

**INDY ELEVEN VS. MINNESOTA UNITED FC – SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016**



**NASL SPRING SEASON GAME #7 / COMBINED SEASON GAME #7**

**Indy Eleven**

*(2W-4D-0L, 10 pts., 5th in 2016 NASL Spring)*

**vs.**

**Minnesota United FC**

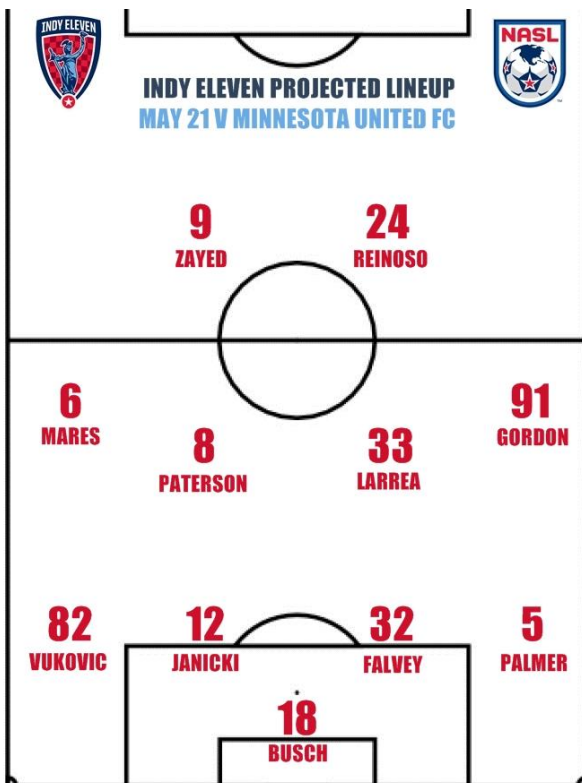
*(4W-1D-1L, 13 pts., 1st in 2016 NASL Spring)*

Saturday, May 21, 2016 – Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN – 7:30 p.m. ET

TV: WISH-TV (local) & beIN SPORTS (national); STREAMING VIDEO: beIN CONNECT (subscription)

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**INDY vs. MINNESOTA HISTORY**

Overall: 2W-0D-4L

Home: 2W-0D-1L

Away: 0W-0D-3L

**2016 Series**

Saturday v MNU

7:30 pm ET

Sat., July 9 v MNU

7:30 pm ET

Sat., July 16 @ MNU

8:00 pm ET

**2015: 1W-0D-2L**

[October 17, 2015 v MNU](#)

3-1 W

[Sept. 2, 2015 @ MNU](#)

0-1 L

[May 16, 2015 v MNU](#)

1-3 L

**2014: 1W-0D-2L**

[October 11, 2014 v MNU](#)

3-1 W

[August 16, 2014 @ MNU](#)

1-5 L

[May 3, 2014 @ MNU](#)

2-3 L

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## INDY ELEVEN ROSTER (as of 05/20/2016)

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	Nationality	DoB	Last Club
1	Keith Cardona	GK	6'4"	200	Glen Rock, NJ	USA	11/07/92	FC Leiferling (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)
* 91	Omar Gordon	FW	5'9"	171	Montego Bay, Jamaica	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-eh-key
Duke Lacroix	la-KWA
Gorka Larrea	gore-KA lar-RAY-ah
Dylan Mares	MAIRES
Lovel Palmer	luh-vell
Jair Reinoso	HI-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 ZYED

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## INDY ELEVEN 2016 NASL SPRING SEASON SCHEDULE

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

\*\*\* Click each result for full stats via NASL.com MatchCenter, powered by Opta

