

FC EDMONTON PRESS NOTES



FC Edmonton vs. Indy Eleven
Saturday, May 7, 2016
5:30 p.m. MT
Michael A. Carroll Stadium
Indianapolis, IL.

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MATCH PREVIEW

FC Edmonton (2-1-2) will look to make it three wins in a row as they travel to Michael A. Carroll Stadium, May 7 to take on the undefeated Indy Eleven (2-2-0) at 5:30 p.m. in the club's sixth match of the North American Soccer League (NASL) season.

The Eddies have turned their Spring Season around in a hurry, jumping to the middle of the league table after opening up their 2016 campaign with a draw and two losses. Since then, the team has captured back-to-back, clean sheet victories over Ottawa Fury FC and Jacksonville Armada FC and with a win, could potentially leapfrog into second place behind the Carolina RailHawks.

The Eddies have been aided by the stellar play of goalkeeper Matt VanOekel, who currently sits tied for most clean sheets on the season and has posted an impressive Goals Against Average (GAA) of 0.60 through five matches. Newcomer Papé Diakité has settled in quickly with his new club, leading the league in clearances (44) and contributing in the attacking third with the lone goal in Wednesday's contest versus Jacksonville Armada FC—the first goal in his five-year professional career.

Indy Eleven remains undefeated in the 2016 NASL season, capturing a pair of wins and draws in their opening four matches of the season to sit in fourth spot in the league table. The trio

of Eamon Zayed, Nemanja Vukovic and Jair Reinoso have split the goal scoring duties this season, while defender Greg Janicki leads the back line with 21 clearances. Between the woodwork, keeper John Busch has made eight saves.

The league table is wide open for the taking, with just seven points separating second from eleventh place. Currently sitting in sixth, the Eddies will need positive results to keep pace with the rest of the club, with four teams around them holding a match in hand. Last season, the Eddies edged Indy in their three-match, regular season series with a pair of 2-0 wins.

FC Edmonton takes on Indy Eleven at Michael A. Carroll Stadium, May 7, with kick-off set for 5:30 p.m. MT. The game will be streamed live on nasl.com in Canada and broadcast on ESPN3 in the United States. For more information, please visit www.fcedmonton.com.

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FC Edmonton 2016 NASL Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY	RESULT	W/D/L
April 4, 2016	Rayo OKC	A	0-0	Draw
April 10, 2016	Minnesota United FC	H	0-2	Loss
April 16, 2016	Tampa Bay Rowdies	A	0-1	Loss
April 24, 2016	Ottawa Fury FC	H	2-0	Win
May 4, 2016	Jacksonville Armada FC	A	1-0	Win
May 7, 2016	Indy Eleven	A		
May 15, 2016	New York Cosmos	H		
May 22, 2016	Carolina RailHawks	H		
May 28, 2016	Miami FC	A		
June 12, 2016	Fort Lauderdale Strikers	H		
July 2, 2016	Rayo OKC	A		
July 10, 2016	Fort Lauderdale Strikers	H		
July 17, 2016	Ottawa Fury FC	H		
July 23, 2016	Indy Eleven	A		
July 27, 2016	New York Cosmos	H		
July 31, 2016	Carolina RailHawks	H		
August 6, 2016	Puerto Rico FC	A		
August 14, 2016	Minnesota United FC	H		
August 20, 2016	Tampa Bay Rowdies	A		
August 27, 2016	Puerto Rico FC	H		
September 2, 2016	Ottawa Fury FC	A		
September 11, 2016	Miami FC	H		
September 14, 2016	Rayo OKC	H		
September 17, 2016	New York Cosmos	A		
September 24, 2016	Carolina RailHawks	A		
September 28, 2016	Jacksonville Armada FC	A		
October 2, 2016	Indy Eleven	H		
October 9, 2016	Tampa Bay Rowdies	H		
October 12, 2016	Fort Lauderdale Strikers	A		
October 15, 2016	Minnesota United FC	A		
October 23, 2016	Jacksonville Armada FC	H		
October 29, 2016	Miami FC	A		

