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**Jakubowski Hits Top Form for LIU in October
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While it has proved to be one of the toughest seasons in recent years for the young Long Island Blackbirds men's soccer team, Steve Jakubowski has nonetheless been excellent throughout October, directly helping his team secure two wins and a draw.

His first goal was converted against Bryant, although a Morris County Colonials teammate was keen to step into the limelight in the opening minutes. Dan Sauerhoff, the star defender for the Colonials during the summer, notched up a goal to open proceedings against the visitors in the fifth minute, firing in a header off a corner from junior Elliot Kane.

Jakubowski would get the third LIU goal in the 4-3 win after 83 minutes, converting from a Rommel Forde pass. It would be Kane who would seal the winner after Bryant got themselves back into the game on 86 minutes; he would take a deflection just one minute later to break the visitors' hearts.

In a 1-1 draw against Sacred Heart, Jakubowski would assist senior Josh Maley in setting up Forde, who decisively converted his shot for the squad's sole goal. LIU Blackbirds hung on for the final 13 minutes after going down to ten men, proving that they had strength from front to back in the closing minutes of the tie - Jakubowski was even denied a goal after a point-blank save from Pioneers goalkeeper Alex Fait with just a minute to go.

Most recently, Jakubowski would also convert in a 2-1 win over Robert Morris. The Blackbirds mounted an attack in the 27th minute, when junior Jakeem Johnson fed the ball via Maley to the Morris County forward in front of the net. Jakubowski struck the ball past Robert Morris goalie Toba Bolaji on the left, making the score 1-0 and giving his squad the advantage they needed to add a second in the second half; the goal from Robert Morris would not prove enough to get them back in it.

The Morris County Colonials wish both Jakubowski and Sauerhoff the best of luck in their three closing games of the season, when they play NEC divisional rivals St Francis, Quinnipiac and Farleigh Dickinson.

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