

**INDY ELEVEN VS NEW YORK COSMOS – SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016**



**NASL SPRING SEASON GAME #3 / COMBINED SEASON GAME #3**

**Indy Eleven**

*(0W-2D-0L, 2 pts., 6th in 2016 NASL Spring)*

**vs.**

**New York Cosmos**

*(2W-0D-0L, 6 pts., 1st in 2016 NASL Spring)*

Saturday, April 16, 2016 – IUPUI Carroll Stadium in Indianapolis, IN – 7:30 p.m. ET

TV: WISH-TV (local) & ONE World Sports (national); STREAMING VIDEO: [www.ONEWorldSports.com](http://www.ONEWorldSports.com)

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**INDY vs. NEW YORK HISTORY**

Overall: 0W-6D-0L

Home: 0W-2D-0L

Away: 0W-4D-0L

**2016 Series**

Sat., April 16 v NYC 7:30 pm ET

Wed., August 31 @ NYC 7:30 pm ET

Sat., September 24 v NYC 7:30 pm ET

**2015: 0W-3D-0L**

[July 25, 2015 v NYC](#) 1-1 D

[July 5, 2015 @ NYC](#) 1-1 D

[April 11, 2015 vs. NYC](#) 1-1 D

**2014: 0W-3D-0L**

[October 4, 2014 @ NYC](#) 0-0 D

[August 30, 2014 vs. NYC](#) 2-2 D

[May 24, 2014 @ NYC](#) 1-1 D

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## INDY ELEVEN ROSTER (as of 04/14/2016)

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	Nationality	DoB	Last Club
1	Keith Cardona	GK	6'4"	200	Glen Rock, NJ	USA	11/07/92	FC Leifering (Austria/2)
2	Neil Shaffer	DF	5'11"	175	Aliquippa, PA	USA	02/14/89	Harrisburg City Islanders (USL)
4	Brad Ring	MF	5'10"	165	Rockford, IL	USA	04/07/87	Portland Timbers (MLS)
^ 5	Lovel Palmer	DF	5'10"	160	Mandeville, Jamaica	Jamaica/USL	08/30/84	Chicago Fire SC (MLS)
6	Dylan Mares	MF	5'9"	160	South Bend, IN	USA	02/11/92	Indiana University (NCAA)
7	Don Smart	MF	5'9"	170	Kingston, Jamaica	Jamaica/USA	12/02/87	RVA FC (NPSL)
* 8	Nicki Paterson	MF	5'11"	155	Motherwell, Scotland	Scotland	01/19/85	Ottawa Fury FC (NASL)
* 9	Eamon Zayed	FW	6'2"	200	Dublin, Ireland	Ireland/Libya	10/04/83	Sabah FA (Malaysia/1)
^ 10	Siniša Ubiparipović	MF	5'9"	163	Cleveland, OH	Bosnia & Herz./USA	08/25/83	Ottawa Fury FC (NASL)
12	Greg Janicki	DF	6'3"	195	New Baltimore, MI	USA	07/09/84	San Antonio Scorpions (NASL)
14	Duke Lacroix	FW	5'9"	155	New Egypt, NJ	USA	10/14/93	Univ. of Pennsylvania (NCAA)
15	Daniel Keller	DF	6'0"	165	Carmel, IN	USA	02/07/92	Univ. of Louisville (NCAA)
16	Cory Miller	DF	6'2"	185	Zionsville, IN	USA	07/22/88	Los Angeles Blues (USL PRO)
18	Jon Busch	GK	5'10"	165	Queens, NY	USA	08/18/76	Chicago Fire SC (MLS)
19	Wojciech Wojcik	FW	6'4"	209	Elmwood Park, IL	Poland/USA	05/31/92	Ilves (Finland/2)
20	Justin Braun	FW	6'2"	195	Salt Lake City, UT	USA	03/31/87	Sacramento Republic FC (USL)
23	Marco Franco	DF	5'11"	155	Chino Hills, CA	USA	10/06/91	Chicago Fire (MLS)
^ 24	Jair Reinoso	FW	6'0"	170	Cali, Colombia	Colombia/USA	06/07/85	Zhejiang Yiteng (China/2)
* 32	Colin Falvey	DF	6'1"	185	Cork City, Ireland	Ireland	06/20/85	Ottawa Fury FC (NASL)
* 33	Gorka Larrea	MF	5'11"	165	San Sebastian, Spain	Spain	04/07/84	Montreal Impact FC (MLS)
* 82	Nemanja Vuković	DF	6'3"	180	Podgorica, Montenegro	Montenegro	04/13/84	Sacramento Republic FC (USL)
* --	Omar Gordon	FW				Jamaica	10/08/91	Montego Bay United (Jamaica/1)

\* = international roster slot

^ = holds U.S. Green Card (does not count against int'l roster allocation)

**Head Coach:** Tim Hankinson

**Assistant Coach:** Tim Regan

**Director of Goalkeeping:** Jon Busch

**Head Athletic Trainer:** Brian Gerlach

**Team Operations Manager:** Andy Piggush

**Equipment Manager:** John Roeder

**Team Physician:** Dr. Daniel Kraft

### Pronunciation Guide

Justin Braun

BRAWN

Keith Cardona

car-DOUGH-nah

Greg Janicki

JAN-ick-ee

Duke Lacroix

la-KWA

Gorka Larrea

gore-KA lar-RAY-ah

Dylan Mares

MAIRES

Lovel Palmer

luh-vell

Jair Reinoso

JYE-ear ray-NO-so

Neil Shaffer

SHAY-fer

Siniša Ubiparipović

sin-EE-sha

OO-be-pare-ee-poe-vich

Nemanja Vuković

neh-MAHN-yah

VOO-kah-vich

Wojciech Wojcik

VOY-check VOO-cheek

Eamon Zayed

AYE-mon ZYE-ed

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### INDY ELEVEN 2016 NASL SPRING SEASON SCHEDULE

