Rush President and CEO Tim Schulz recently returned from a site trip to visit some of our Rush partner clubs in Africa. Below is his report on the visit.

"On my last site visit to West Africa, I visited The Gambia Rush from April 2-6. The Gambia Rush hosted a tournament where the younger U15 team played the U17 team in the Final. I saw excellent technique, very good competition and passion. The older boys ended up winning 1-0. One of the boys I particularly liked, Bubba Jobe. We are working on his visa to get him to play in one of the US based Rush clubs. I also had a meeting with the Gambian Army and Chief of Defense. He wanted to thank the Rush on behalf of the Gambian Army for all of the wonderful things we have done for the community! The club is climbing to be one of the best in The Gambia which is incredible considering they just became a Rush Club about a year ago. The second part of my trip, April 7-12, I headed up to Senegal to check up on the Senegal Rush. I saw one scrimmage, met with the staff several times and attended a press conference. The club competition is much more stiff. There is a presence of some sort from most of the top clubs in the world: Arsenal, Marseille, Man. U., Barcelona, to name a few. These top clubs have scouts, partnerships and liaisons tied up everywhere. Both clubs are run by Omar Sise who bounces back and forth ensuring consistency and continuity of the Rush Way."

"In short, both clubs get a positive report. The Rush has some good partnerships in Africa and we continue to grow. If I may add, these partnerships are mostly due to the fact to the R.E.A.C.H. project, Rush Equipment Assisting Children. The U.S. based clubs continue to donate their unused equipment to these communities, well, and it goes without saying all these positives are a result of our efforts."

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