

NASL SPRING SEASON - INDY ELEVEN GAME #10

## Indy Eleven (2W-4-3L, 10 pts., 7th overall)

vs.

## FC Edmonton (2W-3D-4L, 9 pts., 9th overall)

Saturday, June 13, 2015 – IUPUI's Michael A. Carroll Stadium Indianapolis, Ind. – 7:30 p.m. ET

TELEVISION: WISH-TV 8 (pre-game at 7:00 pm) STREAMING VIDEO: <u>ESPN3.com</u> RADIO: Exitos Radio 1590 AM (Spanish) STREAMING AUDIO: <u>www.Exitos1590.com</u> (Spanish)

### INDY ELEVEN PROBABLE STARTERS

(4-4-2, R → L):

GK: (24) Nicht (23) Franco – (5) Norales – (12) Janicki – (18) Hyland (17) Stojkov – (4) Ring – (6) Mares – (27) Pineda (99) Rugg – (9) Brown

Suspended: None National Team Duty: None

#### ELEVEN WELCOME EDDIES TO "THE MIKE"

**FOR LAST SPRING FLING:** Despite often times struggling through the NASL's Spring Season slate, Indy Eleven will have the chance to end the league's opening 10-game sprint with a .500 record – that is, if the "Boys in Blue" can notch a second consecutive win when FC Edmonton invades IUPUI's Carroll Stadium on Saturday night. The 7:30 p.m. ET kickoff at "The Mike" will be surrounded by the team's second annual "Indiana Soccer Heritage & Champions Night" festivities.

Saturday's match will be televised across Central Indiana on WISH-TV 8 (pre-game show starts at 7:00 p.m., match followed by the 30-minute Honda Post-game Show) and can be seen across the United States via streaming video on <u>ESPN3.com</u> (United States) – and across the world via additional ESPN online platforms.

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK SPORTS MEDICINE INJURY UPDATE (as of 06/11/15)

<u>OUT</u>: MF Kleberson (R Achilles tendon tear), MF Sergio Peña (L/R lower leg Compartment Syndrome)

DOUBTFUL: None

<u>QUESTIONABLE</u>: D/M Daniel Keller (concussion), DF Judson McKinney (L ankle bone chip/ Osteochondritis dissecans)

PROBABLE: None

**HISTORY vs. EDMONTON:** Indy Eleven and FC Edmonton split their three meetings during Indy's 2014 Inaugural Season right down the middle at 1W-1D-1L:

**IND 1:2 FCE – May 10:** In a game that saw all three goals produced scored within a five minute period of the first half, Edmonton squeaked out of Carroll Stadium with a 2-1 win. FC Edmonton got the scoring started in the 24<sup>th</sup> minute on a ball that fell to Daryl Fordyce, which he slotted past Kristian Nicht for the goal. Just two minutes later, Kareem Jones converted in front of goal off a corner kick that Indy Eleven failed to clear out of the box to give the Eddies a quick 2-0 lead. In the 29<sup>th</sup> minute, Indy got one back Mike Ambersley's flicked-on header was redirected by Eddies defender Mallan Roberts, the ball stranding 'keeper Jon Smits for a tally that would surprisingly end the scoring on the night.

FCE 0:1 IND – July 27: Despite getting badly out-shot, Indy Eleven's first trip north of the border saw it arise victorious over the home side by a score of 1-0, courtesy of Kleberson's conversion of a loose ball 12 yards out during second half stoppage time. Goalkeeper Kristian Nicht stepped up huge to post the first shutout in Indy Eleven history and help the squad to its second-straight road win to start Fall Season play.

**IND 1:1 FCE – Sept. 13**: The two teams would close out their season series with a tie at Carroll Stadium. Victor Pineda put the "Boys in Blue" on the scoresheet first in the 16<sup>th</sup> minute, when a ball caromed off Edmonton 'keeper John Smits and fell to the feet of the young midfielder, who struck a side-winding tally for his first professional goal. The lead would not last long, however, as Edmonton equalized in the 25<sup>th</sup> minute when Neil Hlavaty buried a 25-yard free kick past Indy's Kristian Nicht. Much like their first meeting at "The Mike" in May the goals would dry up after the half hour mark, resulting in the 1-1 deadlock.

**REGAN REGIME STARTS WITH A WIN:** In an effort to shake Indy Eleven from a slow start to the 2015 season, Indy Eleven President/GM Peter Wilt made changes to his technical staff on June 2, relieving Head Coach and Director of Soccer Operations Juergen Sommer of his duties and naming former assistant coach Tim Regan the interim man in charge of both roles. In addition, Wilt removed assistant coach Paul Telfer and announced midfielder Kleberson would serve as assistant under Regan while rehabbing from an Achilles injury.

The "Regan Regime" got off to a winning note last Saturday, as Indy fought to the death to pull out a dramatic 2-1 victory in Fort Lauderdale. Regan brings impressive credentials on the field and the sidelines into his new dual role, the Orland Hills, III.-native enjoying a decorated career at Bradley University before being selected in the 2nd round of the 2003 MLS SuperDraft by the MetroStars, which at the time was under the direction of future United States and Egyptian National Team coach Bob Bradley – the first coach hired by Wilt during his tenure with MLS' Chicago Fire. Regan would appear in 81 regular season contests across six seasons in North America's top flight with MetroStars (2003-05), Chivas USA (2006), New York Red Bulls (2007) and Toronto FC (2008).

Regan's primary role with Toronto FC in 2008 was as the team's Chief Scout, a role he kept until 2011. Concurrent to that position, Regan also worked with U.S. Soccer as an assistant coach for the U.S. Under-17, U-18 & U-20 National Teams, eventually parlaying that into a Technical Advisor role with the Federation in 2011. Prior to joining Indy Eleven as the team's first assistant coach on Nov. 11, 2013, Regan's most recent role was with St. Louis Scott Gallagher, where he served as the famed youth club's Development Academy Director, with duties including coaching the U.S. Soccer Development Academy program's U-17/18 squad.

