



# FC EDMONTON VS. INDY ELEVEN



## MATCH INFORMATION

**NASL Gameweek Nine**  
**Saturday, May 27, 7:00 PM MT**  
**Clarke Stadium, Edmonton, A.B.**  
**Stream:** NASL.com, Facebook Live  
**Twitter:** @FC EdmontonNow, @IndyEleven

## MATCH PREVIEW

**EDMONTON, A.B.** – After a long 13-day break in between matches, FC Edmonton returns to the pitch of Clarke Stadium to face the Indy Eleven on Saturday, May 27 in North American Soccer League (NASL) action.

The Eddies have had ample time to recover from five matches in 15 days after the club's match with the New York Cosmos on May 21 was rescheduled to June 7. The focus for the two weeks has been on rest, attacking, and working to snap out of a five-game winless streak (0W-2D-3L) dating back to a 2-0 loss to Miami FC on April 29.

"Coming back into training it's been business as usual, and I have to say the response from the players has been fabulous," FC Edmonton head coach Colin Miller said. "We focused on a lot of attacking elements this week in training and we've seen the benefits of that with some terrific finishing in free play and small-sided games."

Two playoff teams from 2016 in the Eddies and Eleven meet in another rematch of last season's Championship Semifinals after drawing 0-0 earlier this season at Michael A. Carroll Stadium. The Eleven are winless (0W-6D-2L) and had their 21-game home unbeaten streak snapped in a 2-0 loss to Miami last Saturday.

Clarke Stadium has traditionally been a fortress for the Eddies over the past few seasons, but they've been slow out of the gate at home to start this season after losing three out of four matches in Edmonton. The road back up the table can be a difficult task, and it begins with picking up points in your own stadium.

"We have to start winning these home games that we've been throwing away, and that's been unlike us as we've been very good at home," Miller said. "We know [Indianapolis] are a tough side and I thought they did well for spells against Miami [last Saturday]. We know they'll come here wanting three points after seeing what other teams have done."

"It's game on now for the players," Miller commented. "I need to see the right attitude, I need to see hunger and I need to see guys committed to helping us get back to the top half of the league. Some lads have really stepped up and put others under pressure for places, which is what I want now."

"We're in this together, and we know it's going to take nothing less than the continuation of the hard work that the guys have put in this week to get us the three points we need."

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### 2017 MANCHESTER PRESEASON SCHEDULE

3/11	Wigan Athletic Reserves	W 0-3
3/14	Burnley FC U-23	L 2-1
3/17	Newcastle United U-23	W 1-5
3/21	Stoke City U-23	L 4-0

### 2017 NASL SPRING SEASON SCHEDULE

All times in MST.

4/2	@ Jacksonville	L 1-0
4/8	vs. Jacksonville	L 0-1
4/15	@ North Carolina	L 3-1
4/22	vs. Puerto Rico	W 2-1
4/29	@ Miami FC	L 2-0
5/3	@ Ottawa (Can. Champ. 1st Leg)	L 1-0
5/6	@ Indianapolis	D 0-0
5/10	vs. Ottawa (Can. Champ. 2nd Leg)	L 2-3
5/14	vs. San Francisco	L 0-1
5/27	vs. Indianapolis	7:00 p.m.
6/3	@ Puerto Rico	5:30 p.m.
6/7	@ New York	3:00 p.m.
6/10	vs. Miami	7:00 p.m.
6/17	@ San Francisco	8:00 p.m.
6/24	vs. San Francisco	7:00 p.m.
7/1	@ Jacksonville	5:00 p.m.
7/7	vs. North Carolina	7:00 p.m.
7/15	vs. New York	7:00 p.m.

### 2017 NASL FALL SEASON SCHEDULE

All times in MST.

7/30	vs. Indianapolis	2:00 p.m.
8/5	@ Indianapolis	5:30 p.m.
8/11	vs. New York	7:00 p.m.
8/20	vs. Puerto Rico	2:00 p.m.
8/26	@ San Francisco	8:00 p.m.
9/2	@ North Carolina	5:30 p.m.
9/10	vs. North Carolina	2:00 p.m.
9/17	vs. Indianapolis	2:00 p.m.
9/20	@ Puerto Rico	5:30 p.m.
9/23	@ San Francisco	8:00 p.m.
10/1	vs. San Francisco	2:00 p.m.
10/6	vs. Jacksonville	7:00 p.m.
10/14	@ New York	5:00 p.m.
10/18	@ Jacksonville	4:30 p.m.
10/21	vs. Miami FC	7:00 p.m.
10/28	@ Miami FC	5:30 p.m.