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Date	Time (ET)	Opponent	Venue	Result
Sat., April 2	7:30 pm	at Tampa Bay Rowdies	Al Lang Stadium – St. Petersburg, FL	0-0 D / 5,740
Sat., April 9	7:30 pm	vs. Ottawa Fury FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	1-1 D / 9,104
Sat., April 16	7:30 pm	vs. New York Cosmos	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sat., April 30	8:00 pm	at Rayo OKC	Miller Stadium – Oklahoma City, OK	
Sat., May 7	7:30 pm	vs. FC Edmonton	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sat., May 14	7:00 pm	at Fort Lauderdale Strikers	Lockhart Stadium – Fort Lauderdale, FL	
Sat., May 21	7:30 pm	vs. Minnesota United FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sat., May 28	7:00 pm	at Jacksonville Armada FC	Community First Park – Jacksonville, FL	
Sat., June 4	8:00 pm	at Miami FC	FIU Stadium – Miami, FL	
Sat., June 11	7:30 pm	vs. Carolina RailHawks	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	

### INDY ELEVEN 2016 NASL FALL SEASON SCHEDULE

\*\*\* Match dates & times are subject to change

Date	Time (ET)	Opponent	Venue	Result
Sat., July 2	7:30 pm	at Puerto Rico FC	Juan Ramón Loubriel Stadium – Bayamón, PR	
Sat., July 9	7:30 pm	vs. Minnesota United FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Wed., July 13	7:30 pm	vs. Ft. Lauderdale Strikers	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sat., July 16	8:00 pm	at Minnesota United FC	National Sports Center Stadium – Blaine, MN	
Sat., July 23	7:30 pm	vs. FC Edmonton	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sat., July 30	8:00 pm	at Miami FC	FIU Stadium – Miami, FL	
Wed., Aug. 3	7:30 pm	vs. Jacksonville Armada FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sat., Aug. 6	7:30 pm	vs. Ottawa Fury FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sat., Aug. 13	7:30 pm	vs. Rayo OKC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sat., Aug. 20	7:30 pm	at Carolina RailHawks	WakeMed Soccer Park – Cary, NC	
Sun., Aug. 28	2:00 pm	at Ottawa Fury FC	TD Place – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	
Wed., Aug. 31	7:30 pm	at New York Cosmos	James M. Shuart Stadium – Hempstead, NY	
Sat., Sep. 3	7:30 pm	vs. Tampa Bay Rowdies	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sat., Sep. 10	7:00 pm	at Ft. Lauderdale Strikers	Lockhart Stadium – Fort Lauderdale, FL	
Sat., Sep. 17	7:30 pm	vs. Miami FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sat., Sep. 24	7:30 pm	vs. New York Cosmos	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sun., Oct. 2	4:00 pm	at FC Edmonton	Clarke Field – Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	
Sat., Oct. 8	7:00 pm	at Jacksonville Armada	Community First Park – Jacksonville, FL	
Sat., Oct. 15	7:30 pm	vs. Carolina RailHawks	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Wed., Oct 19	7:30 pm	at Tampa Bay Rowdies	Al Lang Stadium – St. Petersburg, FL	
Sat., Oct. 22	7:30 pm	vs. Puerto Rico FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sun., Oct. 30	7:00 pm	at Rayo OKC	Miller Stadium – Oklahoma City, OK	

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## INDY ELEVEN 2016 NASL SEASON STATISTICS

UNF	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	SHT	SOG	C	E
82	DF	Nemanja Vuković	2	2	180	1	0	2	1	0	0
18	GK	Jon Busch	2	2	180	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	DF	Colin Falvey	2	2	180	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	DF	Greg Janicki	2	2	180	0	0	3	1	0	0
4	MF	Brad Ring	2	2	180	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	FW	Eamon Zayed	2	2	180	0	0	3	2	0	0
5	DF	Lovel Palmer	2	2	172	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	FW	Justin Braun	2	2	153	0	0	3	0	0	0
8	MF	Nicki Paterson	2	2	153	0	0	3	0	1	0
14	FW	Duke Lacroix	2	2	147	0	0	1	0	0	0
10	MF	Siniša Ubiparipović	2	2	141	0	0	2	0	0	0
33	MF	Gorka Larrea	1	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	FW	Jair Reinoso	2	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	DF	Marco Franco	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	GK	Keith Cardona	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
-	FW	Omar Gordon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	MF	Daniel Keller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	MF	Dylan Mares	1	0	39	0	0	1	0	1	0
16	DF	Cory Miller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	DF	Neil Shaffer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	MF	Don Smart	1	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	FW	Wojciech Wojcik	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Eleven totals</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Opponent totals</i>			<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>0</i>

