



2017 NASL Season

# INDY ELEVEN GAME NOTES

2016 Spring Season Champions • 2016 NASL Runner-up

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### INDY ELEVEN GAME INFORMATION

**INDY ELEVEN (0-6-3, 6 pts.; 7<sup>TH</sup> in NASL)  
at  
San Francisco Deltas (3-4-2, 13 pts.; 5<sup>TH</sup> in NASL)**

Saturday, June 3, 2017 - Kezar Stadium  
San Francisco, CA - 10:00 pm ET

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**PROBABLE STARTERS at SF DELTAS:**

**(4-4-2 - R->L)**

GK: Busch (18)

DEF: Franco (23) - Falvey (32) - Watson-Siriboe (3) - Vukovic (12)

MID: Ring (4) - Keller (15) - Torrado (6) - Speas (19)

FWD: Zayed (9) - Braun (17)

### 2017 Schedule

Date/Opponent	Time/Result (ET)
<b>SPRING SEASON</b>	
March	
25 San Francisco Deltas	D 1-1
April	
1 PUERTO RICO FC	D 3-3
8 Puerto Rico FC	D 1-1
22 SAN FRANCISCO DELTAS	D 0-0
29 Jacksonville Armada FC	D 1-1
May	
6 FC EDMONTON	D 0-0
13 Miami FC	L 3-2
17* Michigan Bucks	L 1-0
20 MIAMI FC	L 2-0
27 FC Edmonton	L 2-1
June	
3 San Francisco Deltas	10:00 pm
10 JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC	7:30 pm
17 NORTH CAROLINA FC	7:30 pm
24 North Carolina FC	7:30 pm
July	
4 New York Cosmos	7:30 pm
8 NEW YORK COSMOS	7:30 pm
15 JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC	6:30 pm
<b>FALL SEASON</b>	
July	
30 FC Edmonton	4:00 pm
August	
5 FC EDMONTON	7:30 pm
12 Miami FC	7:30 pm
19 New York Cosmos	7:30 pm
26 JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC	7:30 pm
September	
2 SF DELTAS	7:30 pm
9 Jacksonville Armada FC	7:00 pm
13 NORTH CAROLINA FC	7:00 pm
17 FC Edmonton	4:00 pm
23 PUERTO RICO FC	7:30 pm
October	
1 North Carolina FC	4:00 pm
7 NEW YORK COSMOS	7:30 pm
11 San Francisco Deltas	10:30 pm
14 MIAMI FC	3:00 pm
21 Puerto Rico FC	7:30 pm
29 NORTH CAROLINA FC	TBD

Home Games in ALL CAPS

\* = U.S. Open Cup

All dates and times are subject to change.



## INDIANA'S TEAM HEADS WEST TO FACE DELTAS:

After back-to-back losses on the road, Indy Eleven travels to the West Coast to face the San Francisco Deltas, who are fresh of U.S. Open Cup success against USL side Phoenix Rising FC.

Indy flew to Kezar Stadium to open the 2017 season against the expansion side and earned a 1-1 draw thanks to a goal from midfielder Tanner Thompson. The draw set the early tone for the "Boys in Blue," who would go on to level their next five matches before a three-game league dip against Miami FC and FC Edmonton.

As injury troubles clear up, Indy is confident of fielding a side near full strength, though still missing a few members of the squad.

## ELEVEN REWIND at FC EDMONTON:

Indy's "Fight for Three" continued in their first trip to FC Edmonton's house last Saturday.

Having earned their second clean sheet of the year against the Eddies in a 0-0 draw at Carroll Stadium on May 6, the hosts drew first blood and ensured that this match would not be scoreless. Midfielder Dustin Corea skipped into the penalty and drew a foul, leaving it all to do from the spot. Corea's first attempt was pulled back due to infringement, but he would net on his second attempt to make it 1-0.

Just before the whistle went for halftime, Edmonton earned a set piece on the right flank which Corea stood over again. Delivering dead center of the box, midfielder Adam Straith put a solid head on a dipping cross to make it 2-0.

Injecting some fresh legs in the second half, substitute midfielder Jason Plumhoff pulled off a skilled finish to pull one back, but Indy would ultimately fall 2-1 on a difficult night away.

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## NASL THIS WEEK - SPRING WEEK 11

### Saturday, June 3 (All times ET)

Jacksonville Armada FC vs Miami FC 7:00 pm  
Puerto Rico FC vs FC Edmonton 7:30 pm  
**San Francisco Deltas vs Indy Eleven 10:00 pm**

### Sunday, June 4

North Carolina FC vs New York Cosmos 4:00 pm

## NASL LAST WEEK - SPRING WEEK 10

### Saturday, May 27 (All times ET)

New York Cosmos vs San Francisco Deltas 0 : 0  
Miami FC vs Puerto Rico FC 1 : 1  
FC Edmonton vs Indy Eleven 2 : 1

### Sunday, May 28

Jacksonville Armada vs North Carolina FC 2 : 1

## ABOUT INDY ELEVEN:

Indy Eleven was launched by Keystone Group CEO Ersal Ozdemir on January 16, 2013, to play in the North American Soccer League, beginning with the 2014 season. Originally born under the Indy Pro Soccer moniker, the club officially adopted its Indy Eleven identity on April 25, 2013, during a ceremony held at the iconic Soldiers and Sailors Monument - 152 years to the day of the initial enlistment of the 11th Indiana Regiment during the Civil War.