2016 Amway Canadian Championship Schedule

May 11, 2016	Ottawa Fury FC (Preliminary Round)	H		
May 18, 2016	Ottawa Fury FC (Preliminary Round)	A		
June 1, 2016 ***	Vancouver Whitecaps FC	H		
June 8, 2016 ***	Vancouver Whitecaps FC	A		

***Potential Match

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2016 FC Edmonton NASL Roster Statistics

#	Name	Minutes	Goals	Assists	Yellow Cards	Red Cards
2	Allan Zebie	100	-	-	-	-
3	Eddie Edward	450	-	-	2	-
4	Pape Diakité	450	1	-	-	-
5	Albert Watson	300	1	-	-	1
6	Nik Ledgerwood	450	-	-	1	-
7	Cristian Raudales	367	-	-	1	-
8	Ritchie Jones	-	-	-	-	-
9	Sadi Jalali	-	-	-	-	-
10	Pablo Cruz	214	-	-	-	-
11	Dustin Corea	188	-	-	-	-
14	Sainey Nyassi	235	-	1	1	-
15	Mallan Roberts	142	-	-	1	-
16	Daryl Fordyce	362	-	1	-	-
18	Tomi Ameobi	201	-	-	-	-
19	Jason Plumhoff	95	-	-	-	-
20	Gustavo	19	-	-	-	-
23	Jake Keegan	318	1	-	-	-
24	Johann Smith	270	-	-	-	-
25	Marko Aleksic	-	-	-	-	-
26	Shamit Shome	186	-	-	-	-
44	Adam Eckersley	90	-	-	1	-

2016 FC Edmonton Goalkeeper Statistics

#	Name	Minutes	GA	SO	SV	GAA	YC	RC
1	Matt VanOekel	450	3	3	14	0.60	1	0
21	Tyson Farago	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Nathan Ingham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

PRONUNCIATION

Matt VanOekel - Van-Oh-Kel
 Allan Zebie - Zeh-Bee
 Eddie Edward
 Pape Diakité - Pahp (think "rap") Dee-ah-key-tay
 Albert Watson - Watt-son
 Nik Ledgerwood - Ledge-er-would
 Cristian Raudales - Rah-Doll-es
 Ritchie Jones
 Sadi Jalali - Sah-dee Jah-lah-lee
 Pablo Cruz - Cruise
 Dustin Corea - Coh-ray-ah
 Sainey Nyassi - Nye-ass-ee

Mallan Roberts - Mah-Lan
 Daryl Fordyce - Fore-dice
 Tomi Ameobi - Ah-mee-oh-bee
 Jason Plumhoff - Plum-hoff
 Gustavo - Goo-Stav-oh
 Tyson Farago - Fah-rah-go
 Jake Keegan - Kee-gan
 Johann Smith - Yo-han Smith
 Marko Aleksic - Ah-lek-sick
 Shamit Shome - Shah-meet Show-m (think "foam")
 Nathan Ingham Ing-ham
 Adam Eckersley - Eck-ers-lee

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FC Edmonton Owners, Technical and Coaching Staff

