

## **Rush Wins Gothia Cup!!!**

(07.24.10)

For now they gotta believe us, for now they gotta believe us, for now they gotta believe ussss... For we have won the cup!!!

After their 3-2 victory over Boo IF, the Colorado Rush are champions of the GU15 age group at the Gothia Cup. Rush's Brittney Stark started the scoring off early in the first half, when she pounced on a loose ball in the box, and buried it in the back of the net. Boo answered back with a goal of their own a few minutes later. A nifty combination at the top of the box freed up a Boo striker who slotted her shot under a diving Sabrina Macias to level the score at 1's. Brittney Stark gave Rush the lead again when she followed up Gabbi Miranda's blast from 25 yards out. Stark completed her hat trick just before half. Kerri Marquadt got on the end of a Ashely Mages' cross and hit the cross bar with her shot. Stark was there to clean up the rebound as she headed it in from close range.

The second half saw a few good chances from both sides. Boo hit the cross bar from a long range shot midway through the second half. In the final minute, Boo converted a pk on a questionable foul in the box. Rush killed off the final minute of the game and came away with a 3-2 victory sending the players and fans into a frenzy!

Brittney Stark was selected MVP of the match after scoring three goals.

"Oh When the Rush," could be heard throughout the city, as the girls were taken away from the stadium on a convertible bus and driven all around town.

Coach Wes Hart had this to say after the game, "The atmosphere was awesome. Great stadium. Live TV. Replays on jumbo tron. It was cool! After the game, they paraded us around the city in a convertible bus and we did all the Rush chants throughout the city. All the people on the streets would cheer for us as we went by. Random people would come up and ask for photos of the girls. They were treated like pros!"

Picture of the game, the celebration, and players' comment will be available soon.

## **Rush Girls Headed to Gothia Cup Final**

(07.23.10)

After 9 games, 500 minutes, 47 goals for, and 0 against, the Rush girls are headed to the Finals of the Gothia Cup! After a dramatic last second goal to launch them into the Semi Finals, the Rush defeated Ifo Bromolla IF to secure their place in Saturday's Final. Betsy Brandon got Rush on the board when she calmly slotted a left footed shot past the Bromolla gk. Early in the second half, Rush's Kayla Latham finished a Jordan Di Biasi cross from close range, to make it 2-0. It was Latham's first goal of the tournament. She was the last Rush player to score a goal (all 16 players have now scored) and it could not have come at a better time. Rush's third goal was acutally put in by a Bromolla defender, after a hard run through the box by Brittney Stark. Ashely Mages finished the scoring off, when she converted a Betsy Brandon cross of of a short corner. Rush's defense,

anchored by captain Julia Thurston, was stingy once again, as they allowed very few chances on goal.

Rush will face Boo FF (Sweden) in the Final, which will kick off at 11 am (3 am MST).

### **Rush Girls Continue to Win at Gothia Cup**

(07.22.10)

(Gothia Cup squad hanging out at the hotel in Sweden)

After two more wins today, the Rush Girls advance to the Round of 16 at the Gothia Cup. In their first game today, Rush defeated Nattraby GoIF. After a slow start and a scoreless first half, Gabbi Miranda got Rush on the scoreboard. Her free kick from 30 yards out, found the back of the net. Just before the end of the game, Rush added a second goal when Whitney Szeliga's corner kick was headed in by Jordan Di Biasi.

In game two, Rush completely dominated from the opening whistle. Shannon Patterson opened the scoring five minutes into the game, and the goals kept coming from there. Seven different Rush players scored. Natalie Ambrose and Lindsey Hendon scored their first goals of the tournament. Gabbi Miranda, Brittney Stark, Hadley Plummer, and Kerri Marquardt also added goals.

Rush will play the winner of Hollvikens GIF/Storfors AIK in the Round of 16 at 9:15 am on Friday. Quarter Finals will be played at 3:30 pm and Semi Finals at 7:45 pm on Friday.

For pictures and blog entries from Gabbi Miranda and Julia Thurston, [click here](#). (Updates through Day 4)

### **Rush Girls Reach Knock Out Stage of Gothia Cup**

(07.21.10)

After another convincing win (7-0 vs Falkopings KIK), the Rush girls won Group 27 and will advance into Playoff A. There are 64 teams in Playoff A and it's single elimination from here (similar to NCAA Basketball Tournament). The Rush will play Nattraby GoIF on Thursday at 10 am. If the girls win, they will face the winner the Onsala BK/Lira BK on Thursday evening. The Round of 16, Quarter Finals, and Semi Finals will all be played on Friday, with the final being played on Saturday.

### **Rush Girls Win Again in Sweden**

(07.20.10)

(First 11 vs. Ulricehamns IFK)

Colorado Rush defeated Ulricehamns IFK 6-0 this morning and beat Munksund/Skuthamn 8-0 in the evening. After 3 games, the Rush girls sit on top of Group 27 (9 points) with 1 game remaining vs 2nd place Falkopings.

