in years past we would have probably would have found a way to lose it today, but we didn't. We created all the opportunities late in the match. I'm pretty pleased with the performances across the board."

UIC continues its four-match homestand with its Horizon League opener against Cleveland State this Friday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.



Jovan Bubonja turned in his second straight clean sheet.