

There were eight Rush teams in the quarterfinals of Far West Regionals, followed by four in the semis. It seemed only fitting that two teams would advance to the final game day in Boise, Idaho. Saturday morning saw the U16 Colorado girls fall 1-0 to Mustang and the U17 Oregon girls fall to So Cal Blues 3-1. Then luck began to change.

After falling behind Sereno in the first half, the U17 New Mexico boys regrouped during an injury timeout and struck 10 minutes before the end of the game to level up. Both overtime periods would pass scoreless and the boys found themselves in a shootout. Goalkeepers on both sides would make saves in the first 5 kicks and the shootout went to extra shooters. After the Rush boys had converted their 9th kick to give them a goal advantage, the Sereno goalkeeper stepped to the spot to try his luck. A big run up and strong kick ended up sailing high and right of the goal giving the Rush boys a ticket to the final where they will face La Roca from Utah.

In the 4th semi-final matchup of the day, the U18 Colorado Rush girls struck in the first minute only to see rival Pride Predators of Colorado be awarded a penalty kick just moments later. The penalty was converted to level the score at one goal a piece. Just 10 minutes later, Rush were awarded a penalty kick which Virginia Tech bound Kelsey Loupee converted to give the Rush a 2-1 lead. Goalkeeper Molly Poletto made several big saves to hold the lead and the Rush girls saw the game through for a 2-1 win. The 18's will face off with Real So Cal on Sunday morning looking for a Region IV title. Saturday results and Sunday schedule are below.

DAY V – June 25th				
Time	Field	Team	Opponent	Score
8:00 am	6	CO 16 Girls	Mustang (CN)	L 1-0
8:00 am	9	NM 17 Boys	Sereno (AZ)	W 2-1
8:00 am	11	OR 17 Girls	So Cal Blues (CS)	L 3-1
10:00 am	13	CO 18 Girls	Pride Predators (CO)	W 2-1

DAY VI – June 26th					
Time	Field	Team	Opponent	Score	Record
8:30 am	4	NM 17 Boys	La Roca Premier (UT)		
9:30 am	2	CO 18 Girls	Real So Cal (CS)		

FINAL FOUR

Friday saw 8 Rush teams take the field in their respective quarterfinal matchups. Four would walk away victorious and advance to Saturday morning semi-finals.

The U16 Colorado Rush got 3 goals from Danica Evans in their 4-1 win over Las Vegas Premier. They face a talented Mustang team out of Cal North on Saturday.

The U17 Oregon girls needed overtime to knockoff Mustang Rampage. A floated ball into the box late in the second overtime period was knocked in by a Mustang player for an own goal seeing OR Rush through.

The U17 New Mexico Rush boys needed 1 goal to get past Pateadores and it came on a penalty shot. The boys face Sereno (AZ) on Saturday.

The U18 Colorado girls netted a goal in each half to get past MVLA (CN) 2-0. They will face off with rival Pride Predators (CO) in the semi-finals.

DAY V – June 25th					
Time	Field	Team	Opponent	Score	
8:00 am	6	CO 16 Girls	Mustang (CN)		
8:00 am	9	NM 17 Boys	Sereno (AZ)		
8:00 am	11	OR 17 Girls	So Cal Blues (CS)		
10:00 am	13	CO 18 Girls	Pride Predators (CO)		

All four teams are looking to advance to the US Youth Soccer National Championships in Phoenix, Arizona July 27-31. Semi-final matchups are below.

After a 95 degree day on Wednesday, Rush teams got a recovery day on Thursday in preparation for the knockout round which begins Friday morning. Eight Rush teams have advanced to Friday play and are looking to bring home a Fa West Regional title. The game schedule for Friday is below.

DAY IV – June 24th					
Time	Field	Team	Opponent	Score	
8:00 am	6	ID 12 Boys	Pateadores (CS)	L 4-1	
8:00 am	7	CO 16 Girls	Las Vegas Premier (NV)	W 4-1	
8:00 am	8	OR 17 Girls	Mustang Rampage (CN)	W 2-1	
10:00 am	2	NM 16 Boys	Mt. Hamilton PAC Tigers (CN)	L 1-0	
12:00 pm	6	NM 13 Boys	Crossfire Premier (WA)	L 2-1	
12:00 pm	4	NM 17 Boys	Pateadores (CS)	W 1-0	
12:00 pm	7	ID 17 Boys	Sereno (AZ)	L 3-1	
12:00 pm	9	CO 18 Girls	Washington Premier (WA)	W 2-0	

Day three of the Far West Regionals is in the books. Eight Rush teams have advanced to the knockout stage starting Friday morning. In the Rush Game of the Day, the U17 New Mexico Boys scored once in each half to beat Maui United and win their group. Video highlights are below.