Ahead of the 2017 season, Indy Eleven took another historic step towards building professional soccer in Indiana, formally announcing its bid to bring a Major League Soccer expansion franchise to the Hoosier State. Indy Eleven Founder & Owner Ersal Ozdemir delivered the club's official application book to MLS President Mark Abbott at the league's headquarters in New York City on January 31, 2017, which marked the deadline day for prospective ownership groups to submit their expansion bids.

Indy Eleven's aim is to create a team that is representative of Indiana and creates strong emotional connections with its fans. Those connections - embodied in the team's symbolic name, crest and colors - will be made with Indiana's youth and adult soccer community and the active young adult urban and ethnic populations.

## SERIES HISTORY

### 2017

June 3 San Francisco Deltas vs Indy Eleven - 10 PM ET  
April 22 Indy Eleven 0 : 0 San Francisco Deltas  
March 25 San Francisco Deltas 1 : 1 Indy Eleven

**Overall** (0-2-0)

**Home** (0-1-0)

**Away** (0-1-0)



## HEAD COACH TIM HANKINSON

After a successful 2016 season that featured the “Boys in Blue” capturing their first trophy in club history with the Spring Season championship, Indy Eleven is proud to have head coach Tim Hankinson return for the 2017 campaign.

“A year ago we brought Tim Hankinson aboard to provide leadership on the team side of the club and improved results on the field, and he certainly checked both of those boxes,” Indy Eleven owner Ersal Ozdemir said. “The Indy Eleven family is excited to continue working with Coach Hankinson as he helps the team towards more success in 2017.”

Hankinson led a remarkable turnaround for Indiana’s Team in 2016, starting his tenure with a 13-game unbeaten streak that included capturing the NASL Spring Season title, the first title in the team’s three-year history.

Indy Eleven went unbeaten in its 19 home games in official competition in Hankinson’s first year at the helm (16W-3D-0L), including a 1-0 win over FC Edmonton in The Championship Semifinal on Nov. 5 in the team’s postseason debut, played in front of a sold-out crowd at Carroll Stadium.

“A fire was lit with how the 2016 season ended in The Championship Final, and that will serve as a burning motivation for what will come in 2017,” Hankinson said. “Continuity is important, so I am looking forward to keeping the core of last year’s squad and building on the foundation of success it achieved. At the same time we do need to grow tactically and add new faces that will bolster our play on the field and the tremendous relationship we’ve built with our fans.”

Hankinson was named the 2016 NASL Coach of the Year and leads the “Boys in Blue” into the 2017 season having kept 13 players from the squad that reached The Championship Final.



## ASSISTANT COACH TREVOR JAMES

Indy Eleven announced the addition of experienced assistant coach Trevor James to the technical staff on March 23, 2017.

The native of Norwich, England, also brings coaching experience from his native country, as James has fulfilled various roles with Ipswich Town (youth academy coach), Colchester United (reserve team manager), and Cambridge United (first team coach and chief scout) in England’s League One prior to his time in MLS. James, who holds “A” coaching licenses from both the U.S. Soccer Federation and UEFA, played professionally for teams in England, Norway, and the United States before retiring in 1985.

James has nearly a decade of technical staff experience inside the ranks of MLS, most recently serving as the Director of Scouting for Chicago Fire SC from 2014-15. Stops prior to Chicago included an assistant coaching stint with Portland Timbers FC during their expansion season in 2011 and dual roles as an assistant coach and Director of Player Development for the LA Galaxy’s successful academy system between 2006-10.

“I am extremely excited to be joining Tim Hankinson’s staff at Indy Eleven. Tim’s reputation and experiences in US professional soccer combined with Indy Eleven’s status as the flagship franchise in the NASL made for an easy decision when I received Tim’s call,” said James. “I have always been impressed and intrigued by Indianapolis’ sporting culture and the vibrancy of the city. I would like to thank Tim Hankinson, Jeff Belskus and Ersal Ozdemir for their efforts in bringing me to the club. I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with the players, staff, and management of Indy Eleven to continue the efforts to bring championships to this city and its amazing fans.”

“Trevor James brings a vast range of Major League Soccer and international experience as a coach and scouting director,” said Indy Eleven head coach Tim Hankinson. “I look forward to him strengthening our staff and assisting in the building of another winning team for 2017.”

## **ELEVEN OUSTED IN OPEN CUP SECOND ROUND:**

Entering the 2017 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup in the Second Round of the competition, Indy Eleven fell to the Michigan Bucks, 1-0, on Wednesday night to bow out as they began.

A tight fight with the USL PDL side Bucks, Indy created a number of opportunities in front of goal but could not capitalize. Testing 'keeper Drew Sheperd with a number of high balls into the box, the team were unable to find an answer to Francis Atuahene's 35th minute strike. Indy turns their sights to NASL play, where they look to pick up their first three points of the season in Week 9.

## **CLEANING UP AT THE BACK:**

Indy Eleven earned their second clean sheet of the season in their Week 6 0-0 draw with FC Edmonton. The stalemate, which extended Indy's home unbeaten streak to an NASL Modern Era record 21 straight games, was the second straight at Carroll Stadium, with the first coming two weeks prior against San Francisco.

Having secured 11 clean sheets in the 2016 season for "Indiana's Team," Indy Eleven GK Jon Busch picked up right where he left off in his third appearance of the year. The veteran made five crucial saves to help save a point for his side in his return from an injury that kept him out for NASL Week 3.

