



The Colorado Rush G15 Nike team erased a two-goal halftime deficit today in the first round of the ECNL Championships in Waukeegan, Illinois. After a slow start in which Rush conceded two early goals, the Rush girls came out flying in the second half. Rush's Betsy Brandon started the comeback in the 50th minute when she received a cross from Lindsey Tornabene at the top of the box. Brandon settled the ball with her chest and calmly slotted the ball past the on-rushing Ohio Elite goal keeper. After several near misses and a half dozen corner kicks, Rush finally scored the equalizer in the 62nd minute off a 35 yard strike from Kayla Hill. Just when it seemed like the game was destined for OT, Rush's Kayla Hill and Aspen Robinson hooked up for the game winner. Hill, who was moved to left back in the second half, beat two players on the left side and then delivered a perfect ball to the near post that Robinson flicked past the Ohio Elite goal keeper. The goal came with two minutes remaining in regulation. With the win, Rush will advance to the quarter finals tomorrow (Monday) at noon CST where they will face Eclipse (Chicago). Eclipse easily defeated Mustang (Cal North) 6-1 in their first round match up. Rush and Eclipse played one time last year and tied 0-0.

The Colorado Rush G14 Nike team are also in Waukeegan, Illinois this weekend, but they are playing in the Showcase Division. Similar to the Rush G16 Nike team, the 14's did not finish high enough to qualify for the Championships. The Rush G14's came from behind twice today and eventually tied So Cal Blues 2-2. Rush's Emily Cope scored two quality goals for her side. The Rush 14's will face Penn Fusion tomorrow (Monday) at 10:15 am CST.

The Colorado Rush G17 Nike and G18 Nike teams will begin their quests for ECNL National Championships on Wednesday. The 17's will face Ohio Premier in the first round. These two teams played to a 2-2 draw back at the ECNL San Diego National Event in late March. Rush was without National Team members Morgan Stanton, Gabbi Miranda, and Lizzy Raben for this game. The Rush 18's will face a familiar foe in the first Round, as they are matched up vs cross town rival, Real Colorado. These two teams played twice this season in ECNL division games with the home side winning by a score of 4-0 on each occasion.

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