## LAST TIME OUT



# SF DELTAS

5TH, SPRING SEASON (3-3-2)

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# FC EDMONTON

7TH, SPRING SEASON (1-1-5)

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## SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	F
SFD	0	1	1
FCE	0	0	0

## SCORERS

FC Edmonton: None

SF Deltas: C. Portilla (89')

## CAUTIONS

FC Edmonton: Nyassi (55'), Sansara (79'), Ledgerwood (88')

SF Deltas: Attakora (10')

## FC EDMONTON DENIED BY LATE WINNER AGAINST DELTAS

**EDMONTON, A.B.** -- FC Edmonton carried the play for 89 minutes, but a free-kick from San Francisco Deltas midfielder Cristian Portilla in the final minutes found its way untouched into the back of the net to give the visitors the three points in a 1-0 contest at Clarke Stadium on Sunday, May 14.

Despite positive opportunities for a go-ahead goal from FC Edmonton in the first half, the game remained scoreless after 45 minutes of play. Cristian Portillo scored the winning goal in the 89th minute of the match, while between the posts goalkeeper Romuald Peiser registered a clean sheet.

"It's absolutely devastating," FC Edmonton head coach Colin Miller said post-match. "I feel so bad for the players who put so much into that game. It was bad enough if we had drawn the game, but to get absolutely nothing is difficult. The difference was a mistake and that's what cost us. Take nothing away from this San Francisco team, they are very good and they provided an entertaining game as well, but to give up a goal like that is criminal."

Dustin was a key factor for Edmonton throughout the first half as he continued to cause all kinds of problems for the opposition. This time, the winger intercepted a ball in midfield, before playing a well-placed through ball in behind the Deltas' defence. Striker Jake Keegan ran onto the pass and was in on goal, but his left-footed effort went over the crossbar.

The last chance of the half fell to the visiting side. This time Bekker played in Tyler Gibson with a pass before he beat his man and fired a shot from close range that was well saved by the left-hand of Konopka. The 0-0 score line would hold through 45 minutes of play.

The Eddies nearly opened the scoring within the first two minutes of the second half. After a direct ball over the top from Abdoulaye Diakité, Keegan found himself in on a breakaway, but his effort went inches wide of the near post.

The Deltas would get the winning goal in the 89th minute of play. The opposition were awarded a free-kick after Ledgerwood brought down his man on the left-wing. On the ensuing free-kick, Portilla whipped in a cross towards the back-post that evaded everyone in the box and bounced into the far-corner of Konopka's net. Portilla's goal held through the remaining minutes of the match as the visiting side secured all three points.

"The players' attitudes have been terrific," Miller said. "The players are giving absolutely everything at the moment and we hope our luck will change soon. We did not deserve to lose the game; we should have picked up more from this game. The players are working very hard to turn things around. We are creating chances and getting into good areas, but we aren't finishing at the moment."

## INDY ELEVEN



1	Keith Cardona	GK
3	Kwame Watson-Siriboe	D
4	Brad Ring	M
5	Lovel Palmer	D
6	Gerardo Torrado	M
7	Don Smart	M
8	Craig Henderson	M
9	Eamon Zayed	F
10	Sinisa Ubiparipovic	M
12	Nemanja Vukovic	D
13	Anthony Manning	D
14	Tanner Thompson	M
15	Daniel Keller	M
17	Justin Braun	F
18	Jon Busch	GK
19	Ben Speas	M
20	David Goldsmith	F
23	Marco Franco	D
30	Christian Lomeli	GK
32	Colin Falvey	D
33	Adrian Ables	M
91	Jason Plumhoff	D



