



The Colorado Rush is proud to be sending Morgan Stanton (M), Gabbi Miranda (M), and Lizzy Raben (D) to play with the Under- 17 Women's National Team as they try to qualify for the World Cup at the [2012 CONCACAF U-17 Women's Championship](#) that takes place May 2-12 in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

After 10-0, 5-0 and 3-0 victories over Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago, and Mexico (respectively), the US U17's will face Panama in the semi's for a place at this year's U17 World Cup. The US side will take on Panama on Thursday with Canada facing off against Mexico for the other automatic bid.

To be able to send one player to represent the club is a great honor, but to be able to send three players to represent the Colorado Rush is outstanding! (At right: Lizzy, Morgan and Gabbi in Spain earlier this year.)

The ever inquisitive Colorado U11girls Nike team prepared a few questions for their "sister teammates" as they head to Guatemala:

**1. "How far away is Guatemala?" Riley Haussler**

Guatemala is to the south of the United States. There's 1919 miles between Denver and Guatemala City, where we're staying. But it's the same exact time as Colorado, so we didn't have to get used to a time change!

**2."Since you're playing at a different altitude, do you have any advantage or prepare for the games differently?" Alana Schechter**

Although Guatemala City is at a pretty high altitude, it's still lower than Colorado, so I guess we have a slight advantage. But it's a lot hotter and more humid than Colorado, so it evens out. We play all our games on turf, so that's been a little bit of an adjustment. We also came out a week

early before our games to get used to the field and conditions, so that's been a big help.

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