GAME-WINNING GOALS: None

GAME-WINNING ASSISTS: None

PENALTY KICK ATTEMPTS: None

### INDY ELEVEN INDIVIDUAL GOALKEEPING

UNF	POS	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MIN	GA	GAA	SVS	PG	PA	W	D	L	SO
18	GK	Jon Busch	2	2	180	1	0.50	4	0	0	0	2	0	1
1	GK	Keith Cardona	0	0	0	0	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Eleven Totals</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>Opponent totals</i>			<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0.50</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>

### GOALS SCORED BY MINUTE

	1-15'	16-30'	31-45+'	46-60'	61-75'	76-90+'	Total
Indy Eleven	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Opponent	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

# NASL 2016 SPRING STANDINGS

Place	Team	GP	W-D-L	GD	Pts
1	New York Cosmos	2	2-0-0	+5	6
2	Carolina RailHawks	2	2-0-0	+2	6
3	Minnesota United FC	2	1-0-1	1	3
4	Miami FC	2	0-2-0	0	2
5	Tampa Bay Rowdies	2	0-2-0	0	2
6	<b>Indy Eleven</b>	2	0-2-0	0	2
7	Fort Lauderdale Strikers	1	0-1-0	0	1
8	Rayo OKC	2	0-1-1	-1	1
9	FC Edmonton	2	0-1-1	-2	1
10	Ottawa Fury FC	2	0-1-1	-3	1
11	Jacksonville Armada FC	1	0-0-1	-2	0

## 2016 NASL Calendar

### SPRING SEASON WEEK 2 RESULTS (Home-Away)

Saturday, April 9  
**IND 1 : 1 OTT**  
 MIA 1 : 1 TBR  
 OKC 2 : 3 CAR  
 Sunday, April 10  
 FCE 0 : 2 MNU  
 NYC 2 : 0 JAX

### SPRING SEASON WEEK 3 SCHEDULE (Home-Away, all time EDT)

Friday, April 15  
 JAX v. MIA — 7:00 PM  
 Saturday, April 16  
 CAR v. OTT — 7:30 PM  
**IND v. NYC — 7:30 PM**  
 TBR v. FCE — 7:30 PM  
 MNU v. FTL — 8:00 PM

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### LAST TIME OUT – INDY 1 : 1 OTTAWA

Ottawa Fury FC looked destined to spoil Indy Eleven's home opener by taking the full three points out of IUPUI's Carroll Stadium, but Indy defender Nemanja Vuković's 89<sup>th</sup> minute rebound goal forced a share of the spoils from a 1-1 draw in front of 9,104 fans in downtown Indianapolis. Ottawa forward Idan Vered opened his Fury FC account in the 56<sup>th</sup> minute to put the visitors ahead – and nearly for good, until Vuković's late tally evened the "Class of 2014" reunion.

[Click here for the full game recap](#)

#### Scoring Summary:

OTT – Idan Vered (Jonny Steele) 56'

IND – Nemanja Vukovic (unassisted) 89'

#### Discipline Summary:

OTT – Jonny Steele (caution) 18'

IND – Dylan Mares (caution) 55'

IND – Nicki Paterson (caution) 66'

OTT – Gerardo Bruna (caution) 83'

OTT – Dennis Chin (caution) 84'

**Indy Eleven line-up (4-2-3-1, L-->R):** Jon Busch; Nemanja Vuković, Greg Janicki, Colin Falvey (capt), Lovel Palmer; Nicki Paterson, Brad Ring; Duke Lacroix (Don Smart 74'), Sinisa Ubiparipovic (Dylan Mares 51'), Justin Braun (Jair Reinoso 63'); Eamon Zayed

*Eleven bench: Keith Cardona (GK), Marco Franco, Gorka Larrea, Cory Miller*

**Ottawa Fury FC (4-3-3):** Romuald Peiser; Marcel de Jong, Timbo, Rafael Alves, Kyle Porter; Jonny Steele (Lance Rozeboom 79'), Julian de Guzman (capt) (Mauro Eustaquio 84'), James Bailey; Paulo Junior, Gerardo Bruna, Idan Vered (Dennis Chin 71')

*Fury FC bench: Andrew MacRae (GK), Mozzi Gyorio, Carl Haworth, Bryan Olivera*

### FIRST TIME OUT – TAMPA BAY 0 : 0 INDY

Indy Eleven got a hard-earned point to kick off its 2016 season on April 2 in the Sunshine State, as "Indiana's Team" used a stout defensive effort to duel to a 0-0 draw with the Tampa Bay Rowdies in front of 5,740 fans at Al Lang Stadium. New goalkeeper Jon Busch would stop all three shots faced on the evening and the quickly-bonding ten men in front of him would frustrate the Tampa Bay attack throughout the evening, combining to register a clean sheet in the season opener.

[Click here for the full game recap](#)

#### Scoring Summary:

None

#### Discipline Summary:

TBR – Neill Collins (caution) 40'

TBR – Darnell King (caution) 43'

IND – Brad Ring (caution) 53'

IND – Gorka Larrea (caution) 87'

TBR – Zac Portillos (caution) 87'

**Indy Eleven line-up (4-2-3-1, L-->R):** Jon Busch; Nemanja Vukovic, Greg Janicki, Colin Falvey (capt), Lovel Palmer (Marco Franco 82'); Nicki Paterson (Gorka Larrea 63'), Brad Ring; Duke Lacroix (Jair Reinoso 73'), Sinisa Ubiparipovic, Justin Braun; Eamon Zayed

*Eleven bench: Keith Cardona (GK), Cory Miller, Dylan Mares, Don Smart*

**Tampa Bay Rowdies (4-2-3-1):** Matt Pickens; Zac Portillos, Neill Collins, Tamika Mkandawire (capt), Darnell King; Justin Chavez, Michael Nanchoff; Kalif Alhassan (Darwin Espinal 67'), Junior Burgos (Georgi Hristov 73'), Eric Avila; Tommy Heinemann

*Rowdies bench: Michael Langer (GK), Jeremy Hall, Ben Sweat, Juan Guerra, Danny Mwangi*

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**FIT TO BE TIED:** “Death. Taxes. Draw the Cosmos.”

