With all 12 coaches having arrived in Paris, the trip has gotten off to a great start. Director of Coaching Education Nik Penn and Regional Technical Director Arian Hoxha, met up with Laurent Papillon who has been instrumental in the organization of the trip, through his work with UEFA and the French Football Federation. Arian and Nik were able to get a private tour around the Parc de Princes stadium, the home of Paris St. Germain. After checking out the pitch and the locker rooms, they were invited into the Champions League Press conference with Carlo Ancelotti of PSG and Victor Perieria of FC Porto. The night ended with a chance to watch Porto train leading up to the game the following night.
The remainder of the coaches arrived on Tuesday in time for a museum tour in the morning, before attending the UEFA Champions League game featuring PSG vs. FC Porto. The winner advancing from the group in first place for a chance for a favourable draw in the last 16.

PSG held on to win 2-1 in a packed stadium of close to 50,000 fans. At half time a few of the coaches managed to catch up with Rush's very own, Lindsey Horan, who is starring for the PSG Womens team, having already scored 8 goals in her first professional season.

The week continues tomorrow with a trip to Northern France to see Lille play Valencia in another Champions League game, where the coaches will say the night and attend the Lille Academy with Laurent.

Pictured: Top right - Brian Lux, Colorado Rush alum and PSG Women's star Lindsey Horan, Nik Penn and Russell Finch before the PSG-Porto Champions League game. Bottom left - Hawaii Technical Director Arian Hoxha, Bottom Right - Porto and PSG Champions League game

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