Owners: Tom Fath, Dave Fath

General Manager: Jay Ball

Head Coach: Colin Miller

Team Administrator: Andreas Morse

Assistant Coach: Jeff Paulus

Goalkeeper Coach: Darren Woloshen

Athletic Therapist: Jose Jimenez

Assistant AT: Brandon Salter

2016 Roster

#	Position	Name	Height/Weight	Born	Hometown
1	Goalkeeper	Matt VanOekel	6'4" 210lbs	09/20/86	Chesapeake, VA
2	Defender	Allan Zebie	5'9" 165lbs	05/29/93	Paris, FRA
3	Defender	Eddie Edward	6'0" 205lbs	09/20/88	Ottawa, ONT
4	Defender	Pape Diakité	6'4" 209lbs	12/22/92	Pikine, SN
5	Defender	Albert Watson	6'0" 195lbs	09/08/85	Belfast, NIR
6	Midfielder	Nik Ledgerwood	5'9" 156lbs	01/16/85	Lethbridge, AB
7	Midfielder	Cristian Raudales	5'10" 160lbs	10/03/89	Bradenton, FL
8	Midfielder	Ritchie Jones	6'1" 168lbs	09/26/86	Manchester, UK
9	Striker	Sadi Jalali	6'0" 173lbs	06/06/95	Edmonton, AB
10	Midfielder	Pablo Cruz	5'7" 140lbs	12/30/91	Pasadena, CA
11	Midfielder	Dustin Corea	5'10" 163lbs	03/21/92	Milwaukie, OR
14	Midfielder	Sainey Nyassi	5'8" 155lbs	01/31/89	Bwiam, GMB
15	Defender	Mallan Roberts	6'2" 193lbs	06/06/92	Freetown, SL
16	Striker	Daryl Fordyce	6'0" 165lbs	01/02/87	Belfast, NIR
18	Striker	Tomi Ameobi	6'3" 185lbs	08/16/88	Newcastle, UK
19	Midfielder	Jason Plumhoff	6'0" 154lbs	08/09/91	Ellicott City, MD
20	Midfielder	Gustavo	6'1" 160lbs	07/07/85	Recife, BR
21	Goalkeeper	Tyson Farago	6'2" 200lbs	05/01/91	Winnipeg, MB
23	Striker	Jake Keegan	5'9" 158lbs	09/07/90	Stormville, NY
24	Defender	Johann Smith	5'10" 175lbs	04/25/87	Hartford, CT
25	Defender	Marko Aleksic	6'3" 190lbs	09/10/96	Belgrade, RS
26	Midfielder	Shamit Shome	5'10" 155lbs	05/09/97	Edmonton, AB
29	Goalkeeper	Nathan Ingham	6'2" 190lbs	06/27/93	Toronto, ON
44	Defender	Adam Eckersley	5'8" 171lbs	07/09/85	Windermere, UK

LEAGUE HONOURS

Spring Week 1: Matt VanOekel, Papé Diakité (Team of the Week)

Spring Week 4: Matt VanOekel, Jake Keegan, Albert Watson (Team of the Week)

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Matt VanOekel

Matt VanOekel assumed the starting role for the Eddies after arriving in Edmonton for the 2015 season. The six-foot-four 'keeper finished with a 1.47 Goals Against Average (GAA) through 25 appearances last year, collecting a total of 2,205 minutes. The 29-year-old signed with the Eddies after spending several seasons in Minnesota, where he was a part of the team during their 2011 Championship season, 2012 runner-up season and their 2014 Spring Season Championship. Follow VanOekel on Twitter: @MVOextreme

Tyson Farago

Winnipeg native Tyson Farago returns for his third season with the Eddies. The 24-year-old 'keeper was impressive during a two-year stint with the Canadian Inter-university Sport's (CIS) Winnipeg Wesmen, where he tied a league-record for single saves in a season. Farago was also successful at the Premier Development League (PDL) level, where he was named a Conference All-Star in 2013. Most recently, Farago was called up for his first Canadian national team senior camp alongside fellow Eddies Mallan Roberts and Nik Ledgerwood. Follow Farago on Twitter: @tysonfarago

Nathan Ingham

Arriving to the Eddies goalkeeper fold for 2016 is Keswick, Ont. native Nathan Ingham, who enters his first professional season after a four-year career with NCAA Division 1's Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU). Ingham, 22, was named A-Sun Conference Goalkeeper of the Year in 2015. During the 2015 Premier Development League (PDL) season, Ingham captured the league championship as a member of Kitchener-Waterloo (K-W) United, while also being named Tournament MVP. Follow Ingham on Twitter: @nateybird1

Pap  Diakit 

Diakit , 23, has steadily increased his contributions on the pitch in each season as a professional, making a career-high 25 appearances last year for Royal Antwerp F.C. of the Belgian Second Division. Follow Pap  on Twitter: @AbdouDiakit

Adam Eckersley

Eckersley, 30, joins the Eddies after featuring most recently in the Scottish Professional Football League (SPFL). The Manchester United academy product was instrumental in helping Heart of Midlothian earn promotion to the league's top tier following their 2014-15 campaign. Follow Eckersley on Twitter: @adameck6

Eddie Edward

Ottawa native Eddie Edward returns to the Eddies for his fourth season and will once again patrol the right side of the park. Edward, 27, finished last season with the second-most minutes played on the Eddies, finishing with 2,238 total. Follow Edward on Twitter: @eddieedwardfc