As Monday’s tax deadline and Saturday’s first meeting of 2016 between Indy Eleven and New York approaches, that phrase adopted by the Indy faithful couldn’t be any timelier. The two sides have vast differences in many metrics, but when it comes to the results on the field it’s been split right down the middle every time, with all six prior meetings ending in ties, including a trio of 1-1 affairs last season.

Both teams will look to break that mold when the first of their three match-ups in 2016 occurs at “The Mike” on Saturday. As in the previous two years, Indy fans will get two looks at the Cosmos (April 16 & Sept. 24), with only one meeting to be held at Hofstra’s Shuart Stadium on Long Island (Aug. 31).

**INJURY REPORT:** Indy Eleven head coach Tim Hankinson will be dealt his first major injury consideration heading into Saturday’s contest after starting #10 Sinisa Ubiparipovic was forced from last Saturday’s match vs. Ottawa with a right hamstring strain suffered at the onset of the second half. On the encouraging side of the injury report, midfielder Daniel Keller could be available for his first minutes of the season Saturday against New York, this after the Carmel, IN, native trained fully all week, completing his comeback from a bone bruise in his leg that cost him much of the team’s 2016 preseason.

**FAMILIAR FACES:** While none of the players on the Eleven and Cosmos have suited up alongside each other on an NASL playing field, that doesn’t mean there won’t be plenty of handshakes during pre-game on Saturday, as several were teammates during stints in Major League Soccer through the years:

FW Justin Braun – Played with Michael Lahoud for Chivas USA (2009-11)

GK Jon Busch – Played with Danny Szetela for Columbus Crew SC (2004-06)

DF Greg Janicki – Played with Danny Szetela for D.C. United (2009)

DF Lovel Palmer – Played with Hunter Freeman in Houston (2011) ... and was traded from Houston to Portland in exchange for Adam Moffat in July 2011

MF Sinisa Ubiparipović – Played with Hunter Freeman (2007) and Carlos Mendes (2007-10) for the New York Red Bulls

DF Nemanja Vuković – Played with Carlos Mendes and Jairo Arrieta for Columbus Crew SC in 2012

**GORDON NEWEST BOY IN BLUE:** Indy Eleven officially added its newest member of the squad on Thursday, although the addition of forward Omar Gordon was no surprise. The 24-year-old Jamaican winger will come to Indianapolis from Red Stripe Premier League side Montego Bay United – the squad that his new head coach Tim Hankinson helped league to the top of the league table last fall prior to his departure – upon completion of visa paperwork and receipt of his international transfer certificate.

Gordon finished the recently concluded RSPL season atop the league’s scoring chart with 19 tallies in league matches, surpassing his Montego Bay United teammate Dino Williams, who was tabbed to join the “Boys in Blue” before being unable to pass his entrance physical last month. Gordon helped MBU to the 2013/14 Red Stripe Premier League title and to a runner-up finish in 2014/15, and scored one of its goals in their playoff semifinal round contest last week. He also made a pair of substitute appearances for the side during CONCACAF Champions League group stage play last summer.

**DEFENSE RULES THE DAY:** Indy Eleven head coach Tim Hankinson has made it no secret that he’ll be relying on the squad’s defensive moxie to help earn results while the team’s attack becomes more familiar – and so far it’s been able to squeeze a point from each of its first two matches with the approach. After a shutout of Tampa Bay in the opener and allowing just once versus Ottawa last weekend, Indy Eleven is tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place alongside the Rowdies with a 0.50 goals allowed clip – behind only this weekend’s opposition, the New York Cosmos, who have posted clean sheets in each of its first two affairs.

**VUKOVIĆ REPEATS ON TEAM OF THE WEEK:**

Defender Nemanja Vuković was one of three players to go back-to-back with NASL Team of the Week nods, this time earning a Best XI spot for his work on both ends of the field in Week 2. The Montenegrin left back did plenty of work on the back line, winning three of five duels faced and adding a couple of clearances while building the attack out of the back (59 touches placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the game for Indy), but it was his dramatic 89<sup>th</sup> equalizer against Fury FC that grabbed the headlines.

The award was a nice birthday present for “Vuko” on Wednesday, who turned 32 years old on the day. The former 2014 USL Defender of the Year while with Sacramento Republic FC is the only Indy Eleven player to earn the Team of the Week distinction thus far in 2016.

**INDY’S XI GO BACK-TO-BACK:** Coach Tim Hankinson kept the Indy Eleven starting line-up consistent from Week 1 to Week 2 ... but the injury status of MF Sinisa Ubiparipovic could very well force the skipper’s hand to make a switch Saturday against New York. See the game recaps on the page above for said first XI.

