



**Waukegan, Illinois-** Colorado Rush G15 Nike are

one step away from realizing their dream of becoming National Champions! They defeated PDA (New Jersey) 1-0 in the Semi Final of the ECNL National Championships today. For the second straight game, Rush dominated the first half of play. PDA seemed content to sit back and absorb pressure, allowing Rush time and space to connect passes and keep possession. Rush's Jordan Di Biasi once again proved too much for the opposition to contain. After some nice combination play from Rush at the PDA top of the box, Jordan Di Biasi beat a PDA defender to the end line and served a beautiful cross that Rylie O'Keefe hammered home giving Rush a 1-0 lead at the break.

(Check out an interview with Rylie and Jordan [here](#).)

The second half saw Rush defend much more than they wanted to. PDA came out as the aggressor and applied constant pressure. PDA had several corner kicks and free kicks that they served into the box, but the Rush girls did an outstanding job of clearing balls out of danger. GK, Sabrina Macias, came up huge on two occasions to preserve the shut out.

Colorado Rush will face Dallas Sting (4-1 winners over Crossfire) in the Final tomorrow (Wed) at noon CST. This will be the second time these two teams have faced each other this season, with Rush winning the previous meeting at the San Antonio National Event in February. If this game is anything like the first, the fans will definitely get their money's worth. Colorado Rush scored early in that game, only to give up two goals in a five minute span midway through the first half. Rush's Taylor Burton equalized with a header off a corner kick just before half time. With less than five minutes remaining in the game, Jastin Redman followed up a Janessa Fowler shot that ricocheted of the cross bar, heading in the game winning goal.

Colorado Rush has two more teams competing for ECNL National Championships this week. The 17's and 18's begin their quest for National Championships tomorrow (Wednesday). The 17's will play Ohio Premier at noon CST and the 18's will face Real Colorado at 10:00 am CST.