Mallan Roberts

Canadian international and FC Edmonton Academy graduate Mallan Roberts continues to develop into one of the team's most reliable players on the pitch. The 23-year-old's steady play has earned him two calls to the Canadian senior national program over the past year. Follow Roberts on Twitter: @MallanRoberts

Johann Smith

After signing with the Eddies for the 2015 season, Smith finished fifth on the Eddies with 1,894 minutes in 23 appearances. The 28-year-old Hartford has featured on both England's Bolton Wanderers and Major League Soccer's Toronto FC. Follow Smith on Twitter: @JohannSmith777

Albert Watson

Eddies captain Albert Watson returns for a fourth campaign on defence. The 30-year-old product of Belfast, Northern Ireland will anchor the back line for head coach Colin Miller. Last season, Watson led the Eddies in minutes played with 2,464 minutes in 28 appearances. Follow Watson on Twitter: @albertw5

Allan Zebie

Paris-born defender Allan Zebie enters his second professional season in 2016. The versatile, 22-year-old joined the FC Edmonton Academy in 2012 and made his professional debut against Minnesota United. Follow Zebie on Twitter: @AllanZebie

Gustavo

Salgueiro, 31, comes to the Eddies after playing the previous season with Brazilian club Murci. Salgueiro's playing history also includes stints with clubs Lajeandense, Tadamon SC, Rio Branco, Gr mio Barueri, FC Volyn Lutsk and others. The midfielder will be looked upon by Miller to provide an attacking option for the Eddies during the upcoming campaign. Follow Gustavo on Instagram: @gustavosalgueiro

Dustin Corea

Corea, 24, joined the Eddies in 2015, earning a nomination for NASL Young Player of the Year following the season's conclusion. Corea is returning from a stint with the El

Salvador national team, who recently played against Honduras in a pair of World Cup qualifying matches. Follow Corea on Twitter: @DustinCorea

Pablo Cruz

A midseason signing for the Eddies in 2015, Cruz is looking for a return to form after suffering an injury shortly after his arrival in Edmonton. The 24-year-old has looked dangerous throughout the Eddies 2016 preseason, earning him a spot on the squad's travelling roster to their Season Opener versus Rayo OKC.

Ritchie Jones

Veteran Ritchie Jones is another attacking option for head coach Colin Miller. The 29-year-old, Manchester United Academy product made 22 appearances in 2015, registering four goals and an assist in 1,681 minutes of play. 2016 marks the England native's third campaign with the Eddies. Follow Jones on Twitter: @Ritchie8Jones

Nik Ledgerwood

Canadian international Ledgerwood brings a wealth of experience to the Eddies. The 31-year-old has been a fixture with the Canadian national program for well over a decade, and was a member of his country's roster for its most recent set of World Cup qualifying matches against powerhouse Mexico earlier this month. Follow Ledgerwood on Twitter: @ledgerwoodnik

Sainey Nyassi

Gambian international Sainey Nyassi returns for a second season with the Eddies after an inaugural season with the club that included three goals and three assists. The 27-year-old made 21 regular season appearances in 2015 due to a combination of national team call-ups and injury. Follow Nyassi on Twitter: @Sainey14

Jason Plumhoff

Entering his second professional season, Plumhoff adds another option across the midfield for the Eddies. The 24-year-old has made the jump from the USL's Harrisburg City Islanders, where he registered a team-leading 10 goals in 1,664 minutes of play last season. Follow Plumhoff on Twitter: @JiggyMagico

Cristian Raudales

Florida's Cristian Raudales enters his third year with the Eddies. The 26-year-old was one of the team's most dependable players in 2015, evident by his 26 league appearances for the club. Raudales continually posed a threat in the attacking third and was one of the team's most physical players. Follow Raudales on Twitter: @CRAudales7

Shamit Shome

FC Edmonton Academy graduate Shamit Shome was named Canada West 2015 Rookie of the Year during his one and only varsity season with the University of Alberta. Entering his first professional season, the 18-year-old recently returned from Canada's most recent U-20 camp, where he was in the Starting XI for the team's international friendly versus England. Follow Shome on Instagram: @shamit_shome07

Tomi Ameobi

Ameobi returns for this third season with the Eddies after a breakout 2015 campaign that saw him finishing the year as the team's co-leader in scoring with seven goals. Ameobi's production on offence was made all the more impressive by the fact that the 27-year-old made just 18 appearances due to injury.