In the early game, Julia Thurston and Betsy Brandon scored first half goals to give Rush a 2-0 lead at the break. Brandon added two more goals in the second half to complete her hat trick. Jordan Di Biasi and Ashley Mages both scored from long range shots.

Shannon Patterson needed just 6 minutes to record a hat trick vs Munksund. Rebecca Rasmussen and Hadley Plummer each scored goals to give the Rush a 5-0 halftime lead. In the second half, Plummer scored her second goal and Brittny Stark added two more. The final ended 8-0.

In 3 games, Rush has scored 21 goals and has yet to concede a goal.

For pictures and blog entries from Gabbi Miranda and Julia Thurston, [click here](#).

### **Rush Open Gothia Cup with Big Win**

(07.19.10)

(Rush First 11 vs Snostorp/Nyhemm FF)

Colorado Rush defeated Snostorp/Nyhemm FF (Sweden) 7-0 in their opening game at the Gothia Cup. It took the Rush girls just 6 minutes to score their first goal from a Jordan Di Biasi blast, inside the box. A few minutes later, Britney Stark added a second. Hadley Plummer scored the Rush's third goal, one minute before halftime, on a breakaway. Rush did not hold back, as they added four more second half goals. Betsy Brandon found the back of the net for the first time, after leading the team in goals at the Manchester Cup, while Di Biasi, Plummer, and Stark each added a second.

Rush will play Ulricehamns IFK (Sweden) at 9 am and Munksund/Skuthamn SK at 5 pm.

[Gabbi Miranda and Julie Thurston's blog](#).

### **Rush Girls Head to Sweden for Gothia Cup**

(07.18.10)

Almost two months after winning the Manchester United Premier Cup, the GU14 Colorado Rush Nike team travel to Sweden to compete in the Gothia Cup. This is perhaps the most prestigious youth soccer tournament in the world. The Rush Girls will play in the GU15 division along with 130 other teams from throughout the world. They are in Group 27 and will play against four other teams from Sweden. Games will begin on Monday, July 19. If the girls place in the top 2 in Group, they advance to Playoff A. If they finish in the bottom 3, they will advance to Playoff B. Rush will play up to 10 games in six days if they advance all the way to the final.

Click here for the Gothia Cup Schedule

<http://www.gothiacup.se/eng/index.php/home/match-schedule/>

Gabbi Miranda and Julia Thurston will be providing a [daily blog](#) so check back often for updates.

### **Oregon Rush Girls in the News - Gothia Cup (Sweden)**

(07.06.10)

(Shannon Patterson, Natalie Ambrose and Hadlie Plummer of Oregon Rush, picture courtesy of The Bend Bulletin)

As the U14 Colorado Rush Nike girls finish up preparation for the Gothia Cup in Sweden later in July, the three guest players on the roster from Oregon Rush are drawing plenty of attention at home in Bend, Oregon. Shannon Patterson, Hadlie Plummer and Natalie Ambrose were part of the U14 Rush team that won the prestigious Manchester United Cup in Portland in late May. Now the girls will play in the Gothia Cup in Sweden, more or less the World Championship for the U14 age group.

Katie Brauns of The Bend Bulletin wrote a great article on Shannon, Natalie and Hadlie and their experience winning the Manchester United Cup and preparing for the Gothia Cup. [Click here](#) to read the article.

### **Rush Girls Win Manchester United Premier Cup**

(06.02.10)

The Colorado Rush U14 Nike Girls, along with a handful of girls from Oregon Rush, defeated Slammers (Southern California) 2-0 on Monday to win the Manchester United Premier Cup, one of the most prestigious youth tournaments in the US!

The Rush Girls won their group with 9 points by defeating Legends (Southern California) 1-0, Ohio Premier 1-0, and West Coast FC (Southern California) 1-0. Their lone blemish in group play was a 2-1 loss to Mustang (Northern California).

In the Quarter Finals, Rush defeated PDA (New Jersey) in a shootout. Rush's Betsy Brandon, Natalie Ambrose, and Shannon Patterson all converted their penalties, while gk Lindsey Hendon came up with two clutch saves.

In the Semi Finals, Rush knocked off Arsenal (Southern California) 1-0 in OT. Betsy Brandon scored the game winner 60 seconds before the final whistle.

The Rush Girls saved their best soccer for the Final game of the tournament. They completely dominated the Slammers from beginning to end. Rush Opened the scoring in the 3rd minute when Betsy Brandon's pass deflected off a Slammers' defender and into the back of the net. Rush put on a clinic in the second half. Betsy Brandon doubled the lead on a classy goal from outside the box after some wonderful combination play. Gabby Miranda nearly made it 3-0 when her free kick from 35 yards out, rang off the goal post.

With the Man U cup win, the girls now qualify for the Gothia Cup in Sweden, July 18-25. The Gothia Cup is one of the largest tournaments in the world (drawing 1500 teams from 60 countries). Nike will cover the cost of the trip to Sweden for the newly crowned Man U Cup Champions!

Congratualtions girls and good luck in Sweden!!!