**LAST TIME OUT – LATE GAME HEROICS EARN INDY FULL THREE POINTS AT STRIKERS:** The "Tim Regan era" for Indy Eleven had a familiar tone – a result decided in the final minutes – but this time the drama resulted in the full three points as Victor Pineda's 93rd minute strike gave Indy a 2-1 win at the Fort Lauderdale Strikers last Saturday at Lockhart Stadium.

After controlling possession for much of the first 20 minutes, it was the Strikers going up against the run of play in the 23<sup>rd</sup> minute. Stefano Pinho flicked on Dani Sanchez's cross from the right flank with a header that barely beat an outstretched Kristian Nicht at his right post to give Fort Lauderdale a 1-0 advantage.

Indy Eleven would be rewarded for its efforts at the end of the first half, as Pineda finished his first goal of the evening in the 44<sup>th</sup> minute, a 20-yard curler inside the right post that ended a well-constructed build up through right back Marco Franco and midfielders Dragan Stojkov and Dylan Mares, the latter picking up the assist on the play.

A back-and-forth second half appeared to be a stalemate until the final seconds, when substitute forward Duke Lacroix's lengthy run down the left flank ended with a cross that initially resulted in a scuffed shot by Don Smart. However, an unsuccessful clearance attempt landed in the path of Pineda, who first-timed a shot into the upper right corner for a dramatic game-winner, snapping the team's five-game NASL winless streak.

#### Click here for the full recap of the match.

Statistics	FTL	IND
Shots	16	16
Shots on Goal	7	4
Fouls	14	10
Corners	8	3
Saves	2	6
Offside	2	4
Possession %	55	45

#### **Scoring Summary:**

FTL: Stefano Pinho (Dani Sanchez) 23' IND: Victor Pineda (Dylan Mares) 44' IND: Victor Pineda (unassisted) 93+'

#### **Discipline Summary:**

FTL: Dani Sanchez (caution) 36' FTL: James Marcelin (caution) 46' FTL: Jose Angulo (caution) 82' FTL: Leo Loura (caution) 82' IND: Victor Pineda (caution) 93+'

**Indy Eleven line-up (4-4-2):** Kristian Nicht; Marco Franco, Cory Miller, Erick Norales (C), Kyle Hyland; Dragan Stojkov (Don Smart 66'), Brad Ring, Dylan Mares (Wojciech Wojcik 65'), Victor Pineda; Charlie Rugg, Brian Brown (Duke Lacroix 88')

Indy Bench: Keith Cardona (GK), Jaime Frias, Greg Janicki, Osman Melgares

**BETTER LATE THAN NEVER:** When you're watching an Indy Eleven game, here's a piece of advice – DON'T LEAVE EARLY! All but one of Indy Eleven's 10 points this season – the solo garnered from a 1-1 draw with New York on April 11<sup>th</sup> – have been earned by goals coming in the 85<sup>th</sup> minute or later. Such is the case for Indy's last two games, as Kyle Hyland's 98<sup>th</sup> minute goal brought the Tampa Bay game on May 30 to a 2-2 draw, while Victor Pineda's 93<sup>rd</sup> minute goal last Saturday lifted Indy the a 2-1 win at Fort Lauderdale. Here's the rundown of the late game tallies that have earned – and cost – the "Boys in Blue" points during an entertaining Spring Season:

Game	Goal Scorer	Min	Result
4/04 @ ATL	Don Smart (IND)	93+'	1-1 D
4/18 @ SAS	Sergio Pena (IND)	89'	2-1 W
4/25 v CAR	Blake Wagner (CAR)	85'	1-1 D
5/23 @ OTT	Nikki Paterson (OTT)	88'	0-1 L
5/30 v TBR	Kyle Hyland (IND)	98+'	2-2 D
6/06 @ FTL	Victor Pineda (IND)	93+'	2-1 W

**ELEVEN ENDS GOAL DROUGHT:** Leading into its May 30<sup>th</sup> match with Tampa Bay, Indy Eleven had gone five straight games without scoring multiple goals. In fact, that winless five-game run (0W-1D-4L) across NASL and U.S. Open Cup play saw the "Boys in Blue" score just once across a 474-minute stretch. But what a difference a couple of weeks makes, as Indy has put together its 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> multi-goal games in back-to-back weeks … following is the rundown of scoring efforts that book-ended the team's recent goal drought:

April 18 @ SAS (2-1 W): Norales 64', Peña 89' April 25 vs. CAR (1-1 D): own goal 6' (Daniel Scott) May 9 @ JAX (0-1 L): shutout May 16 vs. MNU (1-3 L): Peña 49' May 23 @ OTT (0-1 L): shutout <u>May 27 vs. LOU (0-2 L): shutout (120 minutes)</u> May 30 vs. TBR (2-2 D): Mares 21', Hyland 98+' June 6 @ FTL (2-1 W): Pineda 44', 93+'

**INFIMRARY UPDATE:** D/M Daniel Keller progressed enough from the concussion he suffered on May 30 vs. Tampa Bay to return to training midweek. In addition, DF Judson McKinney continued to add to his training regimen this week – both players are listed as questionable heading into this weekend's affair against Edmonton. On the other side of the coin, midfielder Sergio Pena went under the knife last Friday to relieve the Compartment Syndrome afflicting both of his legs. The successful procedure has the Honduran set to begin rehabbing exercises next week, but there is no timetable for his return to the training field as of yet.

**MORELIA MATCH ON DECK:** Indy Eleven will break up its NASL midseason break with the first international friendly in club history on Sunday, June 28, when it will welcome Mexican first division (Liga MX) side Monarcas Morelia to IUPUI's Carroll Stadium for a 1:30 pm kickoff. **PINEDA GIVES ELEVEN REPEAT NASL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK:** In recognition for his twogoal performance at Fort Lauderdale last Saturday, Victor Pineda received the NASL's Player of the Week honor for Week 10 of the Spring Season this past Monday. After Indy Eleven went 32 rounds of play to start its tenure in the league without a Player of the Week recipient, the 22-yearold midfielder became the second "Boy in Blue" to earn the award in as many weeks, following on the heels of DF Kyle Hyland's Week 9 nod.