## **TIGHT AT THE TOP:**

Indy Eleven forward Justin Braun sits second in the league in goal scored (4) but is T-1 in league play in assist (3) through Spring Season Week 10.

Braun's last goal came in Indy's 3-2 loss at Miami FC, helping to pull one back late in the match for some last gasp drama at Riccardo Silva Stadium. However, the forward trails Armada FC midfielder Zach Steinberger (6) on the year.

More than a goalscorer, Braun also tallied assists against PRFC in Week 2 and again against "La Naranja" the following match in Week 3. Most recently, Braun earned his third assist on Jason Plumhoff's second half strike against FC Edmonton in Week 10.

## **FORWARD JUSTIN BRAUN NAMED NASL PLAYER OF THE MONTH IN APRIL:**

Justin Braun has been a man on fire for Indy Eleven in the opening seven weeks of the season. In April, the forward registered a total tally of three goals and two assists.

This is the first time Braun has received this honor.

## **INDY ADDS SPORT PSYCHOLOGY CONSULTANT IN DR. ROB BELL:**

On Thursday, April 20, Indy Eleven announced the addition of Dr. Rob Bell as the team's Sport Psychology Consultant for the 2017 season.

Bell brings vast experience with top-level professional athletes to the table, having spent time with champions on the PGA Tour & ATP Tour, as well as a USTA National Champion and Olympic Medalist.

## **MILDSTONE FOR RING:**

Captaining his side in the 3-3 draw vs. Puerto Rico FC on April 1, Indy Eleven midfielder Brad Ring earned the 50th start of his career with the "Boys in Blue" in his fourth year with the club.

Ring started 10 of 12 games in the inaugural 2014 season, scoring one goal in that span. Ring then saw significantly more of the field and started 38 of 48 games between the 2015 & 2016 seasons, racking up over 3300 minutes in the process.

## **FAMILIAR FACES:**

Much like at the beginning of the 2016 season, Indy Eleven head coach Tim Hankinson kept just over half of the previous year's squad - including 13 in 2017 from the team that reached The Championship Final.

Goalkeepers Jon Busch and Keith Cardona return after manning the sticks in goal. A back line that combined with the 'keepers for a club record 11 clean sheets in one year, defenders Marco Franco, Colin Falvey, Lovel Palmer, and Nemanja Vukovic also made their way back. In the midfield, Indy Eleven "originals" Brad Ring and Don Smart return, as do Daniel Keller, former Mexico international Gerardo Torrado, and Sinisa Ubiparipovic. In the forward spots, the duo that combined for 23 goals and 11 assists in the Combined Season is back in Eamon Zayed and Justin Braun.

## **INDY SIGNS DEFENDER JASON PLUMHOFF AND MIDFIELDER BRANDON POLTRONIERI:**

Indy Eleven announces the signing of midfielder Jason Plumhoff and defender Brandon Poltronieri, with both players making their debut in Indy's 0-0 draw with FC Edmonton. Per club policy, details of the contract will not be released.

For more information, visit [IndyEleven.com](http://IndyEleven.com).

## **FAMILIAR SIGNING:**

A new member of the Indy Eleven squad will be a recognizable one in the form of ex-Minnesota United FC midfielder Ben Speas.

The 26-year-old midfielder featured 26 times for the Loons (17 starts) and scored four goals while adding three assists in 2016. Prior to his move to Minnesota, Speas spent four years with the Columbus Crew as a Home-Grown Player. Inking his original deal in 2012, Speas developed in the Columbus Crew Academy not far from his home of Stow, Ohio.

## **ELEVEN ADD REINFORCEMENTS IN WATSON-SIRIBOE AND MANNING:**

Indy Eleven bolstered its defense with additions of defenders Kwame Watson-Siriboe and Anthony Manning in the months of February and March.

Manning comes off the back of a stint with the Portland Timbers and Timbers II in 2015 and 2016, where he featured in over 15 games on loan for the second side between the two seasons. Last year, Manning registered a full 90 minutes twice.

Watson-Siriboe's experience also extends from the MLS, where he spent the first six years of his professional career splitting time with Chicago Fire SC (2010-12), Real Salt Lake (2012-14) and New York City FC (2015). Most recently, the UCONN product returned home to Southern California to suit up with USL side Orange County SC. The 6'3 defender featured in nine matches during the back half of their season after signing on in August.

## NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL CRAIG HENDERSON BROUGHT INTO THE FOLD:

Indy Eleven welcomes Kiwi international Craig Henderson into the midfield for 2017. The midfield man has represented the "All Whites" twice in international competition in his seven-year professional career.

Having spent all four years at Dartmouth College from 2006-2009, the 29-year-old returns to the States after stints in Sweden and Norway, where he spent time at Stabaek Fotball Club under the direction of former United States Men's National Team head coach Bob Bradley. Henderson secured his move to Indy in February.

## TREVOR JAMES ADDED TO STAFF:

Indy Eleven saw the ranks of its technical staff grow on March 23 with the addition of Trevor James as an assistant coach. The 58-year-old native of Norwich, England continues his 10+ year career in American soccer circles having spent time with Chicago Fire SC, Portland Timbers FC, & the LA Galaxy.