Date	Time (ET)	Opponent	Venue	Result
Sat., April 2	7:30 pm	at Tampa Bay Rowdies	Al Lang Stadium – St. Petersburg, FL	<a href="#">0-0 D</a> / 5,740
Sat., April 9	7:30 pm	vs. Ottawa Fury FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	<a href="#">1-1 D</a> / 9,104
Sat., April 16	7:30 pm	vs. New York Cosmos	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	<a href="#">2-1 W</a> / 9,067
Sat., April 30	8:00 pm	at Rayo OKC	Miller Stadium – Oklahoma City, OK	<a href="#">2-1 W</a> / 4,729
Sat., May 7	7:30 pm	vs. FC Edmonton	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	<a href="#">1-1 D</a> / 7,415
Sat., May 14	7:00 pm	at Fort Lauderdale Strikers	Lockhart Stadium – Fort Lauderdale, FL	<a href="#">0-0 D</a> / 1,048
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 FC	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
9	FW	Eamon Zayed	6	5	474	2	0	10	5	0	0
82	DF	Nemanja Vuković	6	6	523	2	0	7	3	1	0
12	DF	Greg Janicki	6	6	540	1	0	4	2	1	0
24	FW	Jair Reinoso	5	2	195	1	0	2	1	0	0
8	MF	Nicki Paterson	6	5	390	0	1	5	0	2	0
10	MF	Siniša Ubiparipović	5	5	345	0	1	2	0	1	0
18	GK	Jon Busch	6	6	540	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	DF	Colin Falvey	6	6	540	0	0	4	0	0	0
5	DF	Lovel Palmer	6	6	532	0	0	0	0	1	0
20	FW	Justin Braun	6	5	433	0	0	10	2	2	0
4	MF	Brad Ring	5	5	350	0	0	1	0	1	0
14	FW	Duke Lacroix	4	3	282	0	0	4	1	0	0
-	FW	Omar Gordon	3	3	270	0	0	6	0	1	0
6	MF	Dylan Mares	4	2	247	0	0	7	2	1	0
33	MF	Gorka Larrea	4	1	160	0	0	0	0	1	0
7	MF	Don Smart	3	0	78	0	0	1	0	0	0
23	DF	Marco Franco	2	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	FW	Wojciech Wojcik	1	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	GK	Keith Cardona	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	MF	Daniel Keller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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
<b>Eleven totals</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Opponent totals</i>			<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>540</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>0</i>

**GAME-WINNING GOALS:** Eamon Zayed 1, Nemanja Vuković 1

**GAME-WINNING ASSISTS:** None

**PENALTY KICK ATTEMPTS:** Eamon Zayed (1-for-1)

### INDY ELEVEN INDIVIDUAL GOALKEEPING

UNF	POS	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MIN	GA	GAA	SVS	PG	PA	W	D	L	SO
18	GK	Jon Busch	6	6	540	4	0.67	14	1	1	2	4	0	2
1	GK	Keith Cardona	0	0	0	0	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Eleven Totals</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>Opponent totals</i>			<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>540</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1.00</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>

### GOALS SCORED BY MINUTE

	1-15'	16-30'	31-45+'	46-60'	61-75'	76-90+'	Total
Indy Eleven	1	1	0	0	0	4	6
Opponent	0	1	1	2	0	0	4

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### Tampa Bay Rowdies 0 : 0 Indy Eleven

Saturday, April 2, 2016

Al Lang Stadium; St. Petersburg, FL

Eleven line-up (4-2-3-1):

GK – Busch  
 LB – Vuković  
 LCB – Janicki  
 RCB – Falvey ©  
 RB – Palmer (Franco 82')  
 LDM – Paterson (Larrea 63')  
 RDM – Ring  
 LW – Lacroix (Reinoso 73')  
 CAM – Ubiparipović  
 RW – Braun  
 FW – Zayed

#### Scoring Summary:

None

Stats	TBR	IND
Shots	12	7
Shots on Goal	3	1
Fouls	11	9
Corners	5	3
Offsides	0	2
Saves	1	3
Possession	59	41

### Indy Eleven 1 : 1 Ottawa Fury FC

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN

Eleven line-up (4-2-3-1):

GK – Busch  
 LB – Vuković  
 LCB – Janicki  
 RCB – Falvey ©  
 RB – Palmer  
 LDM – Paterson  
 RDM – Ring  
 LW – Lacroix (Smart 74')  
 CAM – Ubiparipović (Mares 51')  
 RW – Braun (Reinoso 63')  
 FW – Zayed

#### Scoring Summary:

IND – Vuković 89'  
 OTT – Vered 56'

Stats	IND	OTT
Shots	11	12
Shots on Goal	3	2
Fouls	13	13
Corners	4	6
Offsides	6	1
Saves	1	2
Possession	44	56

### Indy Eleven 2 : 1 New York Cosmos

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN

Eleven line-up (4-4-2):

GK – Busch  
 LB – Vuković (Franco 73')  
 LCB – Janicki  
 RCB – Falvey ©  
 RB – Palmer  
 LM – Lacroix (Smart 63')  
 LCM – Paterson (Wojcik 76')  
 RCM – Ring  
 RM – Mares  
 FW – Zayed  
 FW – Braun