#### PINEDA & NORALES NAMED TO TEAM OF THE

**WEEK:** As logic would dictate, Pineda was also named to the NASL's Week 10 Team of the Week, his first nod of the season and third of his tenure with Indy dating back to last fall. Pineda is the seventh different member of the squad to be named to an NASL Team of the Week, joining DF Jaime Frias (Week 1), FW Brian Brown (Week 2), MF Sergio Pena (Week 3), GK Kristian Nicht (Week 4) and now three-time recipient DF Erick Norales (Weeks 3, 4 & 10). This week's nod for Norales was the ninth dating back to last season and makes him one of seven players league-wide with three placements in 2015 – only Carolina's MF Tiyi Shipalane has more with four.

**ROAD WARRIORS ARE BACK:** After back-to-back losses on the road in May at San Antonio and Jacksonville, Indy Eleven returned to its "Road Warrior" form last Saturday with its win in Fort Lauderdale. Prior to its May 9 setback at Jacksonville, Indy had been riding a nearly record-length wave of good fortune on the road, that setback derailing the team's five-game away undefeated streak – just one off the NASL's modern era record.

Last weekend's win brought Indy Eleven's all-time away mark to 6W-5D-7L (24 GF / 29 GA). Indy Eleven became adept at gaining results on the road following its slow start last year, as Indiana's Team is now over .500 away from Carroll Stadium in the 14 road games played since the start of the 2014 Fall Season (6W-3D-5L).

**HOME COOKIN' NEEDS BETTER RECIPE:** In contrast to its ability to trade blows on the road, Indy Eleven's struggles at home have are well documented. The squad's two victories to close out its 2014 Carroll Stadium slate against the NASL's top two teams across the regular season – Minnesota United FC (2-0 W on Oct. 11) and the eventual champion San Antonio Scorpions (1-0 W on Oct. 18) – left everyone with fuzzy memories heading into year two, but the alarming trend has crept back into "The Mike," the squad going winless at home (0W-3D-2L) in all competitions to start 2015. That said, Indy Eleven is nearly .500 (2W-6D-3L) at Carroll Stadium with a -1 goal differential (12 GF/13 GA) over its last 11 regular season home games (2W-8D-8L all-time at home) across all competitions.

**JOCKEYING FOR POSITION:** Just how close are the NASL's Spring Season standings? With a win Saturday and losses by Jacksonville and San Antonio, Indy can finish the Spring in 5<sup>th</sup> place (should Ottawa defeat San Antonio and make up a one-goal differential on Indy, then Ottawa would jump Indy in the standings). But a loss – or even a draw – against the "Eddies" this weekend could put Indy back down in the league's basement, just one week after it escaped last place and jumped up to its current 7<sup>th</sup> place position.

Even with the Spring title out of reach, every point will count as "The Championship" postseason format includes not only the Spring and Fall Season winners, but the next two overall point-earners as well (winners of Spring and Fall Season automatically get top two seeds in the format).

#### WEEK 11 NASL FIXTURES (all times ET):

Saturday, June 13:

New York Cosmos vs. Jacksonville Armada FC – 7:00 pm **Indy Eleven vs. FC Edmonton – 7:30 pm** Tampa Bay Rowdies vs. Atlanta Silverbacks – 7:30 pm Minnesota United FC vs. FTL Strikers – 8:00 pm San Antonio Scorpions vs. Ottawa Fury FC – 8:30 pm *Bye Week = Carolina RailHawks* 

Р		TEAM	GP	w	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	6	New York Cosmos	9	5	4	0	15	6	9	19
2	land?	Tampa Bay Rowdies	9	4	4	1	12	9	3	16
3	¥	Carolina RailHawks	10	3	5	2	15	10	5	14
4	١	Minnesota United FC	9	3	5	1	13	10	3	14
5	9	Jacksonville Armada	9	3	2	4	12	15	-3	11
6		San Antonio Scorpions	9	3	2	4	11	15	-4	11
7	Ø	Indy Eleven	9	2	4	3	10	12	-2	10
8	FURY	Ottawa Fury FC	9	2	4	3	5	8	-3	10
9	<u>\$</u>	FC Edmonton	9	2	3	4	16	19	-3	9
10		Fort Lauderdale Strikers	9	2	2	5	9	11	-2	8
11	۲	Atlanta Silverbacks	9	1	5	3	7	10	-3	8

**MARES LENDING HELPING FOOT:** Midfielder Dylan Mares remains the only Indy Eleven player with multiple assists through nine games. The 25-year-old South Bend native and Zionsville H.S. product now has three assists on the campaign after helping on Victor Pineda's 44' equalizer last Saturday at Fort Lauderdale, which places him tied for 4<sup>th</sup> in the league alongside New York's Walter Restrepo. Tampa Bay's Georgi Hristov currently paces the league with five assists, while Tiyi Shipalane (CAR) and Lance Laing (FCE) are right behind on four helpers. **SHARING THE SCORING LOAD:** With his brace last weekend in Fort Lauderdale – just the third multi-goal effort in club history in NASL play (Mike Ambersley on 6/07/14 @ ATL & Kleberson on 8/02/14 @ ATL) – Victor Pineda tied Sergio Peña for the team's scoring lead with two goals apiece. Six players have now tallied 10 times for the "Boys in Blue" across nine league games, matching the number of unique scorers from the same amount of games at the start of last season (although Indy scored 13 goals in that stretch ... and got another from an own goal).

**ROOKIES MAKING THEIR MARKS:** It didn't take long for rookie D/M Daniel Keller to get some action in checkers, as the University of Louisville product, who signed on May 11, made his NASL – and professional – debut with a late cameo May 23 at Ottawa, entering in the 90<sup>th</sup> minute in place of Brad Ring. Keller was pressed into action on four days later against Louisville City FC and played 95 minutes in the defensive midfield role.

Keller wasn't the only newcomer seeing action against Louisville, as University of Pennsylvania product Duke Lacroix also made his pro debut in the Open Cup affair – ironically entering for Keller in the 95<sup>th</sup> minute – just six days after signing on May 21. Lacroix might have only officially logged two minutes in his official NASL debut last Saturday at Fort Lauderdale, but the speedster made his presence felt, firing a dangerous shot that forced a quality save in the first minute of stoppage time before going on a 60-yard run down the left flank to start the eventual gamewinning play for the "Boys in Blue."