James made his move to America after filling various roles with Ipswich Town (youth academy), Colchester United (reserve team) and Cambridge United (first team coach/chief scout). James rounds out a technical staff that includes Hankinson and assistant coach Jon Busch.

## NEW HOOSIERS HELPING:

Two of Indy Eleven's most recent additions and members of last fall's 2016 Indiana Hoosiers squad, midfielder Tanner Thompson and goalkeeper Christian Lomeli make their professional debut as members of Indiana's Team.

Thompson signs with Indy Eleven after four years at Indiana University in Bloomington, where he helped the Hoosiers to four straight NCAA Tournament appearances and a Conference Tournament Championship in 2013. As a senior, the native of Loomis, CA was named an NSCAA First-Team All-American and the Big Ten Midfielder of the Year along with First-Team All-Big Ten honors. The national standout chipped in eight goals and three assists in 2016.

Lomeli also ended his college career at Indiana University after spending the first two years with IUPUI, featuring in 12 matches including eight starts. For the Hoosiers, Lomeli posted four shut-outs in seven appearances (seven starts) and boasted an impressive 0.53 goals-against average. In addition, Lomeli earned Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week for Nov. 1 and made three crucial saves in a 1-0 win over No. 23 Akron in the NCAA Tournament.

Thompson & Lomeli are two of three members of the Eleven roster with ties to the eight-time NCAA championship-winning program based out of Bloomington:

**Brad Ring:** 2005-08

**Tanner Thompson:** 2013

**Christian Lomeli:** 2013

## OFFSEASON MAKEOVER:

Indy Eleven head coach Tim Hankinson returns for the 2017 season .. and repeating a similar process from his inaugural year in charge, the roster was nearly split down the middle between returning players (13) and newcomers (7):

### Returning (13)

GK Jon Busch  
GK Keith Cardona  
DF Colin Falvey  
DF Lovel Palmer  
DF Nemanja Vukovic  
DF Marco Franco  
MF Brad Ring  
MF Daniel Keller  
MF Sinisa Ubiparipovic  
MF Don Smart  
MF Gerardo Torrado  
FW Eamon Zayed  
FW Justin Braun

### Newcomers (8)

GK Christian Lomeli  
DF Anthony Manning  
MF Adrian Ables  
DF Kwame Watson-Siriboe  
MF Craig Henderson  
MF Tanner Thompson  
MF Ben Speas  
FW David Goldsmith

## INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN:

While the Indy Eleven brass did plenty to back up its claim as "Indiana's Team" on the roster side, it also balanced out the other half of its motto - "The World's Game" - by stocking its roster with talent from across the globe. It starts with the return of internationals Lovel Palmer, Don Smart, Eamon Zayed, Sinisa Ubiparipovic, Gerardo Torrado, Nemanja Vukovic, and Colin Falvey, and the addition of extra international talent in the offseason now adds to the list.

\* DF Colin Falvey - Ireland

\* FW David Goldsmith - England \*\*

\* MF Craig Henderson - New Zealand \*\*

^ DF Lovel Palmer - Jamaica

MF Don Smart - Jamaica

\* MF Gerardo Torrado - Mexico

^ MF Sinisa Ubiparipovic - Bosnia & Herzegovina

\* DF Nemanja Vukovic - Montenegro

\* FW Eamon Zayed - Ireland

\* Designated as international players on roster

\*\* New in 2017

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

## INDY-VIDUAL ACCOLADES IN 2017:

### NASL Team of the Week

Daniel Keller (Week 1, 7)

Gerardo Torrado (Week 6)

Lovel Palmer (Week 6)

Colin Falvey (Week 5)

Justin Braun (Week 2)

Ben Speas (Week 1, 2)

Tanner Thompson (Week 1)

### NASL Player of the Month

Justin Braun (April)

### NASL Play of the Month

Ben Speas (April)

### NASL Player of the Week

Justin Braun (Week 2)

### NASL Play of the Week

Ben Speas (Week 2)

# BY THE NUMBERS - 2017 INDY ELEVEN STATS

NO	NAME	POS	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	SH	Y	R
20	JUSTIN BRAUN	FW	9	9	810	4	3	22	1	0
91	JASON PLUMHOFF	DF	3	1	72	1	0	1	0	0
19	BEN SPEAS	MF	5	4	392	1	1	6	0	0
14	TANNER THOMPSON	MF	7	5	413	1	0	9	2	0
9	EAMON ZAYED	FW	6	4	417	1	1	10	1	0
33	ADRIAN ABLES	MF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	COLIN FALVEY	DF	7	7	612	0	0	3	1	0
23	MARCO FRANCO	DF	7	7	629	0	0	0	0	0
20	DAVID GOLDSMITH	FW	4	1	128	0	0	4	1	0
8	CRAIG HENDERSON	MF	5	3	277	0	0	2	1	0
15	DANIEL KELLER	MF	8	6	553	0	0	0	1	0
13	ANTHONY MANNING	DF	3	0	57	0	0	0	0	0
5	LOVEL PALMER	DF	7	6	511	0	0	4	2	0
21	BRANDON POLTRONIERI	MF	2	1	46	0	0	0	0	0
4	BRAD RING	MF	8	8	656	0	0	7	2	1
7	DON SMART	MF	4	3	244	0	1	3	0	0
6	GERARDO TORRADO	MF	9	9	810	0	0	6	3	0
10	SINISA UBIPARIPOVIC	MF	5	4	362	0	0	4	0	0
12	NEMANJA VUKOVIC	DF	6	6	540	0	1	8	1	0
3	KWAME WATSON-SIRIBOE	DF	8	6	570	0	0	5	1	0