#### Scoring Summary

IND – Zayed 89' (PK), 95+'  
 NYC – Kranjcar (PK) 51'

Stats	IND	NYC
Shots	12	9
Shots on Goal	4	4
Fouls	10	6
Corners	6	1
Offsides	6	3
Saves	3	2
Possession	46	54

### Rayo OKC 1 : 2 Indy Eleven

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Miller Stadium; Yukon, OK

Eleven line-up (4-4-2):

GK – Busch  
 LB – Vuković  
 LCB – Janicki  
 RCB – Falvey ©  
 RB – Palmer  
 LM – Ubiparipović (Larrea 75')  
 LCM – Paterson  
 RCM – Ring (Lacroix 18')  
 RM – Gordon  
 FW – Zayed  
 FW – Reinoso (Braun 56')

#### Scoring Summary

IND – Reinoso 7', Vuković 77'  
 OKC – Michel 26'

Stats	OKC	IND
Shots	12	8
Shots on Goal	2	3
Fouls	6	15
Corners	6	1
Offsides	1	1
Saves	1	1
Possession	65	35

### Indy Eleven 1 : 1 FC Edmonton

Saturday, May 7, 2016

Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN

Eleven line-up (4-4-2):

GK – Busch  
 LB – Vuković  
 LCB – Janicki  
 RCB – Falvey ©  
 RB – Palmer  
 LM – Ubiparipović (Reinoso 74')  
 LCM – Paterson (Larrea 62')  
 RCM – Ring (Mares 62')  
 RM – Gordon  
 FW – Zayed  
 FW – Braun

#### Scoring Summary

IND – Janicki 22'  
 FCE – Keegan 37'

Stats	IND	FCE
Shots	14	5
Shots on Goal	3	1
Fouls	8	11
Corners	3	0
Offsides	2	1
Saves	0	2
Possession	48	52

### Fort Lauderdale 0 : 0 Indy Eleven

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Lockhart Stadium; Fort Lauderdale, FL

Eleven line-up (4-4-2):












GK – Busch  
 LB – Vuković  
 LCB – Janicki  
 RCB – Falvey ©  
 RB – Palmer  
 LM – Mares  
 LCM – Ubiparipović (Smart 55')  
 RCM – Larrea  
 RM – Gordon  
 FW – Braun (Zayed 66')  
 FW – Reinoso (Paterson 81')

#### Scoring Summary

None

Stats	FTL	IND
Shots	15	11
Shots on Goal	6	2
Fouls	13	11
Corners	4	6
Offsides	1	1
Saves	2	6
Possession	55	45

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Spring Season			Fall Season			Combined			2016
P	TEAM	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	 Minnesota United FC	6	4	1	1	11	4	7	13
2	 Carolina RailHawks	7	4	1	2	10	8	2	13
3	 New York Cosmos	7	4	0	3	11	5	6	12
4	 FC Edmonton	7	3	2	2	6	5	1	11
5	 Indy Eleven	6	2	4	0	6	4	2	10
6	 Tampa Bay Rowdies	6	2	3	1	5	5	0	9
7	 Rayo OKC	6	2	2	2	8	8	0	8
8	 Fort Lauderdale Strikers	6	1	3	2	5	7	-2	6
9	 Ottawa Fury FC	6	1	2	3	5	9	-4	5
10	 Jacksonville Armada FC	6	1	1	4	3	8	-5	4
11	 Miami FC	7	0	3	4	5	12	-7	3

SAT 05/14/2016				
7:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	FORT LAUDERDALE STRIKERS	0-0	INDY ELEVEN
7:30 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	CAROLINA RAILHAWKS	0-0	MIAMI FC
7:30 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	TAMPA BAY ROWDIES	1-1	RAYO OKC
8:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	MINNESOTA UNITED FC	2-0	JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC
SUN 05/15/2016				
4:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	FC EDMONTON	2-1	NEW YORK COSMOS
SAT 05/21/2016				
7:30 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	INDY ELEVEN	V	MINNESOTA UNITED FC
8:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	RAYO OKC	V	FORT LAUDERDALE STRIKERS
SUN 05/22/2016				
2:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	OTTAWA FURY FC	V	JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC
4:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	FC EDMONTON	V	CAROLINA RAILHAWKS
6:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	NEW YORK COSMOS	V	TAMPA BAY ROWDIES
FRI 05/27/2016				
7:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	OTTAWA FURY FC	V	FORT LAUDERDALE STRIKERS
SAT 05/28/2016				
7:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC	V	INDY ELEVEN
7:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	NEW YORK COSMOS	V	RAYO OKC
8:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	MIAMI FC	V	FC EDMONTON
8:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	MINNESOTA UNITED FC	V	TAMPA BAY ROWDIES