**NICHT'S BUSY NIGHT:** After watching multiple goals go past him in his previous two starts against Tampa Bay and Louisville City FC – his first such allowances of the season – Kristian Nicht rebounded last Saturday, making a season-high six saves en route to a 2-1 victory. The 33-year-old German veteran, who returned from his fortnight cameo with MLS' Montreal Impact in late April/early May with a start on May 23 at Ottawa, continues to be steady, his 21 saves on the year placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the NASL, while his 1.14 goals against average places him 8<sup>th</sup> amongst goalkeepers who have logged at least 250 minutes.

**FRANCO LEADS "IRONMAN" RACE:** Defenders Marco Franco and Erick Norales were the only two Indy Eleven players to log all 630 minutes across the team's first seven NASL games, but with Norales getting a rest on May 30 vs. Tampa Bay, it was Franco taking the top spot in minutes played this season all by himself. The streak for Franco – who logged another 90 minutes last Saturday at Fort Lauderdale – doesn't stop there, as the ex-Chicago Fire man has played every minute of Indy Eleven's last 16 games (including U.S. Open Cup play) dating back to his season-ending six-game starting run that began last September. While Franco is the only player to start all nine league games this season, an additional three players (Mares, Rugg & Brown) have seen some time in every game to this point ...

**NO SMART PLAY (FOR ONCE):** ... which brings us to MF Don Smart, who, for the first time in Indy Eleven's 38game history to that point, did not see the field when Indy Eleven drew Tampa Bay on May 30. The Jamaican right winger – who kicked off another games played streak by coming off the bench last Saturday in Fort Lauderdale – had been a late-game staple off the bench when not starting for Indy Eleven, as he was a substitute in 25 of his 37 appearances leading up to the row with the Rowdies.

**KNOW THY "ED-EMY":** Through the first nine games of the Spring Season, FC Edmonton has both scored and given up the most goals in the NASL. The Eddies lead the charge in goals scored with 16, but they have allowed 19 goals, four more than any other club. Indy's -2 goal differential from 10 GF/12 GA is actually tied for 5<sup>th</sup> best in the league ...

FCE has dropped all three games "south of the border" in 2015, giving up nine goals and racking up a -5 goal differential in defeats at Jacksonville (1-3 L), New York (2-4 L) and just last weekend in Tampa Bay (1-2 L).

Two Eddies players have been called up to represent their respective national teams in matches that will leave them off Saturday's roster. Defender Mallan Roberts was called up to Canada's national team to face off with Dominica this week as well as being named to Canada's preliminary 35 man roster for July's Gold Cup. Midfielder Lance Laing – who along with midfielder Ritchie Jones is tied with three others for second in the NASL Golden Boot race with four goals – was called into the Jamaican National Team in advance of the Reggae Boyz' clash with Uruguay on Saturday in the Copa America.

**KLEBERSON GOES UNDER THE KNIFE – AND TO THE SIDELINE:** Midfielder Kleberson underwent successful surgery on May 19 to repair a torn right Achilles tendon, an injury he suffered in training on May 12. The 2002 World Cup champion was close to wrapping up his first day of training on his way back from a hamstring ailment before suffering the non-contact injury. No timetable has been set for his return to action, however, the Brazilian legend will keep plenty busy while he rehabs after assuming assistant coaching duties under new interim head coach Tim Regan on June 2.

**PENA WINS PLAY OF THE WEEK ... AND THE INTERNET:** From the "No Kidding Department" came news on April 22 that midfielder Sergio Pena's stunning game-winner from distance at San Antonio on May 18 – his first goal in 18 appearances for Indy – was the runaway winner for the NASL Play of the Week for Week 3, his tally garnering 64% of the fan vote. The <u>video of the goal</u> on Indy Eleven's YouTube page has more than 81,000 views – thanks in part to outlets like ESPN FC, FOX Soccer and Deadspin featuring the goal on the interwebs. **INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN:** Indiana's Team in "The World's Game" saw a slight re-stock in regards to international talent during the offseason, with midfield newcomers Osman Melgares (Honduras) and Dragan Stojkov (Macedonia) taking the international roster slots previously held by Jermaine Johnson and Corby Moore.

One thing that hasn't changed is Indy Eleven's international feel, as nearly half – 11 of 23 – of the team's players were either born outside the United States or carry duel-citizenship:

\* MID Brian Brown - Jamaica DEF Jaime Frias – USA/Mexico
\* MID Kleberson – Brazil
\* MID Osman Melgares – Honduras DEF Judson McKinney – Ivory Coast
\* GK Kristian Nicht – Germany
\* DEF Erick Norales – Honduras
\* MID Sergio Peña – Honduras
\* MID Sergio Peña – Honduras
\* MID Don Smart – Jamaica/USA
\* MID Dragan Stojkov – Macedonia
FWD Wojciech Wojcik – Poland
\* Designated as international players on roster

**EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN:** The biggest question during Indy Eleven's offseason was if the squad would be able to keep the pieces of the roster it wanted into season two, especially after the promising end to the club's inaugural campaign. The team's technical staff went to work immediately in November and went deep into the preseason to secure its returning core, their efforts ending with 14 of the 23 players on the current roster having spent at least five games with Indy last season. The search for more new blood has yielded the addition of rookies Daniel Keller and Duke Lacroix in recent weeks – and you can bet your bottom dollar the search for talent will continue into the summer months.

Returning	Newcomers
GK Jon Dawson	FWD Brian Brown
DEF Marco Franco	GK Keith Cardona
DEF Jaime Frias	DEF Greg Janicki
DEF Kyle Hyland	DEF Daniel Keller
DEF Cory Miller	FWD Duke Lacroix
DEF Erick Norales	DEF Judson McKinney
MID Kleberson	MID Osman Melgares
MID Dylan Mares	MID Dragan Stojkov
GK Kristian Nicht	FWD Wojciech Wojcik
MID Sergio Pena	
MID Victor Pineda	
MID Brad Ring	
MID Don Smart	
FWD Charlie Rugg	

**RECAP VS TBR – MAY 30:** In one of the wildest games in Indy Eleven's brief history, defender Kyle Hyland struck a 25-yard goal at the death to salvage a point from a 2-2 draw at Carroll Stadium.