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**OFFSEASON MAKEOVER:** Indy Eleven named American coaching veteran Tim Hankinson as the club's second permanent head coach on Dec. 2, and changes to the roster of "Indiana's Team" would be soon to follow. As it turns out, the 22-man roster as it currently stands is split nearly down the middle between returning players and newcomers – a trend that carried over to Hankinson's coaching staff thanks to the return of Tim Regan to an assistant role and the addition of veteran goalkeeper Jon Busch, who will serve as the squad's goalkeeping coach in addition to the team's first-choice netminder.

10 of those 12 players would end up making their Indy Eleven debut on April 2 in Tampa Bay, with 8 of them being penciled into the starting lineup

<u>Returning (10)</u>	<u>Newcomers (12)</u>
GK Keith Cardona	GK Jon Busch
DF Marco Franco	DF Colin Falvey
DF Greg Janicki	DF Lovel Palmer
DF Cory Miller	DF Neil Shaffer
MF Daniel Keller	DF Nemanja Vuković
MF Dylan Mares	MF Gorka Larrea
MF Brad Ring	MF Nicki Paterson
MF Don Smart	MF Sinisa Ubiparipović
FW Duke Lacroix	FW Justin Braun
FW Wojciech Wojcik	FW Jair Reinoso
	FW Eamon Zayed
	FW Omar Gordon

**COMMON BONDS:** While there are plenty of fresh faces on the Indy Eleven roster, some of them happen to be quite familiar with each other from some earlier stops in the soccer universe ...

- Jon Busch & Lovel Palmer both joined after playing last season with MLS' Chicago Fire SC. Busch was also a teammate of Eleven midfielder Brad Ring with the San Jose Earthquakes from 2010-13.
- Nemanja Vukovic and Justin Braun both spent the last two years with Sacramento Republic FC, and helped the USL side win the league's championship during its inaugural season in 2014
- Indy Eleven lured a trio of players from expansion cohort Ottawa Fury FC in Colin Falvey, Nicki Paterson and Sinisa Ubiparipovic – the first two of which were also teammates with the Charleston Battery before going north of the border.
- Ubiparipovic spent his rookie season in 2007 with the New York Red Bulls alongside his new assistant coach, Tim Regan.
- Head coach Tim Hankinson made defender Greg Janicki one of the first players named to the San Antonio Scorpions' inaugural roster in advance of their 2012 season.
- Hankinson also coached newcomer Omar Gordon during his brief stint last fall with Jamaican Red Stripe Premier League side Montego Bay United.

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE:** The remake of Indy Eleven's roster this offseason included a complete turnover of the team's designated international roster slots. Players such as the first signing in team history, German goalkeeper Kristian Nicht, and captain for much of last season, Honduran defender Erick Norales, are now elsewhere, and six of the team's seven slots have been filled with newcomers with this week's addition of Omar Gordon. An additional three players that were foreign-born have American citizenship ... see the full list below:

- \* DF **Colin Falvey** – Ireland
- \* FW **Omar Gordon** – Jamaica
- \* MF **Gorka Larrea** – Spain
- ^ DF **Lovel Palmer** – Jamaica
- \* MF **Nicki Paterson** – Scotland
- ^ FW **Jair Reinoso** – Colombia
- ^ MF **Don Smart** – Jamaica/USA
- ^ MF **Sinisa Ubiparipovic** – Bosnia & Herzegovina
- \* DF **Nemanja Vukovic** – Montenegro
- \* FW **Eamon Zayed** – Ireland/Libya

\* *Designated as international players on roster*  
^ *Holds U.S. Green Card or dual citizenship*

**ARE YOU EXPERIENCED?** The common thread with Indy Eleven's batch of 12 newcomers can be summed up in one word – experience. Nine of the dozen new "Boys in Blue" are in their 30's, while two of the other three – Neil Shaffer (27) and Justin Braun (29) – have served as captain at their previous stop. The newest member of the squad, 24-year-old Omar Gordon will bring down the average for the squad.

The average age of the group (as of Thursday) entering Saturday's game against New York is 28.27 years, which ranks third in the NASL, just a shade behind Miami FC (28.29) and Rayo OKC (28.55). Goalkeeper Jon Busch, entering his 20<sup>th</sup> professional season, serves as the elder statesman of the group at 39 years of age, while second-year forward Duke Lacroix is the youngster at 22.

**OVER THE HUMP AT HOME:** After going winless in its first 12 home games at Carroll Stadium in 2014, Indy Eleven has since gone 8W-5D-5L in its last 18 league outings at "The Mike." "Indiana's Team" has received plenty of support at home over the last two seasons, leading the NASL in attendance both in 2014 (10,285) and 2015 (9,809). Due to reconfigurations of the North Sideline hospitality decks and East and West Goal stands, this year's official capacity at Carroll Stadium has been reduced slightly to 9,702 spectators.

All-time home record (2014-16): 8W-10D-12L (40 GF / 43 GA)  
2016 Home record: 0W-1D-0L (1 GF / 1 GA)  
2015 Home record: 6W-4D-5L (23 GF / 20 GA)  
2014 Home record: 2W-5D-7L (16 GF / 22 GA)

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**LONG AND WINDING ROAD:** With last weekend's 0-0 draw at Tampa Bay to kick things off in 2016, Indy Eleven's all-time road record is now at 6W-10D-13L (32 GF /52 GA). Indy Eleven has taken a point out of all three of its trips to Al Lang Stadium.