**GAME-WINNING GOALS:** None

**GAME-WINNING ASSISTS:** None

**PENALTY KICKS:** None

## INDY ELEVEN INDIVIDUAL GOALKEEPING

NO	NAME	POS	GP	GS	MIN	GA	GAA	SOG	SV	SO	W-D-L
18	JON BUSCH	GK	8	8	720	12	1.50	30	18	2	0-5-3
1	KEITH CARDONA	GK	1	1	90	1	1.00	4	3	0	0-1-0
30	CHRISTIAN LOMELI	GK	0	0	0	-	---	-	-	-	---

# 2017 REGULAR SEASON STATS

## GOALS

	1	2	TOTAL
IND	4	5	9
OPP	9	4	13

## SHOTS

	1	2	TOTAL
IND	38	54	92
OPP	50	55	105

## ASSISTS

	1	2	TOTAL
IND	4	3	7
OPP	7	3	10

## SOG

	1	2	TOTAL
IND	13	12	25
OPP	20	13	33

## FOULS CONCEDED

	1	2	TOTAL
IND	39	43	82
OPP	36	53	89

## CORNERS

	1	2	TOTAL
IND	24	24	48
OPP	14	17	31

## CAUTIONS

	1	2	TOTAL
IND	7	10	17
OPP	0	6	6

## EJECTIONS

	1	2	TOTAL
IND	0	1	1
OPP	0	0	0

## OFFSIDES

	1	2	TOTAL
IND	7	9	16
OPP	8	4	12



## INDY ELEVEN ROSTER (as of 04/19/17)

#	Name	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN	NATIONALITY	DoB	LAST CLUB
1	Keith Cardona	GK	6'4	200	Glen Rock, NJ	USA	11/07/92	FC Leiferling (Austria/2)
3	Kwame Watson-Siriboe	DF	6'3	196	Chino Hills, CA	USA	11/03/86	Orange County SC (USL)
4	Brad Ring	MF	5'10	165	Rockford, IL	USA	04/07/87	Portland Timbers (MLS)
5 ^	Lovel Palmer	DF	5'10	170	Mandeville, JAM	Jamaica/USA	08/30/84	Chicago Fire SC (MLS)
6 *	Gerardo Torrado	MF	5'9	161	Mexico City, MEX	Mexico	04/30/79	Cruz Azul (Mexico/1)
7	Don Smart	MF	5'9	155	Kingston, JAM	Jamaica/USA	12/02/87	RVA FC (NPSL)
8 *	Craig Henderson	MF	5'10	165	Lower Hutt, NZ	New Zealand	06/24/87	GAIS (Sweden/2)
9 *	Eamon Zayed	FW	6'2	200	Dublin, IRE	Ireland	10/04/83	Sabah FA (Malaysia/1)
10 ^	Sinisa Ubiparipovic	MF	5'9	163	Cleveland, OH	Bosnia & Herz./USA	08/25/83	Ottawa Fury FC (NASL)
12 *	Nemanja Vukovic	DF	6'3	180	Podgorica, MON	Montenegro	04/13/84	Sacramento Republic FC (USL)
13	Anthony Manning	DF	6'4	200	Mesquite, TX	USA	09/04/92	Portland Timbers (MLS)
14	Tanner Thompson	MF	5'7	150	Loomis, CA	USA	08/11/94	Indiana University (NCAA)
15	Daniel Keller	MF	6'0	165	Carmel, IN	USA	02/07/92	Univ. of Louisville (NCAA)
17	Justin Braun	FW	6'2	195	Salt Lake City, UT	USA	03/31/87	Sacramento Republic FC (USL)
18	Jon Busch	GK	5'10	165	Queens, NY	USA	08/18/76	Chicago Fire SC (MLS)
19	Ben Speas	MF	5'8	170	Stow, OH	USA	01/17/91	Minnesota United FC (NASL)
20 *	David Goldsmith	FW	5'9	155	Bristol, ENG	England	09/20/93	Butler University (NCAA)
21	Brandon Poltronieri	MF	5'10	150	Los Angeles, CA	Costa Rica	01/18/86	Phoenix Rising FC (USL)
23	Marco Franco	DF	5'11	155	Chino Hills, CA	USA	10/06/91	Chicago Fire SC (MLS)
30	Christian Lomeli	GK	5'9	155	Crown Point, IN	USA	04/10/94	Indiana University (NCAA)
32 *	Colin Falvey	DF	6'1	185	Cork City, IRE	Ireland	06/20/85	Ottawa Fury FC (NASL)
33	Adrian Ables	MF	6'0	175	Midwest City, OK	USA	03/03/94	Rayo OKC (NASL)
91	Jason Plumhoff	DF	6'0	155	Ellicott City, MD	USA	08/09/91	Jacksonville Armada FC (NASL)