The match got off to a great start for the home side, which got a goal from Dylan Mares in the 21<sup>st</sup> minute to reward its attacking energy, but any momentum from the strike would be halted immediately thereafter, as approaching storms would see the match delayed for just over two hours.

It was Tampa that would seize control after the break, as Carmel native Rich Balchan would even things up in the 40<sup>th</sup> minute to send the match into halftime at 1-1. The visitors would go up in the 68<sup>th</sup> minute on Maicon Santos' header off a corner kick, which seemingly gave the Rowdies control heading down the stretch.

But things would start to unravel for the visitors, as Santos saw a red card just minutes after his goal for getting involved in an altercation, and Stefan Antonijevic would see red as well for a 2<sup>nd</sup> yellow card in the 89<sup>th</sup> minute. Indy would push hard with the 2-man advantage, which finally paid off in the 98<sup>th</sup> minute when Hyland carried for 25 yards before unleashing a blast that beat Matt Pickens and brushed the underside of the crossbar.

#### Click here for the full recap of the match.

Statistics	IND	TBR
Shots	18	10
Shots on Goal	5	3
Fouls	9	25
Corners	7	3
Saves	1	2
Offside	1	1
Possession %	54	46

#### **Scoring Summary:**

IND: Dylan Mares (Brian Brown) 21' TBR: Rich Balchan (Georgi Hristov) 40' TBR: Maicon Santos (Georgi Hristov) 68' IND: Kyle Hyland (unassisted) 98+'

#### **Discipline Summary:**

TBR: Stefan Antonijevic (caution) 43' IND: Brian Brown (caution) 59' TBR: Robert Hernandez (caution) 72' IND: Cory Miller (caution) 72' TBR: Maicon Santos (ejection) 74' TBR: Richard Menjivar (caution) 88' TBR: Stefan Antonijevic (ejection/second caution) 89' TBR: Georgi Hristov (ejection) 99+'

Indy Eleven line-up (4-1-4-1): Kristian Nicht; Marco Franco, Cory Miller (Osman Melgares 81'), Greg Janicki (C), Kyle Hyland; Daniel Keller (Brad Ring 34'); Dragan Stojkov (Wojciech Wojcik 85'), Dylan Mares, Brian Brown, Victor Pineda; Charlie Rugg

Indy Bench: Keith Cardona (GK), Jaime Frias, Erick Norales, Don Smart **RECAP** @ **OTT** – **MAY 23:** Indy Eleven was primed to take a point back home from Ottawa last Saturday afternoon, but Fury FC midfielder Nicki Paterson had other ideas, as he slammed home a loose ball in the 88<sup>th</sup> minute to give the home side a 1-0 victory at TD Place in the Canadian capital.

There wasn't much to write about when it came to attacking soccer last weekend, as the one-goal affair featured jus 11 combined shots by the two squads. Indy Eleven didn't go quietly, though, as midfielder Victor Pineda nearly scored with a poke from 12 yards out that missed the left post by mere inches.

While Indy Eleven seemed to have the better of the chances throughout, Ottawa picked up steam as the second half went on, eventually taking the possession battle by the scuff of the neck and putting the Eleven on their heels in the final 10 minutes.

The pressure nearly paid off in the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute when substitute Paulo Junior saw his blast from the edge of the area skip just wide. But it was Paterson providing the heroics late, as Brad Ring's attempted clearance deep in the area hit off an Ottawa player and fell right to the veteran, who made no mistake with a finish into the right side netting.

#### Click here for the full recap of the match.

Statistics	отт	IND
Shots	6	5
Shots on Goal	3	2
Fouls	9	12
Corners	6	2
Saves	2	1
Offside	1	3
Possession %	49	51

#### **Scoring Summary:**

OTT – Nicki Paterson 88'

#### **Discipline Summary:**

OTT – Drew Beckie (caution) 22' OTT – Brandon Poltronieri (caution) 37'

IND – Dylan Mares (caution) 45'

OTT – Richie Ryan (caution) 90'

**Indy Eleven line-up (4-2-3-1):** Kristian Nicht; Marco Franco, Greg Janicki, Erick Norales, Kyle Hyland; Brad Ring (Daniel Keller 90'), Sergio Peña (Brian Brown 34'); Charlie Rugg, Dylan Mares (Don Smart 84'), Victor Pineda; Wojciech Wojcik

*Indy Bench:* Keith Cardona (GK), Jaime Frias, Cory Miller, Daniel Keller, Osman Melgares

#### **RECAP VS LOUISVILLE CITY FC (USOC) - MAY**

**27:** Indy Eleven saw its Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup dreams dashed in added extra time for the second straight year, this time at home as USL side Louisville City FC scored twice in the final five minutes to collect a 2-0 win in their third round affair on Wednesday evening at "The Mike."

After waiting out a weather delay that pushed back kickoff an hour, the attack from both teams seemed to start late as well, as the fouls piled up during an increasingly physical first half.

Chances would remain few and far between until late in the match, and Indy Eleven felt it was robbed of a chance to win it from the spot late when Tarek Morad's takedown of Brian Brown in the 89<sup>th</sup> minute went uncalled. From there it was the home side that seemed to pick things up, but the "Boys in Blue" saw multiple quality chances go wanting as the match progressed into the second stanza of added extra time.

It was Louisville that would finally go in front in the 115<sup>th</sup> minute, when Nate Polak cutback to find space at the top of the area and sent a one-hopper skipping past a diving Kristian Nicht and inside the right post. The visitors would add an insurance tally four minutes later, when Sydney Rivera finished off a flurry of chances with a rebound tally off a shot of the post.