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### LAST TIME OUT – FTL STRIKERS 0 : 0 INDY

The Fort Lauderdale Strikers were all over Indy Eleven from the beginning last Saturday at Lockhart Stadium, but Eleven goalkeeper Jon Busch was there at every turn to help the visitors earn a crucial standings point from a 0-0 draw in a rain-delayed affair in South Florida.

Busch came through with an inspired effort, making a season-high six stops – a few of the highlight-reel variety – to help keep “Indiana’s Team” in line for a result. A pair of highlight-quality stops in the first 12 minutes on Geison Moura’s deflected shot and Maicon Santos’ blast would set the tone for the evening for Busch, who nearly equaled his season tallies to date (8 in 5 games) on the evening.

The 20-year-pro would save the best for last, stopping Nana Attakora’s wide-open rocket from 10 yards out in the 89<sup>th</sup> minute and Dalton’s free header off a set piece in stoppage time to salvage the road point for Indiana’s Team. The best chance for the visitors would come midway through the second half when Nemanja Vukovic’s dipping shot from distance was saved on the goalline by Strikers’ goalkeeper Diego Restrepo.

Halftime was an extended affair, as a passing storm system tacked an extra 90 minutes onto the break for both teams.

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### Scoring Summary:

None

### Discipline Summary:

IND – Justin Braun (caution) 61’

FTL – PC (caution) 75’

FTL – Maicon Santos (caution) 83’

**Indy Eleven line-up (4-4-2, L-->R):** Jon Busch; Nemanja Vuković, Greg Janicki, Colin Falvey (capt), Lovel Palmer; Dylan Mares, Gorka Larrea, Sinisa Ubiparipović (Don Smart 55’), Omar Gordon; Justin Braun (Eamon Zayed 66’), Jair Reinoso (Nicki Paterson 81’)

*Indy Eleven bench: Keith Cardona (GK), Marco Franco, Daniel Keller, Duke Lacroix*

**Fort Lauderdale Strikers (4-2-3-1):** Diego Restrepo; PC, Dalton, Gale Agbossoumonde, Nana Attakora; Luis Felipe, Jean-Marc Alexandre (capt) (Manny Gonzalez 67’); Jose Angulo, Ramon Nunez, Geison Moura (Matheus Carvalho 56’) (Adrianinho 89’); Maicon Santos

*Strikers bench: Bruno (GK), Victor Pineda, Aurelio Saco Vertiz, Luis Zapata*

**STILL STREAKING!** Indy Eleven might have been thankful to get the point from last weekend’s draw at Fort Lauderdale, but style points don’t matter – just standings points do. The 0-0 tie at Lockhart Stadium allowed Indy Eleven to post its longest single-season undefeated streak in the club’s growing history, which stands at 6 games (2 wins & 4 draws) heading into Saturday’s showdown vs. Minnesota. The squad’s previous single-season best unbeaten runs were a pair of five-gamers that kicked ended the 2014 Fall campaign and spanned the 2015 Spring and Fall Seasons, both 3W-2D-0L streaks.

Indy Eleven’s club-record undefeated streak actually stands at nine games, as it tacked on a four-game unbeaten run to start 2015 onto its end-of-2014 stretch.

**FIGHT FOR FIRST:** With just four games remaining for both the Eleven and Minnesota United FC, Saturday’s clash could ultimately determine how the table shakes out, with the Spring Season champion being crowned in under a month’s time. The Week 7 slate could be equated to a golf tournament’s Saturday “moving day” as the top six will be pitted against each other in three crucial match-ups: Indy v. Minnesota on Saturday and FC Edmonton/Carolina and New York/Tampa Bay both on Sunday.