**REINOSO ADDED, TRIO RELEASED:** Indy Eleven's roster got a shake up just days before the start of the season on March 29, when the squad added Colombian forward Jair Reinoso and parted ways with MF Dragan Stojkov (21 GP, 0G/2A in 2015), DF Stephen DeRoux & FW Dino Williams. The 30-year-old Reinoso has extensive experience in South America with Bolivian powerhouses The Strongest and Club Bolivar, Once Caldas and Cucuta Deportivo in his native Colombia and, most recently, with Chinese side Zhejiang Yiteng.

**HANKINSON AT THE HELM:** Indy Eleven's offseason began in earnest on December 2, when veteran coach Tim Hankinson was named the second full-time head coach of "Indiana's Team."

Indy Eleven is the latest stop on a now 36-year coaching journey that has seen Hankinson lead teams at nearly every level of the sport in the United States – including two years in the North American Soccer League and nine years in Major League Soccer – and taken him across the globe.

The native of New York City is familiar with the NASL after being named the first head coach of the San Antonio Scorpions in 2012, helping the expansion squad to the league's regular season championship in his first season. Hankinson is now 21W-13D-18L in 52 games overall in the NASL, the first 50 of which came with San Antonio from 2012-13.

Hankinson was also one of the pioneers in Major League Soccer coaching circles during his nine years in the league from 1996-2004. His MLS tenure began in 1996 by serving as the nascent league's Director of Player Development for two seasons, during which he led the league's scouting and player development activities and coached the Nike Project-40 developmental team. Hankinson would move back to the full-time coaching ranks by taking the helm of MLS' Tampa Bay Mutiny from 1998-2000, helping the squad to postseason appearances in two of his three seasons. From there it was on to fellow MLS side Colorado Rapids, where he racked up three more playoff nods in four seasons from 2001-04.

Between his start in coaching with a decade in the collegiate ranks and his stop here in the Hoosier State, Hankinson trotted the globe to coach club teams in Iceland, India, Brazil and, most recently, Jamaica, in addition to the Guatemalan Under-17 National Team.

**QUARTET OF HOOSIER STATE TIES:** Four players on the 2016 roster have links to the Hoosier State:

- Midfielder Daniel Keller was born and raised in north suburban Carmel and attended Brebeuf Jesuit H.S. in Indianapolis
- Keller's one-time teammate at the University of Louisville, midfielder Dylan Mares, was born in South Bend and also called Zionsville home before playing his last collegiate season in 2013 with Indiana University
- Zionsville was also the former stomping grounds of defender Cory Miller, who moved to Indiana in his teens
- Midfielder Brad Ring may have been born in neighboring Illinois, but he earned his Hoosier State cred with a standout career at Indiana University from 2005-08

**QUINTET OF ELEVEN ORIGINALS:** Three of those players – Brad Ring, Dylan Mares and Cory Miller – are among the five players remaining that spent time with Indy Eleven during its 2014 Inaugural Season. Ring, Mares and midfielder Don Smart were on the opening day roster in April 2014, while Miller and fellow defender Marco Franco would join two weeks apart that August and September, respectively.

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**YET:** While Wojciech Wojcik tallied a hat trick in preseason play against Arizona United and Blake Smith did the deed in U.S. Open Cup play in 2014 against the Dayton Dutch Lions, Indy Eleven is still looking for its first hat trick in NASL play heading into 2016. Four "Boys in Blue" have tallied a brace in regular season play – but none are included on the current roster:

Mike Ambersley: 6/07/14 @ ATL (3-3 D)

Kleberson: 8/02/14 vs. ATL (2-4 L)

Victor Pineda: 6/06/15 @ FTL (2-1 W)

Zach Steinberger: 9/05/15 vs. JAX (3-0 W)



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**#15 – DANIEL KELLER** *D/M* **6-0** **165 lbs.** **2/07/92** *Carmel, IN*

**MISC:** Made 15 appearances (11 starts) during his rookie season with Indy Eleven in 2015 ... Made his professional debut on 5/23/15 @ OTT with late cameo in place of Brad Ring ... Made his first start for Indy 4 days later on 5/27 in Open Cup action vs. Louisville City FC (95 mins) ... Signed with Indy Eleven on 05/11/15 ... Versatile defender can play anywhere along backline and at defensive midfield spot ... Selected in 3<sup>rd</sup> round (62<sup>nd</sup> overall) in 2015 MLS SuperDraft by defending MLS Cup champion LA Galaxy ... Scored 6 goals and added 4 assists in 74 appearances with University of Louisville from 2011-14, where he suited up alongside Eleven teammate Dylan Mares from 2010-12  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** University of Louisville (NCAA, 2010-14)

**#14 – DUKE LAGROIX** *FWD* **5-9** **155 lbs.** **10/14/93** *New Egypt, NJ*

Registered 2 goals and 1 assist during rookie season in 2015 after signing with Indy Eleven on 5/21/15 – after he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Sociology ... Return to Indy Eleven for 2016 season was announced on 12/03/15 ... Tallied first professional goal on 6/13 v FCE ... Two-time captain at UPenn earned four nods to All-Ivy League Teams (First-team in 2013 & 2014)  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** University of Pennsylvania (NCAA, 2011-14)