# FC EDMONTON ROSTER

## COACHING & TECHNICAL STAFF

<b>Head Coach:</b>	<b>Colin Miller</b>	<b>Head Athletic Therapist:</b>	<b>Jose Jimenez</b>
<b>Ass't Coach:</b>	<b>Jeff Paulus</b>	<b>Assistant Athletic Therapist:</b>	<b>Brandon Salter</b>
<b>Goalkeeper Coach:</b>	<b>Darren Woloshen</b>	<b>Team Physician:</b>	<b>Dr. Terry De Fritas</b>
<b>Team Administrator:</b>	<b>Andreas Morse</b>	<b>Academy Advisor:</b>	<b>Paul Kelly</b>

## 2017 ROSTER

#	Name	Position	Height/Weight	Born	Hometown
1	Chris Konopka	Goalkeeper	6'5" / 215 lbs	04/14/85	Toms River, N.J
2	Shawn Nicklaw	Defender	6'0" / 178 lbs	04/15/89	San Diego, Cali.
3	Allan Zebie	Defender	5'9" / 165 lbs	05/29/93	Paris, FRA
4	Abdoulaye Diakite	Defender	6'4" / 209 lbs	12/22/92	Pikine, SN
5	Albert Watson	Defender	6'0" / 195 lbs	09/08/85	Belfast, NIR
6	Nik Ledgerwood	Midfielder	5'9" / 156 lbs	01/16/85	Lethbridge, Alta.
8	Sabri Khattab	Midfielder	6'0" / 185 lbs	01/12/90	Halden, NOR
9	Ben Fisk	Midfielder	5'8" / 155 lbs	02/04/93	Vancouver, B.C
10	Mauro Eustaquio	Midfielder	5'9" / 159 lbs	02/10/93	Leamington, Ont.
11	Dustin Corea	Midfielder	5'10" / 163 lbs	03/21/92	Milwaukie, Ore.
12	Pedro Galvao	Midfielder	5'8" / 155 lbs	03/18/89	Waterbury, Conn.
13	Karsten Smith	Defender	6'3" / 186 lbs	11/13/88	New York, N.Y
14	Sainey Nyassi	Midfielder	5'8" / 155 lbs	01/31/89	Bwiam, GMB
15	Marko Aleksic	Defender	6'3" / 190 lbs	09/10/96	Belgrade, RS
18	Tomi Ameobi	Striker	6'3" / 185 lbs	08/16/88	Newcastle, ENG
20	Nico di Biase	Midfielder	5'10" / 163 lbs	12/09/88	Buenos Aires, AR
21	Tyson Farago	Goalkeeper	6'2" / 200 lbs	05/01/91	Winnipeg, Man.
22	Dean Shiels	Midfielder/Striker	5'11" / 161 lbs	02/01/85	Upperlands, NIR
23	Jake Keegan	Striker	5'9" / 158 lbs	09/07/90	Stormville, N.Y
25	Adam Straith	Midfielder/Defender	6'2" / 196 lbs	09/11/90	Victoria, B.C.
27	Netan Sansara	Defender	6'2" / 170 lbs	08/03/89	Walsall, ENG
29	Nathan Ingham	Goalkeeper	6'2" / 190 lbs	06/27/93	Keswick, Ont.

## PRONUNCIATIONS

Chris Konopka	kuh-NOP-ka
Allan Zebie	zeh-BEE
Abdoulaye Diakite	ab-doo-lay dee-ah-KEE-tay
Sabri Khattab	sah-BREE cat-AHB
Mauro Eustaquio	MAH-roh EE-you-STAH-kee-oh
Dustin Corea	koh-RAY-ah
Pedro Galvao	gal-vow
Sainey Nyassi	say-nee nee-YASS-ee
Marko Aleksic	ah-leck-sick
Tomi Ameobi	TOE-me am-ee-OH-bee
Nico di Biase	dee-bee-ah-see
Tyson Farago	fah-rah-go
Dean Shiels	shee-uhs
Netan Sansara	nay-tin san-sare-ah
Nathan Ingham	ing-um

## TEAM HONOURS

**NASL Team of the Week**  
 Abdoulaye Diakite, Albert Watson (April 5)  
 Albert Watson (April 12)  
 Dean Shiels (April 19)  
 Dustin Corea, Dean Shiels (April 25)  
 Abdoulaye Diakite, Adam Straith (May 10)