A win for the “Boys in Blue” on Saturday could see them catapult into a tie for first place with their weekend foe (at least for 24 hours), while a loss could all but eliminate them from contention for a first shot at hardware in 2016. In between the two sides are three teams Indy Eleven has a game in hand on – FCE and the Cosmos, both of whom have already made their visit to Circle City, as well as Carolina, which the Eleven welcomes in the final game of the spring on June 11.

On the task at hand, Coach Tim Hankinson said, “We have a game in hand as they do, and three points puts you in a tie for first place, so it’s a first-place game. You have to get good at winning those, because if you’re ever going to expect to win a championship, when those games come along that’s performance time.”

**INJURY REPORT:** Indy Eleven’s few injury woes continue to center in on the team’s corps of central midfielders. Brad Ring will continue to be out of consideration as he works to recover from a right MCL sprain suffered in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Indy Eleven’s 1-1 draw with FC Edmonton in the team’s last home match on May 7. Meanwhile, another veteran midfielder, Sinisa Ubiparipovic, will be questionable for Saturday’s big meeting with Minnesota, a lingering hip issue putting his status into doubt for head coach Tim Hankinson.

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**DOING IT WITH DEFENSE:** Some injuries and a formation change have forced Coach Hankinson to shift around his midfielders and forwards, but his backline has been as steady as can be. The backfield quintet of goalkeeper Jon Busch and defenders Nemanja Vuković (LB), Greg Janicki (LCB), captain Colin Falvey (RCB) and Lovel Palmer (RB) have started all 6 games to this point and have been on the field together for 515 of the team's 540 minutes played thus far.

That cohesion has led to the league's best defensive numbers through six games alongside this weekend's opponent at "The Mike," Minnesota United FC. Both teams have allowed a league-low four tallies and posted a league-best 0.67 goals against average, while Indy Eleven remains the lone team in 2016 to not have conceded multiple goals in a match.

**GORKA GETS GOING:** One switch Hankinson did make last weekend at Fort Lauderdale was the insertion of midfielder Gorka Larrea into the Starting XI for the first time this season. The steady 32-year-old Spaniard and former La Liga performer was charged with slotting behind playmaker Sinisa Ubiparipovic in a true "No. 6" role and went the full 90 minutes after making end-of-game appearances in his first three outings in Indy's checkers.

**AFTER STAYING OUT LATE, ATTACK WAKING UP EARLY:** In three of its first four games Indy Eleven showed a tendency towards late game drama. While it has mixed things up with two of its last three tallies put on the board in the first half, the "Boys in Blue" have still scored four of its six goals – and earned seven of its 10 standings points – courtesy of goals scored in the final quarter-hour of their matches:

### Indy Eleven goals in 2016:

4/09 v OTT – **88'** (Vuković, tied game 1-1)  
4/16 v NYC – **89'** (Zayed, tied game 1-1)  
4/16 v NYC – **95+'** (Zayed, won game 2-1)  
4/30 @ OKC – **7'** (Reinoso, gave lead 1-0)  
4/30 @ OKC – **77'** (Vuković, won game 2-1)  
5/07 v FCE – **22'** (Janicki, gave Indy lead 1-0)

**OVER THE HUMP AT HOME:** After going winless in its first 12 home games at Carroll Stadium in 2014, Indy Eleven has since gone 9W-6D-5L in its last 20 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) ... it sits second in that category so far in 2016 at 8,529, behind only Minnesota's 8,996.

All-time home record (2014-16): 9W-10D-12L (42 GF / 44 GA)  
2016 Home record: 1W-1D-0L (3 GF / 2 GA)  
2015 Home record: 6W-4D-5L (23 GF / 20 GA)  
2014 Home record: 2W-5D-7L (16 GF / 22 GA)

**INDY STARTING TO HELP OUT:** It took Indy Eleven until its fourth game to register an assist, but the "Boys in Blue" have helped out on two of its last three tallies. The "assistance" started April 30 with Sinisa Ubiparipovic's ball over the top that Jair Reinoso finished to open the scoring in 2-1 win. The supply chain continued May 7 vs. FC Edmonton on a set-piece, with Nicki Peterson serving in a far-post ball that Greg Janicki finished in acrobatic fashion midway through the first half. The Eleven now have two assists from their six goals scored thus far.

**LONG AND WINDING ROAD:** With its 2-1 win at Rayo OKC on April 30 and 0-0 draws at Tampa Bay (April 2) and Fort Lauderdale (May 14), Indy Eleven has earned points from all three of its away contests thus far in 2016. Those results have pushed Indy Eleven's all-time road record to 7W-11D-13L (34 GF / 53 GA).