**#33 – GORKA LARREA** *MID* **5-11** **165 lbs.** **04/07/84** *San Sebastian, Spain*

Joined Indy Eleven on 02/10/16 – and acclimated himself quickly to the Hoosier State by choosing #33 in honor of Indiana native son Larry Bird ... Former Spanish youth international played 22 games in Spain's La Liga (first division) with Real Sociedad from 2003 to 2006 and Levante UD in 2010 and logged more than 100 games in the Segunda División (second division) for four clubs between 2006 and 2013, twice helping squads earn promotion to La Liga – UD Almería in 2006/07 and as captain of Levante in 2009/10 ... Most recently suited up for Major League Soccer's Montreal Impact FC, making nine appearances during the second half of the Quebec club's 2014 season ... On international scene, made 15 appearances from the U-16 to U-23 levels alongside future stars of the game like Andrés Iniesta and Fernando Torres and was part of the squad that won the 2001 UEFA European U-16 Championship

**#6 – DYLAN MARES** *MID* **5-9** **160 lbs.** **2/11/92** *Zionsville, IN*

Despite missing 7 games in middle of the season due to R knee injury, was team leader in 2015 with 5 goals (tied w/ Brian Brown) and 5 assists (T-11th in NASL in assists) ... Eleven's career leader in assists in regular season play with 7 helpers ... Named to NASL Team of the Week 3 times in 2015 ... Re-signed with squad for 2016 season on 12/03/15 ... One of 3 players remaining from team's 2014 opening day roster (Smart & Ring)  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Indiana University (NCAA, 2013), University of Louisville (NCAA, 2010-12)

**#16 – CORY MILLER** *DEF* **6-2** **185 lbs.** **7/22/88** *Zionsville, IN*

Started 19 of his 21 appearances in 2015, both ranking in the team's top five ... Performances in pair of 1-1 draws on 9/30 @ TBR and 10/03 @ JAX earned him first NASL Team of the Week honor on 10/07 (Fall Week 14) ... Return to the squad for 2016 was announced on 12/03/15 ... Started team's last 9 contests of 2014 in central defense, that stretch coinciding with team's then NASL modern era record 397-minute shutout streak ... Registered first – and only – assist for Indy on 9/20/14 @ FTL (Frias, 39') ... Originally signed with Indy Eleven on 8/28/14  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Los Angeles Blues (USL PRO, 2012-13), Carolina RailHawks (NASL, 2011), Olivet Nazarene Univ. (NAIA, 2007-2010)

**#5 – LOVEL PALMER** *DEF* **5-10** **160 lbs.** **08/30/84** *Mandeville, Jamaica*

Six-year veteran of MLS joined Indy Eleven on 01/12/16 after two seasons with Chicago Fire SC, which followed time with Real Salt Lake, Portland Timbers and Houston Dynamo ... Tallied four goals and added five assists across 148 MLS regular season games ... Broke into professional ranks during a lengthy stint with Jamaican Red Stripe Premier League side Harbour View, making nearly league 150 appearances, bagging 41 goals from 2003-10 and serving as team captain during most of his stint ... Was three-time winner of the Jamaican National Premier League, two-time winner of both the Jamaican Domestic Cup and Caribbean Football Union Club Championship and a three-time participant in CONCACAF regional championship competitions ... Made 29 "caps" for Jamaican Men's National Team, including all six semifinal round games during CONCACAF region qualifying for the 2014 World Cup across the second half of 2012.

**#8 – NICKI PATERSON** *MID* **5-11** **155 lbs.** **01/19/85** *Motherwell, Scotland*

Became third player to join Indy Eleven from the team's 2014 expansion rival Ottawa Fury FC (joining Colin Falvey & Sinisa Ubiparipovic) on 01/26/16 ... Was the first player signed by Ottawa leading into its 2014 expansion season, and netted four times in 26 appearances across the last two years, each of which saw significant time missed due to injury ... Scored twice in 9 games in 2015's Spring Season, including a late game-winner in a 1-0 triumph over the Eleven in May, before an ACL injury robbed him of participation in Fury FC's run to the Fall Season title ... Spent three years with USL PRO side Charleston Battery from 2011-13, all alongside his former Ottawa and new Indy Eleven teammate Falvey, helping the Battery to the USL PRO championship in 2012 ... Combined totals of 30 goals and 10 assists was more than any other midfielder in the league during his three-season stint in Charleston ... Also suited up in his native Scotland professionally for Hamilton Academical and Clyde F.C., and grew up in the youth system of his hometown side, Motherwell F.C.

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**#24 – JAIR REINOSO** FWD 6-0 170 lbs. 06/07/87 Cali, Colombia

Squad's most recent signing, joining the club officially on Tuesday after a two-week trial with the squad ... 30-year-old striker has scored 79 goals in 185 games while representing clubs in South America and Asia ... Spent time in youth systems of familiar South American headline clubs America de Cali and River Plate before making first team debut with the most successful team in Bolivian soccer, Club Bolivar, in 2008 ... Also suited up for Bolivian powerhouse The Strongest; Colombian first division regulars Once Caldas and Cucuta Deportivo; and, most recently, Chinese League One squad Zhejiang Yiteng ... Contributed to a pair of title-winning sides, helping Club Bolivar and The Strongest to Apertura (Opening) Season victories in 2009 and 2013, respectively, and also tallied five times in 14 games during play in the prestigious Copa Libertadores and Copa Sudamericana international competitions.