DAY III – June 22nd					
Time	Field	Team	Opponent	Score	Record

8:00 am	2	CO 19 Boys	Rio Vista FC (NM)	T 2-2	0-2-1 Eliminated
8:00 am	5	OR 13 Girls	Santa Rosa United (CN)	L 3-0	0-3-0 Eliminated
9:30 am	15	ID 12 Boys	Jackson Hole United (WY)	W 4-1	2-1-0 Advance
10:00 am	13	HI 18 Boys	Brazil FC (NV)	T 2-2	0-2-1 Eliminated
10:00 am	19	OR 15 Girls	Beach White (CS)	L 1-0	0-3-0 Eliminated
10:00 am	14	CO 18 Girls	So Cal Blues (CS)	T 0-0	2-0-1 Advance
11:00 am	5	AK 12 Girls	Scottsdale Blackhawks (AZ)	T 2-2	0-1-2 Eliminated
12:00 pm	12	OR 17 Girls	LV Premier (NV)	W 4-3	2-1-0 Advance
2:00 pm	15	NM 13 Boys	MSC United (AK)	W 5-0	3-0-0 Advance
2:00 pm	13	ID 16 Boys	Colorado Rapids (CO)	L 3-0	0-3-0 Eliminated
2:00 pm	17	HI 17 Boys	Pateadores (CS)	W 2-1	1-2-0 Eliminated
2:00 pm	20	ID 17 Boys	NLSC Sparta (AK)	W 3-0	3-0-0 Advance
2:00 pm	12	CO 16 Girls	Legends Breakaways (CS)	L 1-0	2-1-0 Advance
2:00 pm	9	OR 16 Girls	San Diego Surf (CS)	T 1-1	0-1-2 Eliminated
4:00 pm	11	NM 16 Boys	Montana Avalanche (MT)	W 3-1	1-1-1 Advance
*4:00 pm	20	NM 17 Boys	Maui United (HI)	W 2-0	3-0-0 Advance
4:00 pm	4	OR 14 Girls	Real Colorado (CO)	L 4-1	1-2-0 Eliminated

The second day of competition at Far West Regionals was similar to the first. The Rush teams expected to advance to the knock-out rounds advanced while other teams struggled. The U16 Colorado Rush girls took care of business in the Rush game of the day by a score of 2-1 behind goals from U17 National team player Morgan Stanton and the 5th goal of the week by Danica Evans. Game highlights and Day 2 results are below.

DAY II – June 21st					

Time	Field	Team	Opponent	Score	Record
8:00 am	16	OR 13 Girls	Crossfire Premier (WA)	L 3-0	0-2-0
9:30 am	5	ID 12 Boys	Full Force (AK)	W 2-1	1-1-0
10:00 am	10	OR 15 Girls	RVFC (NM)	L 3-0	0-2-0
10:00 am	18	CO 19 Boys	Newark Argonauts (CN)	L 3-2	0-2-0
11:00 am	16	AK 12 Girls	Storm Royal (CO)	L 6-0	0-1-1
12:00 pm	9	HI 18 Boys	United FC Black (CS)	L 4-0	0-2-0
12:00 pm	8	OR 17 Girls	Maui United (HI)	W 5-0	1-1-0
12:00 pm	3	CO 18 Girls	Sparta Premier (UT)	W 2-1	2-0-0
12:30 pm	15A	NM 13 Boys	Arsenal Gold (CO)	W 4-1	2-0-0
2:00 pm	14	ID 16 Boys	BNSC Premier (ID)	L 4-0	0-2-0
2:00 pm	12	NM 16 Boys	Albion White (CS)	L 3-0	1-1-0
2:00 pm	4	NM 17 Boys	North Scottsdale SC (AZ)	W 4-0	2-0-0
2:00 pm	2	ID 17 Boys	Rio Vista United (NM)	W 2-1	2-0-0
2:00 pm	15	OR 14 Girls	Crossfire Premier (WA)	L 4-0	1-0-1
4:00 pm	2	HI 17 Boys	Pride Predators (CO)	L 2-0	0-2-0
*4:00 pm	14	CO 16 Girls	Leahi Premier (HI)	W 2-0	2-0-0
4:00 pm	12	OR 16 Girls	CISC Velocity (AK)	T 3-3	0-1-1

Day 1 at Far West Regionals was a tough one for Rush Soccer on a grand scale. Of the 17 teams to step on the field, only six would walk away victorious. New Mexico Rush won at U13 and U17 Boys and Colorado won at U16 and U18 Girls to lead the way. In the 'Rush Game of the Day', the U17 Idaho Rush boys played a tough Las Vegas Surf team. With hundreds of fans chanting and cheering from the sideline, the boys left the pitch with a well earned 2-1 victory. Video highlights from today's match will be available soon. Below are results from day 1 as well as the day 2 schedule and preview of the U16 Colorado Rush girls who will be featured in the 'Game of the Day'.



2011 Far West Regionals - Day 1

DAY I – June 20th					
Time	Field	Team	Opponent	Score	Record
8:00 am	16	ID 12 Boys	Arsenal RL (UT)	L 2-1	0-1-0

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8:00 am	20	CO 19 Boys	BNSC Premier (ID)	L 2-1	0-1-0
8:00 am	8	HI 18 Boys	Palo Alto Blue (CN)	L 2-1	0-1-0
8:00 am	11	OR 15 Girls	Foothills MVLA Lightning (CN)	L 5-0	0-1-0
9:30 am	6A	OR 13 Girls	Coeur d'Alene Sting (ID)	L 2-1	0-1-0
11:00 am	6A	NM 13 Boys	Vegas United (NV)	W 1-0	1-0-0
12:00 pm	9	CO 18 Girls	Neusport (NV)	W 6-1	1-0-0
12:30 pm	6	AK 12 Girls	Super Nova Elite (ID)	T 1-1	0-0-1
2:00 pm	3	HI 17 Boys	Central Cal Blues (CS)	L 3-1	0-1-0
2:00 pm	12	CO 16 Girls	AUFC Fusion (NM)	W 5-1	1-0-0
2:00 pm	13	OR 16 Girls	Real Colorado (CO)	L 5-0	0-1-0
2:00 pm	20	OR 17 Girls	Super Nova (ID)	L 5-3	0-1-0
4:00 pm	7	ID 16 Boys	Eastside FC Red (WA)	L 9-0	0-1-0
4:00 pm	9	NM 16 Boys	HSC Bulls (HI)	T 0-0	0-0-1
4:00 pm	2	NM 17 Boys	Santa Clara Sporting (CN)	W 2-0	1-0-0
*4:00 pm	4	ID 17 Boys	Las Vegas Surf (NV)	W 2-1	1-0-0
4:00 pm	18	OR 14 Girls	PVSC Power (ID)	W 1-0	1-0-0