**FAMILIAR FOES #FTLvIND:** Indy Eleven has one very familiar face on the opposition on Saturday, as the first-ever player to sign with Indiana's Team back in October 2013, goalkeeper Kristian Nicht, is suiting up for the Loons in 2016. Other previous teammates between the teams include ...

Bernardo Anor – Played with DF Nemanja Vukovic at MLS' Columbus Crew (2012)

Jeb Brovsky – Played with DF Greg Janicki with MLS' Vancouver Whitecaps (2011) and MF Gorka Larrea (2014) and FW Justin Braun (2012) with MLS' Montreal Impact

Danny Cruz – Played with Lovel Palmer for MLS' Houston Dynamo (2010-11)

Aaron Perez – Played with DF Cory Miller with USL's Los Angeles Blues (2013)

Aaron Pitchkolan – Played with DF Greg Janicki with NASL's San Antonio Scorpions in 2012, helping the squad to that year's Soccer Bowl title

Ben Speas – Played with DF Nemanja Vukovic at MLS' Columbus Crew (2012)

**TAKING THE LEAD(ERS):** A quick snapshot of "Boys in Blue" among the Top 10 in various statistical categories:

**GOALS:** Eamon Zayed (2, T-8th) & Nemanja Vuković (2, T-8th)

**ASSISTS:** Nicki Paterson (1, T-9<sup>th</sup>) & Sinisa Ubiparipovic (1, T-9<sup>th</sup>)

**GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE (min. 200 minutes):** Jon Busch (0.67, T-2<sup>nd</sup>)

**SAVES:** Jon Busch (14, 5<sup>th</sup>)

**WINS:** Jon Busch (2, T-5<sup>th</sup>)

**SHUTOOTS:** Jon Busch (2, T-5<sup>th</sup>)



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### **BUSCH'S BIG EFFORT EARNS TEAM OF THE WEEK HONOR:**

For his well-documented effort last Saturday at Fort Lauderdale, goalkeeper Jon Busch collected his first spot on the NASL Team of the Week for Spring Season Week 6 on Wednesday. The 20-year pro became the seventh different Indy Eleven player to make the league's weekly Best XI ...

DF Nemanja Vuković (Weeks 2, 3 & 5)

MF Dylan Mares (Week 3)

FW Eamon Zayed (Week 3)

FW Jair Reinoso (Week 5)

MF Sinisa Ubiparipovic (Week 5)

DF Greg Janicki (Week 6)

**GK Jon Busch (Week 7)**

**"WOJ" GOES ON LOAN:** This past Wednesday, Indy Eleven announced that forward Wojciech Wojcik was loaned to OKC Energy FC. The 23-year-old striker will stay in Oklahoma City for the rest of the USL side's 2016 season through September and report back to Indianapolis for the remainder of the Eleven's NASL campaign. Wojcik had made one appearance off the bench this far in 2016, this after he started 13 of 21 appearances during his first season with the club in 2015.

### **INDY GET LOUISVILLE CITY FC REMATCH IN**

**U.S. OPEN CUP:** Indy Eleven learned Wednesday that it will start the 2016 edition of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup the same way it began last year's, with a Third Round affair against USL side Louisville City FC. The rematch will again take place at IUPUI's Carroll Stadium with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff on Wednesday, June 1.

The then-expansion Louisville City squad surprised the "Boys in Blue" in last year's meeting, notching twice in extra added time to win 2-0 after a scoreless 90 minutes of regulation. The winner of the Indy Eleven/LCFC contest will take on MLS' Chicago Fire SC in a Fourth Round contest on June 15, with Indy taking to the road and Louisville set to host.

### **GORDON NAMED MVP OF JAMAICAN RSPL:**

While he didn't impact the league's final two weekends ago, recently-added Indy Eleven forward Omar Gordon did manage to earn the MVP award for the Jamaican Red Stripe Premier League for his exploits across its season with Montego Bay United. Gordon finished the RSPL's season as the Golden Boot winner as well with 19 tallies, 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 just a few weeks ago. The 24-year-old Gordon has started and played the full 90 minutes in Indy Eleven's last three matches.