**#4 – BRAD RING** MID 5-10 165 lbs. 4/07/87 Rockford, IL

Started 16 of 21 appearances in 2015 ... Scored a memorable 30-yard blast on 10/17 v MNU, his first goal since 5/24/15 v NYC and the eventual Indy Eleven Goal of the Year as voted on by the Brickyard Battalion ... Re-signed with the squad for 2016 on 12/11/15 ... One of 3 players remaining from team's 2014 opening day roster (Smart & Mares) ... Played standout career at Indiana University from 2006-09

**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Portland Timbers (MLS, 2013) ... San Jose Earthquakes (MLS, 2010-2013)

**#2 – NEIL SHAFFER** DEF 5-11 175 lbs. 02/14/89 Aliquippa, PA

Outside back joined Indy Eleven on 12/23/15 after two seasons with the USL's Harrisburg City Islanders, the last of which he served as the team's captain ... Helped the Islanders to the 2014 USL Championship final against Sacramento FC, featuring his new teammates Justin Braun and Nemanja Vukovic ... Outside of the 2013 campaign with PDL's Kitsap (Wash.) Pumas, has spent all of his career in his native Pennsylvania, playing collegiately at Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh and also suiting up for a season of PDL play with the Erie Admirals before signing his first pro contract with the USL's Pittsburgh Riverhounds in 2011.

**#7 – DON SMART** MID 5-9 170 lbs. 12/02/87 Kingston, Jamaica

Finished 2015 season T-3<sup>rd</sup> on squad with 3 goals, 2<sup>nd</sup> with 3 assists and T-2<sup>nd</sup> with 25 appearances (10 starts) ... Is Indy Eleven's all-time regular season leader in appearances (52) and ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> with 6 assists (1 behind Mares) ... Announced as one of 8 players returning for 2016 season on 12/03/15 ... One of only two players (w/ Nicht) to appear in all 27 league matches in 2014 ... One of 3 players remaining from team's 2014 opening day roster (Ring & Mares) ... Scored first-ever GWG in Indy Eleven's NASL tenure on 7/12/14 @ CAR

**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** RVA Football Club (NPSL, 2013) ... Fredericksburg Hotspur (PDL, 2012) ... FC New York (USL PRO, 2011)

**#10 – SINIŠA UBIPARIPOVIĆ** MID 5-9 163 lbs. 08/25/83 Cleveland, OH

First new signing of Indy Eleven's 2015-16 offseason joined the squad on 12/15/15, one of 3 players to move from 2014 expansion mate Ottawa Fury FC (alongside Colin Falvey & Nicki Paterson) ... Played pivotal role in helping Ottawa to 2015 NASL Fall Season title and spot in The Championship Final vs. New York, finishing most productive year of his career T-3<sup>rd</sup> in NASL (including postseason play) with 8 assists and added 5 goals in 26 games played overall (23 starts) ... 4 of 5 NASL Team of the Week appearances in 2015 came across final seven rounds of action ... Has more than 150 first team appearances in regular season, domestic and international cup and postseason action during 9-year pro career, notching 14 goals and 20 assists.

**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Ottawa Fury FC (NASL, 2014-15), Montreal Impact (NASL, 2011; MLS 2012-13), Minnesota United FC [NASL, 2013 (loan)], New York Red Bulls (Major League Soccer, 2007-10), Chicago Fire Premier (USL PDL, 2006), Cleveland Internationals (USL PDL, 2005)

**#82 – NEMANJA VUKOVIC** DEF 6-3 180 lbs. 04/13/84 Podgorica, Montenegro

One of two players, alongside Justin Braun, to sign with the squad from USL's Sacramento Republic FC on 01/19/16 ... Contributed five goals and three assists from the back line during his 65 games across all competitions with Sacramento, helping squad to 2014 USL Championship crown in its Inaugural Season – the same season he was named the 2014 USL PRO Defender of the Year and a 2014 All USL PRO First Team selection ... Prior to joining SRFC, Vukovic spent part of the 2012 MLS season with Columbus but logged most of the first decade of his career from 2003-2013 between clubs in the Montenegrin First and Second Leagues (FK Kom, FC Budućnost Podgorica, OFK Grbalj & Mladost Podgorica) and the Greek Super League (Panetolikos).

**#19 – WOJCIECH WOJCIK** FWD 6-4 209 lbs. 05/31/92 Elmwood Park, IL

Finished 2015 season with 2 goals and 2 assists in 21 appearances, the latter tied for 5<sup>th</sup> on the squad ... Scored his goals in back-to-back games to start off the Fall Season at NYC and vs. CAR, the latter the game-winner and both voted the NASL Play of the Week by fans ... Re-signed with Indy for 2016 season on 12/03/15 ... Came to Indy Eleven after spending his first professional campaign (2014) in Finland, where he scored twice for Ykkonen (Second Division) side Tampereen Ilves in 17 appearances while helping the squad to promotion following the season ... Former Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year tallied 14 goals and 22 assists in 81 games with Bradley from 2010-13.

**#9 – EAMON ZAYED** FWD 6-2 200 lbs. 10/04/83 Dublin, Ireland

14-year professional signed with Indy Eleven on 12/23/15 .... Racked up more than 150 goals in over 300 first team appearances across play in Ireland, Iran and, most recently, Malaysia for first division side Sabah FA ... Boasts senior national team experience with Libya (one goal in eight "caps") and youth international experience with his native Republic of Ireland (12 games) ... Honed skills in youth academy of English side Leicester City and began pro career with four-year run at Irish squad Bray Wanderers AFC (54 goals in 105 matches) ... Won 2011 League of Ireland Premier Division's Player of the Year Award, earned after scoring 23 goals for Derry City FC ... Scored three times for Ireland's Drogheda United during UEFA Cup action during a two-year stint from 2006-08