#### Click here for the full recap of the match.

Statistics	IND	LOU
Shots	15	16
Shots on Goal	7	7
Fouls	17	19
Corners	5	10
Saves	5	7
Offside	1	4
Possession %	49	51

#### Scoring Summary:

LOU – Nate Polak (unassisted) 115' LOU – Sergio Pena (unassisted) 119'

#### **Discipline Summary:**

LOU – Austen King (caution) 17' IND – Greg Janicki (unassisted) 57' IND – Wojciech Wojcik (caution) 83' LOU – Sidney Rivera (caution) 120'

Indy Eleven line-up (4-1-4-1): Kristian Nicht; Marco Franco, Greg Janicki (capt), Erick Norales, Kyle Hyland; Daniel Keller (Duke Lacroix 95'); Don Smart (Charlie Rugg 58'), Victor Pineda (Dylan Mares 63'), Osman Melgares, Brian Brown; Wojciech Wojcik

*Indy Bench:* Keith Cardona (GK), Jaime Frias, Cory Miller, Dragan Stojkov

**RECAP VS MNU – MAY 16:** Minnesota United FC used second half goals from Justin Davis and Juliano Vicentini to break a deadlock with Indy Eleven in the standings and on the scoreboard in a 3-1 win last Saturday at a sold-out Carroll Stadium.

The Loons would break through first in the 22nd minute via a dead ball opportunity, as midfielder Kalif Alhassan sent a screaming 28-yard free kick past Indy 'keeper Keith Cardona and into the upper right 90 to put the visitors up.

Minnesota carried that lead into the halftime break, but it would not last for long as Indy Eleven capitalized on its own set piece in the 49<sup>th</sup> minute. Midfielder Dylan Mares sent a well-struck corner kick to the top of the six, from where midfielder Sergio Peña crushed it into the back of the net with a header to even the score 1-1.

From there, possession would go back-and-forth until Minnesota made the most out of an opportunity in the 63<sup>rd</sup> minute. Pablo Campos' initial effort was saved by a diving Cardona into the left side of the box, but Davis beat his mark to the rebound and finished into an open net to give Minnesota the lead once again at 2-1.

More and more, Indy would build up strength into the attacking third, but United FC would hold strong and eventually double its advantage. The dagger came in the 83<sup>rd</sup> minute when substitute forward Christian Ramirez played a through ball past Indy defenders to Vicentini, who slotted a low shot into the bottom right corner of goal to bring the score to its final 3-1 finish.

#### Click here for the full recap of the match.

Statistics	IND	MNU
Shots	8	10
Shots on Goal	2	8
Fouls	11	14
Corners	5	8
Saves	5	2
Offside	3	0
Possession %	47	53

#### **Scoring Summary:**

MNU – Kalif Alhassan (unassisted) 22' IND – Sergio Pena (Dylan Mares) 49' MNU – Justin Davis (unassisted) 63' MNU – Juliano Vicentini (Christian Ramirez) 83'

#### **Discipline Summary:**

MNU - Pablo Campos (caution) 35'

**Indy Eleven line-up (4-5-1):** Keith Cardona; Marco Franco, Cory Miller, Erick Norales, Kyle Hyland; Charlie Rugg, Brad Ring (Victor Pineda 76'), Dylan Mares, Sergio Peña, Brian Brown (Don Smart 67'); Wojciech Wojcik

*Indy Bench:* Kristian Nicht (GK), Jaime Frias, Greg Janicki, Daniel Keller, Osman Melgares

**RECAP AT JAX** – **MAY 9:** Indy Eleven tasted defeat for the first time in nine games – and eight months dating back to last September – on May 9 in Jacksonville, as Bochy Hoyos' header in the 49<sup>th</sup> minute would mark the lone goal in Armada FC's 1-0 win at Community First Park.

The first half saw debutant goalkeeper Keith Cardona under fire for most of the opening half hour, but he and the Indy defense bent but didn't break under the barrage of dead ball opportunities created by the home side. The attack showed signs of life in the final 10 minutes of the stanza, but chances by Wojciech Wojcik and Victor Pineda went for naught and the sides entered the break still at 0-0.

The start of the second half saw Jacksonville nearly score off the whistle on a chance by defender Matt Bahner, who would end up playing provider on the goal four minutes later, as his whipped in cross from the right found the head of Hoyos inside the six. The 0-1 deficit woke up the Indy attack, as the "Boys in Blue" ended the match with an edge in shots (17-16) when it was all said and done, but couldn't take advantage of them as they piled up towards the final whistle.

<u>Click here for the full recap of the match at</u> <u>IndyEleven.com</u>.

Statistics	JAX	IND
Shots	16	17
Shots on Goal	3	3
Fouls	11	13
Corners	9	7
Saves	3	2
Offside	7	2
Possession %	50	50

#### **Scoring Summary:**

JAX – Bochy Hoyos (Matt Bahner) 49'

#### **Discipline Summary:**

IND – Sergio Peña (caution) 25' JAX – Fabricio Ortiz (caution) 43' IND – Greg Janicki (caution) 74' IND – Marco Franco (caution) 82' JAX – Joseph Toby (caution) 90'

**Indy Eleven line-up (4-4-2):** Keith Cardona; Marco Franco, Greg Janicki (capt), Erick Norales, Jaime Frias; Victor Pineda (Don Smart 67'), Brad Ring, Sergio Pena, Osman Melgares (Dylan Mares 45'); Brian Brown, Wojciech Wojcik (Charlie Rugg 59')

**RECAP VS CAR – APRIL 25:** Indy Eleven was five minutes away from sharing the top spot, but a late goal by Carolina RailHawks defender Blake Wagner helped the visitors claim a point from a 1-1 draw at a rainy IUPUI Carroll Stadium on April 25.

The sold out home crowd of 10,524 was encouraged by a 6<sup>th</sup> minute own goal off RailHawks defender Daniel Scott, but were deflated after Wagner's late heroics cost their Eleven two valuable points in the standings.

The home side was buzzing early, and Indy Eleven's high energy – and high pressure – paid off just six minutes in with an own goal off the foot of Carolina's Daniel Scott. With a perfectly timed through ball over the top, Indy forward Wojciech Wojcik found a streaking Charlie Rugg down the right side. The LA Galaxy loanee's cross into the six would be deflected in by Scott, who was sliding towards the Carolina goal as he tried to clear the ball away.

Indy Eleven's repeated failed chances to double the lead – most notably a trio of shots in quick succession in the 78<sup>th</sup> minute that were either saved by Carolina netminder Hunter Gilstrap or blocked by defenders – came back to haunt them in the 85<sup>th</sup> minute, when Tiyi Shipalane's cross from the right went to the opposite side of the area where it found a waiting Blake Wagner. The RailHawks defender gathered calmly and smashed a shot from 12 yards past Kristian Nicht and inside the right post to even the match at 1-1, which is how it would end.