**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 average age of the group (as of May 5) was 28.27 years, which ranked third in the NASL and just a shade behind Miami FC (28.28) and Rayo OKC (28.36). Goalkeeper Jon Busch, now in his 20<sup>th</sup> professional season in American soccer circles, serves as the oldest of the group at 39 years of age, while second-year forward Duke Lacroix is the youngster at 22.

**ZAYED LATEST TO BRACE HIMSELF:** While Eamon Zayed's two goals were enough to earn the full three points against New York on April 16, the Irishman ran out of time to chase the team's first-ever hat trick in NASL play. While Wojciech Wojcik tallied thrice in preseason play against Arizona United back in March 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 league action. Zayed became the fifth member of the "Boys in Blue" to tally a brace in regular season play – and is the only one on that list currently on the 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)

**Eamon Zayed: 04/16/16 vs. NYC (2-1 W)**

**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

#### **Returning (10)**

GK Keith Cardona

DF Marco Franco

DF Greg Janicki

DF Cory Miller

MF Daniel Keller

MF Dylan Mares

MF Brad Ring

MF Don Smart

FW Duke Lacroix

FW Wojciech Wojcik

#### **Newcomers (12)**

GK Jon Busch

DF Colin Falvey

DF Lovel Palmer

DF Neil Shaffer

DF Nemanja Vuković

MF Gorka Larrea

MF Nicki Paterson

MF Sinisa Ubiparipović

FW Justin Braun

FW Jair Reinoso

FW Eamon Zayed

FW Omar Gordon

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**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 Vuković 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.

**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.

**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*

**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 23W-15D-18L in 56 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 Guatemala's U-17 MNT.

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### 2016 INDY ELEVEN MINI BIOS

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#### #20 – JUSTIN BRAUN FWD 6-2 195 lbs. 03/31/87 Salt Lake City, UT

Braun is entering the ninth season of his professional career, after signing with Indy Eleven alongside fellow ex-Sacramento Republic FC teammate Nemanja Vuković on 01/19/16 ... Kicked off pro career in 2008 with six-year run in Major League Soccer with Chivas USA, Montreal Impact, Real Salt Lake and Toronto FC, notching 27 goals and 15 assists across 135 MLS regular season and postseason games ... Joined former Chivas USA coach Preki in 2014 as one of the first signings with Sacramento, and was named the budding USL powerhouse's captain for both of its first two years ... Scored 14 goals and tallied one assist during 49 appearances in official competitions with SRFC across 2014-15, helping the side to the 2014 USL Championship in the team's Inaugural Season.

#### #18 – JON BUSCH GK 5-10 165 lbs. 08/18/76 Queens, NY

Veteran goalkeeper to enter his 20<sup>th</sup> professional season with Indy Eleven after signing on 01/22/16 in a move that also saw him named an assistant coach for "Indiana's Team" ... Since entering the professional ranks in 1997, has made more than 450 starts in official competitions ... Spent the last 14 years climbing near the top of Major League Soccer's charts in numerous categories during stints with the Columbus Crew (2002-06), Chicago Fire SC (2007-09, 2015) and the San Jose Earthquakes (2010-2014), during which he racked up a 113W-92D-101L record in regular season play ... Left MLS ranked fourth in league history in goalkeeper games played (309), shutouts (83) and saves (1,151) and fifth in wins ... Queens, N.Y., native helped Columbus (2004) and San Jose (2012) to MLS regular season Supporters Shield titles, won the 2002 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup with the Crew and earned the MLS Goalkeeper of the Year award and earned a spot on the MLS Best XI Team with the Earthquakes in 2008 ... Made 12 starts with Fire last season ... Began career with five seasons in the A-League (second division) from 1997-2001.

2016 Honors: NASL Team of the Week (Spring Week 7)

#### #1 – KEITH CARDONA GK 6-4 200 lbs. 11/07/92 Glen Rock, NJ

Made 10 NASL appearances for Indy in 2015, including 7 of last 9 matches ... Registered career-high 4 saves on 9/12/15 @ SAS, 9/30 @ TBR & 10/03 @ JAX ... Registered first professional win and clean sheet of pro career on 09/05 v JAX in Indy's 3-0 win ... Made his Indy Eleven and professional debut on 5/09/15 @ JAX ... Originally signed by Indy Eleven on 03/27/15 and re-signed with squad on 12/16/15 ... Product of the New York Red Bulls Academy system product spent time with the U.S. Under-17 and U-18 National Teams ... Helped Maryland reach the NCAA College Cup Semifinals during standout sophomore season in 2012 (16W-3D-1L, 1.14 GAA on season)

