Boys representing 7 states, have come together to form the B14 Select and kick-off the Alaska Airlines Cup tournament in Anchorage, AK this weekend. The team that has one three championships in the their previous 3 tournaments, got off to a flying start, with a pair of 7-0 wins, even though they are playing up at the U16 Division. The morning started brightly with a first half lead of 3-0 (Emerson, Riggs X2), vs. Phoenix, from AK. The goals continued to flow in the second half with another goal from Emerson and further strikes from Swift, Cunningham and Frusina). A coaching staff of Dave Dengerink (TX), Nik Penn (PP), Todd Riggs (VA) and Tim Schulz (Rush Soccer) were very happy with how the guys went about their business.

The afternoon saw another game, this time the opponent being CISCO, from Cook Island, AK, which they dismantled with similar class. Mike Swift open the game with a hat-trick inside the first 16 minutes, with Hunter Hayden adding a fourth before half time. The guys continued their onslaught with further goals from Halverson, Emerson and a last minute 30 yard strike from Nick Toupin. Head Coach Dave Dengerink, praised the way the guys continued to work hard and solve problems on the field, even when the score was so lop-sided.

After the games, the focus turned to seeing some of the sights of Alaska and the search for a Moose. Taking a drive along the Turnaround Arm coastline, it was less than 30 minutes before the first Moose sighting, and then (pictured below), a trip up the Alyeska tram and the amazing sights that awaiting them at the top.

The tournament continues on Saturday with a win securing a place in the semi-finals. With only one game on the agenda tomorrow, the focus can be on the morning performance before heading out to see what else this great State has to offer.

You can follow all the updates (and Moose viewings) at the Rush Select Facebook page /Rushselect.

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