



It was sure to be a difficult day for both of the top clubs in Colorado as all five ECNL teams would go head to head in their first ECNL match up ever. Each game was hard fought for sure but at the end of the day it was Colorado Rush fortunate to be on top. The two clubs split the first games of the day as both the 14 girls and 15 girls kicked off at 9am at Addenbrooke Park. The 14 girls battled for 70 plus minutes and though a late goal gave them a life line, it was not enough as time would soon run out and Real would be victorious with a 2-1 win. As the 14's were fighting their way back into their match, the 15's were searching for ways to break down the Real defense in theirs. After taking an early two goal lead, it would be Real fighting back and making the game 2-2. But midway through the second half, the continuous quality that the 15's put forth finally produced results and Rush found the additional breakthrough they were looking for and went on to secure the 3-2 win. Next on the docket was a battle of two of the top ranked teams in the country. The 17 girls (Rush first 11 are pictured). In a high scoring affair, Rush would prevail 5-3 after taking leads of 2-0, 4-1 (to 4-3) and then finally 5-3. Five different goal scorers registered goals for the Rush girls who displayed some entertaining soccer throughout the match. Video highlights of the game are below. The 16 girls would follow with a 3-1 result. After conceding an early goal, the Rush girls would tally three unanswered goals and finish the game comfortably. The final match of the day pitted two of the top U18 teams in the state against one another. Bri Campos was the story of the first half netting two important goals to provide a 2-0 lead. The Rush girls would match that output in half two, doubling their lead and capping off the day with a 4-0 win. Said academy director of coaching Wes Hart, "I am proud of all of our teams today. It is great to get the results that we did, but how we got them was equally as impressive. We know when we face Real in the spring we will have to earn each and every result all over again, but for now, it feels good."