

## SCORES

90's:

Game 1: vs RIII: lost 5-1

Game 2: vs RII: won 2-0

Game 3: vs RI: won 1-0

91's:

Game 1: vs RIII: won 2-1

Game 2: vs RII: tied 0-0

Game 3: vs RI: tied 2-2

The championship game will be Sunday at 8:30 (Florida time) and will match Region IV 90's vs Region IV 91's. It will be a dogfight for Region IV bragging rights.

P.S. more details and pictures will follow once there is a better internet connection.

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The 91 squad were extremely tired after the day of travel, many of the players and administrators were delayed and spent many hours in various terminals across the nation. With that said, we had a team breakfast at 8 am Florida time with a great spread hosted by the Radisson Hotel. Immediately following breakfast both the 91 and 90 teams went to a local park to have a pre-game training session. Head Coach Mario Sanchez took the field players and walked the team through a tactical session in hopes to organize them before the match versus Region III 91's. Assistant Coach Junior Gonzalez took the goalkeepers and walked the team through all the restarts or set pieces. We then returned to the hotel for a lunch and began our mental preparation for 4:30 kickoff versus Region III.

We arrived at the Disney Wide World of Sports complex where the energy and facilities were amazing. Teams from all over the country were represented along with many college, professional, and National team scouts. We kicked off with great energy and capitalized on our first corner kick with a service from Michael Roman and great finish from Christian Ramirez in the 5<sup>th</sup> minute of play. Region III began to put pressure on for the equalizer and found it in the 32<sup>nd</sup> minute by their only substitute of the first half. The coaching staff addressed a few points at half time and Region IV started the second half more organized and prepared to compete for a possible game winning goal. It was a great team effort from all of the players on the team and in the 60<sup>th</sup> minute Adedoja Akinsanya finished a great opportunity beating two Region III defenders and shooting the ball in the

upper corner to the keeper's right. The team played very well and demonstrated great game management to finish the game 2-1.

We then returned to the Hotel for a 9 pm dinner. Immediately following dinner a team meeting held in a conference room and the game was discussed. The schedule means given for day 3 and we then called it a night. All in all, it was a great start to the interregional competition.

The Region IV 90 team lost to the Region III 90 team 5-1. A full report will follow shortly.