<u>Click here for the full recap of the match at</u> IndyEleven.com.

<b>Statistics</b>	IND	CAR
Shots	18	13
Shots on Goal	7	5
Fouls	8	13
Corners	7	4
Saves	4	6
Offside	2	1
Possession %	54	46

#### **Scoring Summary:**

IND – own goal (Daniel Scott) 6' CAR – Blake Wagner (Tivi Shipalane) 85'

**Discipline Summary:** 

None

**Indy Eleven line-up (4-1-3-2):** Kristian Nicht; Marco Franco, Erick Norales, Greg Janicki, Jaime Frias; Brad Ring; Don Smart (Dragan Stojkov 66'), Dylan Mares (Sergio Pena 74'), Osman Melgares (Brian Brown 84'); Charlie Rugg, Wojciech Wojcik

**RECAP VS SAS – APRIL 18:** Just when Indy Eleven looked destined to claim a third straight 1-1 draw to begin the season last Saturday at San Antonio, late substitute midfielder Sergio Pena came to the rescue, his 45-yard bomb in the 89<sup>th</sup> minute making the difference in a stunning 2-1 victory at Toyota Field over the defending NASL champion.

Indy's backline bent on a couple of occasions in the first half but did not break, as the squads entered the halftime break still locked at 0-0. San Antonio took advantage of an Indy defensive error in the 52<sup>nd</sup> minute, when Cesar Elizondo stole a poor pass 40 yards from goal, slalomed through three Indy defenders and played Omar Cummings into the area, where the Jamaican slotted low and to the left of Kristian Nicht to give the home side a 1-0 lead. That advantage would be short-lived however, as Erick Norales nodded home Dylan Mares' free kick at the far left post in the 64<sup>th</sup> minute, a goal that evened things up at 1-1 and brought considerable life back into the "Boys in Blue".

That would set up Pena's late heroics, as the Honduran midfielder, who entered in the 81<sup>st</sup> minute, accepted fellow substitute Wojciech Wojcik's laid-off header with his chest 10 yards inside midfield. One touch and one bounce later, Pena let rip one of his trademark long-distance shots, the 45-yard effort finding the space between the bottom of the crossbar and the hands of back-peddling goalkeeper Jon Kempin, allowing Indy to steal the full three points and leap into 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the NASL Spring Season standings.

<u>Click here for the full recap of the match at IndyEleven.com</u>.

<b>Statistics</b>	SAS	IND
Shots	15	14
Shots on Goal	6	5
Fouls	17	17
Corners	3	3
Saves	3	5
Offside	6	1
Possession %	49	51

#### **Scoring Summary:**

SAS – Omar Cummings (Cesar Elizondo) 52' IND – Erick Norales (Dylan Mares) 64' IND – Sergio Pena (Wojciech Wojcik) 89'

#### **Discipline Summary:**

IND – Dylan Mares (caution) 24' IND – Brad Ring (caution) 82'

Indy Eleven line-up (4-1-3-2): Kristian Nicht; Marco Franco, Erick Norales, Greg Janicki, Jaime Frias; Brad Ring; Dragan Stojkov (Sergio Pena 81'), Dylan Mares, Osman Melgares (Don Smart 62'); Brian Brown, Charlie Rugg (Wojciech Wojcik 66') **RECAP VS NYC – APRIL 11:** Indy Eleven continued a trio of streaks with its 1-1 draw against the New York Cosmos last Saturday night in its 2015 home opener at Carroll Stadium, extending its undefeated streaks in regular season play (7 games) and the Cosmos (4 games) while also running its regular season home sellout streak to 15 games (10,524).

Indy Eleven forward Brian Brown would give the Hoosier State side its first-ever lead against the Cosmos in the 12<sup>th</sup> minute, when he caught New York 'keeper Jimmy Maurer off his line and chipped home from 30 yards out. New York would gradually assert its will on the match, paying off in the 65<sup>th</sup> minute when superstar striker Raul gained some space at the top of the six and headed home Walter Restrepo's cross.

<u>Click here for the full recap of the match at</u> IndyEleven.com.

Statistics	IND	NYC
Shots	12	16
Shots on Goal	6	11
Fouls	20	15
Corners	5	13
Saves	6	5
Offside	1	0
Possession %	40	60

**Indy Eleven line-up (4-1-3-2):** Kristian Nicht; Marco Franco, Erick Norales, Greg Janicki, Jaime Frias (Kyle Hyland 70); Sergio Pena (Brad Ring 76'); Dragan Stojkov, Dylan Mares, Osman Melgares; Brian Brown (Don Smart 82'), Charlie Rugg

#### **Scoring Summary:**

IND – Brian Brown (unassisted) 12' NYC – Raul (Ayoze) 65'

#### **Discipline Summary:**

IND – Dragan Stojkov (caution) 48' IND – Osman Melgares (caution) 56'

**RECAP** @ **ATL** – **APRIL 4:** Indy Eleven fans got used to holding their breath last season ... and that carried over into its season opener April 4<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta, which Don Smart tied up in second half stoppage time to earn a 1-1 draw at Silverbacks Park.

Good chances were hard to come by in the first 45 minutes for both sides, but the game opened up shortly after the halftime whistle when Shaka Bangura's late run into the area after a failed Indy clearance allowed him to slot home and put Atlanta up 1-0.

The Silverbacks were content to absorb pressure and counter it out to the end, a plan that seemed destined to work until Greg Janicki picked out Jaime Frias' run down the left flank in the 92<sup>nd</sup> minute. After chesting down with his first touch his second took him into the penalty area, where he was hacked down to earn the late PK. Smart stutter-stepped and sent 'keeper C.J. Cochran diving the wrong way before coolly slotting inside the right post to even it up at the death.