# FC EDMONTON STATISTICS

#	Name	Starts (Subs)	Minutes	Goals	Assists	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
1	Chris Konopka	7 (0)	630	-	-	-	-
2	Shawn Nicklaw	7 (0)	630	-	-	1	-
3	Allan Zebie	5 (1)	374	-	-	1	-
4	Abdoulaye Diakite	4 (0)	360	-	-	2	-
5	Albert Watson	5 (0)	450	-	-	-	-
6	Nik Ledgerwood	6 (0)	431	-	-	-	-
8	Sabri Khattab	0 (6)	124	-	-	-	-
9	Ben Fisk	2 (4)	280	-	1	-	-
10	Mauro Eustaquio	0 (1)	45	-	-	-	-
11	Dustin Corea	6 (0)	443	1	1	-	-
12	Pedro Galvao	2 (0)	180	-	-	-	-
13	Karsten Smith	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Sainey Nyassi	3 (4)	331	-	-	1	-
15	Marko Aleksic	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Tomi Ameobi	5 (2)	477	1	-	-	-
20	Nico di Biase	2 (1)	129	-	-	-	-
21	Tyson Farago	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Dean Shiels	5 (1)	557	1	1	1	-
23	Jake Keegan	6 (1)	424	-	-	-	-
25	Adam Straith	7 (0)	615	-	-	1	-
27	Netan Sansara	5 (0)	450	-	-	2	-
29	Nathan Ingham	-	-	-	-	-	-

## LEAGUE STANDINGS

as of Tuesday, May 26, 2017.

Team	PLD	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	PTS
1  Miami FC	8	5	2	1	14	7	+7	17
2  North Carolina FC	8	4	2	2	13	10	+3	14
3  Jacksonville Armada FC	8	3	4	1	9	6	+3	13
4  New York Cosmos	7	3	3	1	9	9	+1	12
5  San Francisco Deltas	8	3	3	2	7	7	+2	12
6  Indy Eleven	8	0	6	2	8	1	-3	6
7  FC Edmonton	7	1	1	5	3	9	-6	4
8  Puerto Rico FC	8	0	3	5	10	15	-5	3

Tiebreakers: 1. Goal Differential 2. Total Goals 3. Head-to-Head Record

## LEAGUE STATISTICS

### Goals

L. Laing (NCFC)	4
Z. Steinberger (JAX)	4
J. Braun (IND)	4
K. Poku (MIA)	3

### Assists

V. Rennella (MIA)	3
C. Portilla (SFD)	3
L. Laing (NCFC)	3
J. Braun (IND)	2

### Saves

B. Sylvestre (NCFC)	35
J. Maurer (NYC)	27
R. Peiser (SF)	23
C. Patterson-Sewell (JAX)	18

### Clean Sheets

C. Patterson-Sewell (JAX)	4
D. Vega (MIA)	3
J. Maurer (NYC)	3
R. Peiser (SF)	2





# LEAGUE & TEAM INFORMATION

## ABOUT FC EDMONTON

FC Edmonton is Edmonton's professional soccer club. Founded by Edmonton entrepreneurs Tom and Dave Fath, 2017 marks the Eddies' seventh season as a member of the North American Soccer League (NASL). The eight-team league operates within Canada and the United States.

For more information on both FC Edmonton and the NASL, please visit [www.fcedmonton.com](http://www.fcedmonton.com).

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## ABOUT FC EDMONTON

The North American Soccer League is a professional soccer league established in the United States and Canada. The NASL member teams are: Puerto Rico FC, Carolina RailHawks, FC Edmonton, Indy Eleven, New York Cosmos, Jacksonville Armada, Miami FC and the San Francisco Deltas.

The NASL season is played under a split-season format. The Spring and Fall Season Champions will each host a semifinal in the league's four-team postseason tournament, The Championship, and the pair will be joined by the next two clubs with the best combined records. The top seed in The Championship will be awarded to either the Spring or Fall Champion, depending on which has the better combined record in the regular season. The third and fourth seeds will then be determined by the teams' positions in the combined standings. The top-seeded team after the semifinals will host The Championship Final. If one club wins both season championships, the clubs posting the second, third, and fourth-best overall records will enter The Championship.

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