PREVIOUS CLUBS: FC Leifering (Austria/2, 2014-15), University of Maryland (NCAA, 2010-13)

#### #32 – COLIN FALVEY DEF 6-1 185 lbs. 06/20/85 Cork City, Ireland

Became second of three members of last year's NASL Fall Season Champion and The Championship finalist Ottawa Fury FC to join Indy Eleven with his signing on 01/15/16 (alongside Sinisa Ubiparipovic & Nicki Paterson) ... Started in all 32 appearances made for the Canadian club across all competitions last season, logging over 2,800 minutes ... Prior to his year north of the border, Falvey served as captain of the USL's Charleston Battery during the latter portion of his five-season stint from 2010-14 ... The 30-year-old began his professional career in his native Ireland in 2004 and has also plied his trade in New Zealand and India.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Ottawa Fury (NASL, 2015), Charleston Battery (USL, 2010-2014), Kerala Blasters [Indian Super League, 2014 (loan)], YoungHeart Manawatu (New Zealand ASB Youth League, 2009-2011), Wilmington Hammerheads (USL Second Division, 2009), Otago United (New Zealand ASB Premiership, 2008), Kilkenny City A.F.C. (League of Ireland, 2007-2008), Cobh Ramblers (League of Ireland, 2004-2007)

#### #23 – MARCO FRANCO DEF 5-11 155 lbs. 10/06/91 Chino Hills, CA

Led team in minutes played (2,377), starts (27) and games played (27) in 2015 ... Started and played all 90 minutes in last 6 games of 2014, which coincided with then-NASL modern record 397-minute shutout streak ... Made Indy Eleven debut in starting lineup as right back on 9/27/14 v. CAR ... Originally came to Indy Eleven on loan from MLS' Chicago Fire SC on 9/12/14 ... Re-signed for 2016 season on 12/03/15 ... Was selected in 1st Round (13<sup>th</sup> overall) in 2014 MLS SuperDraft by the Fire ... Rounded out standout 4-year career at UC-Irvine by being named Big West 2013 Defender of the Year

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Chicago Fire SC (2014)

#### #91 – OMAR GORDON FWD 5-9 171 lbs. 10/08/91 Montego Bay, Jamaica

Signed with Indy Eleven via loan deal with Jamaican side Montego Bay United on April 14 and joined club in Indy four days later ... Bagged a league-high 19 goals for Montego Bay United in 2015/16 and is fresh off of helping MBU to the Jamaican Red Stripe Premier League Final, having scored in the opening game of their 4-3 aggregate semifinal round triumph over Arnett Gardens ... Spent the entirety of his five-year professional career with his hometown club ... Was a member of Montego Bay United's 2013/14 championship side and 2014/15 runner-up squad ... Made two appearances off the bench during CONCACAF Champions League group stage last fall, playing a combined 48 minutes vs. D.C. United and Arabe Unido (Panama)

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Montego Bay United (2011-16)

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**#12 – GREG JANICKI** DEF 6-3 195 lbs. 7/09/84 *New Baltimore, MD*

Now entering his second season with Indy Eleven after re-signing on 12/03/15 ... Was named the squad's captain at the start of the 2015 season ... His 68 appearances with San Antonio Scorpions from 2012-14 finished as 2<sup>nd</sup> most in franchise history ... Current Eleven head coach Tim Hankinson made him one of first players in Scorpions history in December 2011, and is only player on the squad with an NASL title after helping San Antonio to the 2014 crown ...

**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** San Antonio Scorpions (NASL, 2012-14); Vancouver Whitecaps FC (MLS, 2011; USSF Div. II, 2010), D.C. United (MLS, 2008-09), Pittsburgh Riverhounds (USL Second Division, 2008)

**2016 Honors:** NASL Team of the Week (Spring Week 6)

**#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 LACROIX** 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)

2016 Honors: NASL Team of the Week (Spring Week 3)

**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.

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**#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.

**#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.

**2016 Honors: NASL Team of the Week (Spring Week 5), NASL Play of the Week (Spring Week 5)**

**#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)

**2016 Honors: NASL Team of the Week (Spring Week 5)**

**#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).

**2016 Honors: NASL Team of the Week (Spring Weeks 1, 2 & 5)**