Daryl Fordyce

Northern Ireland's Fordyce enters his fourth season with the Eddies. Fordyce, 29, is the club's all-time leading scorer and registered his highest offensive output since joining the club with eight goals and an assist in 2015.

Sadi Jalali

Edmonton native Sadi Jalali joined the FC Edmonton Academy program in 2012 and signed with the first team in 2013. The 20-year-old made a career high eight appearances in 2015, registering a goal and an assist in those appearances.

Jake Keegan

Keegan, 24, arrives in Edmonton after an impressive two seasons with Galway United of the League of Ireland Premier Division. In 2014, the Stormville, New York native registered 17 goals in 37 appearances across all competition. Last season, Keegan scored 16 goals in 40 appearances. Galway United finished as the 2015 runner-up for the league cup.

Colin Miller (Head Coach)

FC Edmonton's head coach is now in his fourth season with the club. Miller has a wealth of experience in his position that includes time with the Canadian national program--both as a player and as a manager. Miller's background also includes over a decade of playing experience in the Scottish Professional Football League (SPFL) as well coaching experience with the Vancouver Whitecaps and Victoria Highlanders (Premier Development League).

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NASL 2016 Spring Season Standings (As of May 7, 2016)

Place	Team	PLD	W	D	L	GF	GA	+/-	PTS
1	Carolina RailHawks	5	4	0	1	9	5	4	12
2	Minnesota United FC	4	3	0	1	7	2	5	9
3	New York Cosmos	5	3	0	2	7	3	4	9
4	Indy Eleven	4	2	2	0	5	3	2	8
5	Tampa Bay Rowdies	5	2	2	1	4	4	0	8
6	FC Edmonton	5	2	1	2	7	7	0	7
7	Rayo OKC	4	1	1	2	6	7	-1	4
8	Jacksonville Armada FC	4	1	1	2	3	5	-2	4
9	Ottawa Fury FC	5	1	1	3	3	7	-4	4
10	Miami FC	5	0	2	3	5	9	-4	2
11	Fort Lauderdale Strikers	4	0	2	2	2	6	-4	2

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

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Scoring Leaders

	Name	Team	GS
1	Dario Cvitanich	MIA	3
2	Austin da Luz	CAR	3
3	Michel	OKC	3
4	Christian Ramirez	MNU	3
5	Ben Speas	MNU	2

Assist Leaders

	Name	Team	A
1	Nazmi Albadawi	CAR	4
2	Pecka	OKC	2
3	Eric Avila	TBR	2
4	Damion Lowe	MNU	1
5	Jonny Steele	OTT	1

Yellow Card Leaders

	Name	Team	YC
1	Juan Guerra	TBR	3
2	Darnell King	TBR	3
3	Drew Beckie	CAR	3
4	Kevan George	JAX	3
5	Georgi Hristov	TBR	2

Red Card Leaders

	Name	Team	RC
1	Albert Watson	FCE	1
2	Simon Mensing	CAR	1
3	Jorge Luis Corrales	MIA	1
4	Geison Moura	FTL	1
5	Damion Lowe	MNU	1

GS - Goals Scored; A - Assists; YC - Yellow Cards; RC - Red Cards

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About FC Edmonton

FC Edmonton's roots began in 2009 by Tom and Dave Fath in order to give back to a city that has given so much to its residents. FC Edmonton's 2010 season was played as an exhibition season before joining the North American Soccer League in 2011.

Playing out of Clarke Field for the 2016 season, the Eddies look to continue to grow the city's interest in professional soccer, as the team continues to find success on the field.

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About the NASL

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, Fort Lauderdale Strikers, Indy Eleven, Minnesota United FC, New York Cosmos, Ottawa Fury FC, Rayo OKC Jacksonville Armada, and Tampa Bay Rowdies.

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.

Up Next....

Who: Ottawa Fury FC

When: May 11, 2016, 7:00 p.m. MT KO

What: Amway Canadian Championship

Where: Clarke Field, Edmonton



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