\* = international roster slot

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

• = currently on loan

**Head Coach:** Tim Hankinson

**Assistant Coach:** Trevor James

**Assistant Coach/Director of Goalkeeping:** Jon Busch

**Head Athletic Trainer:** Brian Gerlach

**Team Operations Manager:** Blair Said

**Team Physician:** Dr. Daniel Kraft

### Pronunciation Guide

Justin Braun	BRAWN
Keith Cardona	car-DOUGH-nah
Colin Falvey	FALL-vee
Christian Lomeli	lo-MELL-ee
Lovel Palmer	luh-VELL
Gerardo Torrado	heh-RAHR-doe tore-RAH-doe
Sinisa Ubiparipovic	sin-EE-sha OO-be-pare-ee-poe-vich
Nemanja Vukovic	neh-MAHN-yah VOO-kah-vich
Kwame Watson-Siriboe	SEAR-uh-bow
Eamon Zayed	AYE-mon ZYED



**MF**

**#33**

## ADRIAN ABLES

**2017 NASL SEASON:** -

**2016 SEASON:** 1 GP / 0 GS - 4 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

**LAST MATCH:** -

Ables joins Indy Eleven off the back of a brief stint with Rayo OKC, where he made one appearance through the 2016 season. The midfielder was a four-year feature at DePauw University (Greencastle, IN), and tallied 18 goals and 17 assists in 75 total appearances. As a senior, Ables started 18 of 19 contests and was featured on the All-NCAC Second Team.



**FW**

**#17**

## JUSTIN BRAUN

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 9 GP / 9 GS - 810 min. | 4 G | 3 A | 22 SH | 1 YC

**2016 SEASON:** 25 GP / 23 GS - 2021 min. | 8 G | 5 A | 52 SH | 3 YC

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 90 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 3 SH | 0 YC

Braun arrived in the Circle City by way of Sacramento Republic FC ahead of the 2016 season. For the "Boys in Blue," Braun's impressive scoring record saw him score in the 4-1 W over Carolina on 6/11 to help secure the 2016 Spring Season Championship and against Chicago Fire SC in the Fourth Round of the 2016 U.S. Open Cup. With his goal against Jacksonville Armada FC in 2017 Spring Week 6, Braun moved into second on the all-time Indy Eleven scoring charts (11) and sits T-3rd all-time on the Indy Eleven career assists leaders list (5).



**GK**

**#18**

## JON BUSCH

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 8 GP / 8 GS - 720 min. | 12 GA | 1.50 GAA | 30 SOG | 18 SV | 2 SO | 1 YC

**2016 SEASON:** 29 GP / 29 GS - 2610 min. | 27 GA | 0.93 GAA | 70 SV | 11 SO | 2 YC

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 90 min. | 2 GA | 3 SH | 1 SV

Busch jumped from Chicago to Indianapolis in 2016, joining Indy Eleven after an incredible 10+ years in Major League Soccer. "Buschy," as he's known in the squad, leads Indy Eleven's all-time ranks in saves (70), wins (14), and shutouts (11) - all in league play - and had eight games with four+ saves in 2016. The vet also serves as both an assistant and Indy's Director of Goalkeeping.





GK

#1

## KEITH CARDONA

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 1 GP / 1 GS - 90 min. | 1 GA | 1.00 GAA | 4 SOG | 3 SV | 0 SO | 0 YC

**2016 SEASON:** 3 GP / 3 GS - 270 min. | 6 GA | 2.00 GAA | 0 SV | 0 SO | 0 YC

**LAST MATCH:** at PRFC - 90 min. | 1 GA | 4 SH | 3 SV

Cardona has sported an Indy Eleven shirt since 2015 and appeared in three league matches for "Indiana's Team" in 2016. The New Jersey native featured once in the Spring Season (2-1 L @ MIA) and twice in the Fall Season (3-2 W @ TBR; 2-1 L @ OKC). In addition, Cardona racked up one U.S. Open Cup appearance, helping Indy Eleven past Louisville City FC (USL) in the Third Round of the competition.



DF

#32

## COLIN FALVEY

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 7 GP / 7 GS - 612 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 3 SH | 1 YC

**2016 SEASON:** 23 GP / 23 GS - 2056 min. | 1 G | 0 A | 5 SH | 1 YC

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 90 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 1 SH | 1 YC

Named the Indy Eleven captain upon his arrival in 2016, the Irish defender has been a mainstay in the starting XI - finishing in the top five in minutes played and appearances. His lone goal of the year, a knock-in from close range in the 84th minute, came in a 2-1 win over Rayo OKC at "The Mike" in August.



DF

#23

## MARCO FRANCO

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 7 GP / 7 GS - 629 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

**2016 SEASON:** 19 GP / 14 GS - 1307 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 3 SH | 2 YC

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 89 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

Franco split time at right back with Lovel Palmer in 2016, but started 8 of the last 9 games in 2016, including all 120 minutes of The Championship Final against New York in November. Franco was a major feature in the 2015 season, leading the club in games played (27) and minutes played (2377).



**FW**

**#20**

## **DAVID GOLDSMITH**

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 4 GP / 1 GS - 128 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 4 SH | 1 YC

**2016 SEASON:** -

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 23 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 1 SH | 0 YC

A skilled forward whose talent is beyond his age, Goldsmith signed for Indy Eleven ahead of the 2017 season after four successful years as a Bulldog at Butler University. The native of Bristol, England was named the 2016 Big East Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year, and was also named to the 2016 All-Big East First Team. Helping lead the Bulldogs to the 2016 Big East Championship, Goldsmith was named a 2016 MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalist, given to the best player in college soccer.



**MF**

**#8**

## **CRAIG HENDERSON**

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 5 GP / 3 GS - 277 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 2 SH | 1 YC

**2016 SEASON:** -

**LAST MATCH:** at JAX - 67 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 2 SH | 0 YC

The lone New Zealand international in Indy Eleven history, Henderson signed for head coach Tim Hankinson's side after spending time with Swedish second division side GAIS. Internationally, the midfielder appeared twice for the New Zealand MNT and helped the NZ U-23 MNT qualify for the '08 Beijing Olympics, where he started all three matches during the group stages of the Summer Games.



**MF**

**#15**

## **DANIEL KELLER**

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 8 GP / 6 GS - 553 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 1 YC

**2016 SEASON:** 7 GP / 4 GS - 402 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 74 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

A local player out of Carmel, IN, Daniel Keller came to Indy Eleven off a successful four-year career at the University of Louisville. The Brebeuf Jesuit Prep School (HS) product was drafted in the third round of the 2015 MLS SuperDraft (62nd overall) by the L.A. Galaxy, and signed for Indy Eleven on May 11, 2015.



**GK**

**#30**

## **CHRISTIAN LOMELI**

**2017 NASL SEASON:** -

**2016 SEASON:** -

**LAST MATCH:** -

After splitting four years at IUPUI and at Indiana University, Christian Lomeli signed his first professional contract with Indy Eleven, joining the team as the club's third goalkeeper behind Jon Busch and Keith Cardona. A promising talent, Lomeli showed his stuff between the pipes in his senior year at IU, making three saves in a 1-0 win over No.23 Akron in the NCAA Tournament.



**DF**

**#13**

## **ANTHONY MANNING**

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 3 GP / 0 GS - 57 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

**2016 SEASON:** -

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 1 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

A four-year standout at Saint Louis University, Anthony Manning joined the professional ranks in 2015 and split time between the Portland Timbers and Timbers II in 2015 and 2016. Manning was named the 2014 Atlantic 10 Conference Defensive Player of the Year, one of many conference accolades he earned as a Billiken, and comes to Indy Eleven off the back of two appearances with Timbers II.



**DF**

**#5**

## **LOVEL PALMER**

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 7 GP / 6 GS - 511 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 4 SH | 2 YC

**2016 SEASON:** 25 GP / 20 GS - 1795 min. | 0 G | 1 A | 5 SH | 4 YC

**LAST MATCH:** VS MIA - 90 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 1 SH | 0 YC

Lovel Palmer joined Indy Eleven ahead of the 2016 season and has established himself as a pulverizing defender around the league. Palmer's MLS days began with the Houston Dynamo and extended to the Portland Timbers and Real Salt Lake before ending with the Chicago Fire in 2014 and 2015. Palmer split time with Marco Franco at right back in 2016 before moving to a central role under head coach Tim Hankinson in 2017.



**DF**

**#91**

## **JASON PLUMHOFF**

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 3 GP / 1 GS - 72 min. | 1 G | 0 A | 1 SH | 0 YC

**2016 SEASON:** -

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 16 min. | 1 G | 0 A | 1 SH | 0 YC

Jason Plumhoff signed with Indy Eleven ahead of their Spring Season Week 7 clash with FC Edmonton on May 6. Plumhoff earned his stripes playing in the Bayern Munich youth system before ultimately moving to the States to attend La Salle University. He landed his first professional deal with the Harrisburg City Islanders (USL) in 2015 before jumping to NASL side FC Edmonton the following year. In late 2016, Plumhoff was dealt to Jacksonville Armada FC before being loaned to Saint Louis FC (USL), where he last saw action.



**MF**

**#21**

## **BRANDON POLTRONIERI**

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 2 GP / 1 GS - 46 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

**2016 SEASON:** -

**LAST MATCH:** at MIA - 45 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

Brandon Poltronieri also signed with Indy Eleven ahead of their Spring Season Week 7 clash with FC Edmonton on May 6. The versatile midfielder and defender got his rise through Costa Rican FPD side Brujas FC before leaving for the United States in 2015. It was for the Atlanta Silverbacks where he earned his first NASL action, making six appearances on the year. He then made the switch to Ottawa Fury FC (NASL) and Phoenix Rising FC (USL) before landing in the Circle City to sign with "Indiana's Team."



**MF**

**#4**

## **BRAD RING**

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 8 GP / 8 GS - 656 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 7 SH | 2 YC | 1 RC

**2016 SEASON:** 27 GP / 22 GS - 1887 min. | 1 G | 0 A | 14 SH | 6 YC

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 67 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

One of two Indy Eleven "originals," Brad Ring has been with the club since it's first match in 2014. A former MLS veteran with the San Jose Earthquakes (2009-2013) and Portland Timbers (2013), Ring was connected with fellow Hoosier and Portland head coach Caleb Porter out west before making the return to the midwest having signed with Indy. Ring has tallied at least one goal every year for Indy Eleven, now in his fourth year with the team.



MF

#7

## DON SMART

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 4 GP / 3 GS - 243 min. | 0 G | 1 A | 3 SH | 0 YC

**2016 SEASON:** 22 GP / 17 GS - 1509 min. | 2 G | 3 A | 14 SH | 3 YC

**LAST MATCH:** at MIA - 18 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

The second of two Indy Eleven “originals,” Don Smart began his professional career with USL PRO side F.C. New York (2011) before moving to USL PDL club Fredericksburg Hotspur (2012) and NPSL club RVA F.C. A wide midfielder, Smart was in the thick of the attacking action a significant amount last year, netting the game winner against Ottawa Fury FC near the death of the match and providing multiple crucial assists for “Indiana’s Team.”



MF

#19

## BEN SPEAS

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 5 GP / 4 GS - 392 min. | 1 G | 1 A | 6 SH | 0 YC

**2016 SEASON:** -

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 90 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 1 SH | 0 YC

Midfielder Ben Speas signed with Indy Eleven ahead of the 2017 season after his time with former NASL club Minnesota United FC came to an end. Speas spent four years with the Columbus Crew (2012-15) to jump start his career having won a national championship at both the University of Akron and the University of North Carolina in his collegiate days. Additionally, Speas was part of the USMNT U17, U18, & U20 national teams.



MF

#14

## TANNER THOMPSON

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 7 GP / 5 GS - 413 min. | 1 G | 0 A | 9 SH | 2 YC

**2016 SEASON:** -

**LAST MATCH:** vs MIA - 58 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

Another Indiana University product, Tanner Thompson inked his deal with Indy Eleven after four successful years in Bloomington as a Hoosier. During his time, Thompson helped the Hoosiers to four straight NCAA Tournament appearances, won a Conference Tournament Championship in 2013, and was named a 2016 NSCAA First Team All-American, a First Team All-Big Ten midfielder, and the Big Ten Midfielder of the Year as a senior. Thompson was drafted by Minnesota United FC ahead of the season but was released, then signing with Indy, and went on to score an all-important goal against the San Francisco Deltas on his debut.



MF

#6

## GERARDO TORRADO

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 9 GP / 9 GS - 810 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 6 SH | 3 YC

**2016 SEASON:** 16 GP / 10 GS - 1009 min. | 0 G | 1 A | 7 SH | 3 YC

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 90 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 1 SH | 1 YC

A Mexico National Team legend, Gerardo Torrado arrived in Indianapolis after 12 years with Cruz Azul (2005-16) in Liga MX (MEX) and 15 years with the Mexico NT (1999-2013). Torrado is the second most capped international (146) in Mexico soccer history, and appeared in 11 of 12 matches across the 2002, 2006, and 2010 FIFA World Cups. In addition, Torrado served as the team's vice-captain during the 2010 tournament. Arriving ahead of the Fall Season, Torrado excelled in his first stint with Indy Eleven, creating more chances than any of his teammates in the 16 games in which he featured.



MF

#10

## SINISA UBIPARIPOVIC

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 5 GP / 4 GS - 362 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 4 SH | 0 YC

**2016 SEASON:** 14 GP / 12 GS - 837 min. | 0 G | 3 A | 6 SH | 2 YC

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 90 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

After spending the 2014 and 2015 seasons with Ottawa Fury FC (NASL), Ubiparipovic switched allegiances to Indy Eleven before the start of the 2016 season alongside defender Colin Falvey and former Indy midfielder Nicki Paterson. "Ubi" also racked up MLS experience with the New York Red Bulls and Montreal Impact, and lifted the 2015 Fall Championship trophy with Fury FC before ultimately falling short in The 2015 Championship Final.



DF

#12

## NEMANJA VUKOVIC

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 6 GP / 6 GS - 540 min. | 0 G | 1 A | 8 SH | 1 YC

**2016 SEASON:** 31 GP / 30 GS - 2728 min. | 3 G | 3 A | 48 SH | 3 YC

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 90 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 2 SH | 0 YC

Nemanja Vukovic joined forward Justin Braun in Indianapolis after help Sacramento Republic FC (USL) to a 2014 USL PRO Championship, the same year "Vuko" was named the 2014 USL Defender of the Year. The Montenegrin began his professional career in his home country with Second League side FK Kom, and made his first move to the States in 2012 when he signed with the Columbus Crew. In 2016, Vukovic set an Indy Eleven club record for most Team of the Week appearances (9).



**DF**

**#3**

## **KWAME WATSON-SIRIBOE**

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 8 GP / 6 GS - 570 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 5 SH | 1 YC

**2016 SEASON:** -

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 90 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 1 SH | 0 YC

Watson-Siriboe brought his extensive American soccer experience to Indy ahead of the 2017 season, most recently featuring for Orange County SC. A four-year player at the University of Connecticut, Watson-Siriboe spent his first six professional seasons with Chicago Fire SC (2010-12), Real Salt Lake (2012-14), and New York City FC (2015) before his move out west. Watson-Siriboe's Indy connections run deeper than surface level, having crossed paths with Jon Busch and Lovel Palmer in his prior playing days.



**FW**

**#9**

## **EAMON ZAYED**

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 6 GP / 5 GS - 417 min. | 1 G | 0 A | 9 SH | 1 YC

**2016 SEASON:** 31 GP / 30 GS - 2686 min. | 15 G | 6 A | 70 SH | 2 YC

**LAST MATCH:** vs FCE - 89 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 2 SH | 0 YC

A natural goalscorer, Eamon Zayed signed with Indy ahead of the 2016 season and set both the single-season and all-time scoring charts alight with his 15 goals on the year. Zayed began his pro career with Bray Wanderers AC in 2002 before staying in Europe with various clubs in Ireland until 2011. In 2012, Zayed moved to Persepolis and earned Goal.com's World Player of the Week for his 10-minute hat-trick for Persepolis. A Libyan national, Zayed has featured eight times for his country and scored one goal.