<u>Click here for the full recap of the match at</u> <u>IndyEleven.com</u>

<b>Statistics</b>	ATL	IND
Shots	9	10
Shots on Goal	3	4
Fouls	11	12
Corners	5	11
Saves	3	2
Offside	0	4
Possession %	47	53

**Indy Eleven line-up (4-1-3-2):** Kristian Nicht; Marco Franco, Erick Norales, Greg Janicki, Jaime Frias; Sergio Pena; Dragan Stojkov (Don Smart 71'), Dylan Mares, Victor Pineda (Osman Melgares 62'); Wojciech Wojcik, Charlie Rugg (Brian Brown 78')

#### **Scoring Summary:**

ATL – Shaka Bangura (unassisted) 47' IND – Don Smart (penalty kick) 90+'

#### **Discipline Summary:**

IND – Marco Franco (caution) 14' IND – Don Smart (caution) 82'

## **INDY ELEVEN 2015 NASL REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS**

(2W-4D-3L in NASL Spring Season)

UNF	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	А	С	E
27	MF	Victor Pineda	6	5	413	2	0	1	0
20	MF	Sergio Peña	7	5	405	2	0	1	0
6	MF	Dylan Mares	9	8	718	1	3	2	0
9	FW	Brian Brown	9	6	580	1	1	1	0
5	DF	Erick Norales	8	8	720	1	0	0	0
18	DF	Kyle Hyland	5	4	380	1	0	0	0
7	MF	Don Smart	8	1	198	1	0	1	0
19	FW	Wojciech Wojcik	8	5	474	0	1	0	0
23	DF	Marco Franco	9	9	810	0	0	2	0
99	FW	Charlie Rugg	9	8	713	0	0	0	0
12	DF	Greg Janicki	7	7	630	0	0	1	0
24	GK	Kristian Nicht	7	7	630	0	0	0	0
4	MF	Brad Ring	8	6	595	0	0	1	0
3	DF	Jaime Frias	5	5	430	0	0	0	0
17	MF	Dragan Stojkov	6	5	417	0	0	1	0
25	MF	Osman Melgares	6	4	317	0	0	1	0
16	DF	Cory Miller	3	3	261	0	0	1	0
1	GK	Keith Cardona	2	2	180	0	0	0	0
15	DF	Daniel Keller	2	1	35	0	0	0	0
14	FW	Duke Lacroix	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
35	GK	Jon Dawson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	MF	Kleberson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	DF	Judson McKinney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		own goals for				1			
		Eleven totals	9	9	810	10	5	13	0
		Opponent totals	9	9	810	12	8	14	3

GAME-WINNING GOALS: Sergio Peña 1 (4/18 @ SAS), Victor Pineda 1 (6/06 @ FTL) GAME-WINNING ASSISTS: Wojciech Wojcik 1 (4/18 @ SAS) PENALTY KICKS: Don Smart (1-for-1)

#### INDY ELEVEN INDIVIDUAL GOALKEEPING

UNF	POS	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MIN	GA	GAA	SVS	PG	PA	W	D	L	SO
24	GK	Kristian Nicht	7	7	630	8	1.14	21	0	0	2	4	1	0
1	GK	Keith Cardona	2	2	180	4	2.00	6	0	0	0	0	2	0
35	GK	Jon Dawson	0	0	0	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Eleven Totals	9	9	810	12	1.33	27	0	0	2	4	3	0
		Opponent totals	9	9	810	10	1.11	-	1	1	3	4	2	0



## **INDY ELEVEN 2015 NASL SPRING SEASON SCHEDULE**

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

Date	Time (ET)	Opponent	Venue	TV-Video/Result-Att.
Sat., April 4	7:30 pm	at Atlanta Silverbacks	Atlanta Silverbacks Park – Atlanta, GA	1-1 D / 4,711
Sat., April 11	7:30 pm	vs. New York Cosmos	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	1-1 D / 10,524*
Sat., April 18	8:30 pm	at San Antonio Scorpions	Toyota Field – San Antonio, TX	2-1 W / 5,305
Sat., April 25	7:30 pm	vs. Carolina RailHawks	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	1-1 D / 10.524*
Sat., May 9	7:30 pm	at Jacksonville Armada FC	The Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville – Jacksonvi	lle, FL 0-1 L / 8,318
Sat., May 16	7:30 pm	vs. Minnesota United FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	1-3 L / 10,524*
Sat., May 23	3:00 pm	at Ottawa Fury FC	TD Place – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	0-1 L / 5,245
Sat., May 30	7:30 pm	vs. Tampa Bay Rowdies	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	2-2 D / 10,226
Sat., June 6	7:30 pm	at Fort Lauderdale Strikers	Lockhart Stadium – Fort Lauderdale, FL	2-1 W / 5,083
Sat., June 13	7:30 pm	vs. FC Edmonton	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	WISH-TV/ESPN3.com
				* = sellout

## **INDY ELEVEN 2015 NASL FALL SEASON SCHEDULE**

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

Date	Time (ET)	Opponent	Venue	TV/Result
Sun., July 5	5:00 pm	at New York Cosmos	James M. Shuart Stadium – Hempstead, NY	WISH-TV/ESPN3.com
Sat., July 11	7:30 pm	vs. Carolina RailHawks	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	WISH-TV/ESPN3.com
Sun., July 19	3:00 pm	at Ottawa Fury FC	TD Place – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	ESPN3.com
Sat., July 25	7:30 pm	vs. New York Cosmos	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	WISH-TV/ESPN3.com
Sat., Aug. 1	7:30 pm	vs. Atlanta Silverbacks	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	WISH-TV/ESPN3.com
Wed., Aug. 5	9:00 pm	at FC Edmonton	Clarke Stadium - Edmonton, Alberta, Cana	da ESPN3.com
Sat., Aug. 8	7:30 pm	vs. Ottawa Fury FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	WISH-TV/ESPN3.com
Wed., Aug. 19	7:30 pm	vs. Tampa Bay Rowdies	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	WISH-TV/ESPN3.com
Sat., Aug. 22	7:30 pm	at Atlanta Silverbacks	Atlanta Silverbacks Park – Atlanta, GA	ESPN3.com
Sat., Aug. 29	7:30 pm	at Fort Lauderdale Strikers	Lockhart Stadium – Fort Lauderdale, FL	ESPN3.com
Wed., Sep. 2	7:00 pm	at Minnesota United FC	National Sports Center Stadium – Blaine, M	IN ESPN3.com
Sat., Sep. 5	7:30 pm	vs. Jacksonville Armada FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	WISH-TV/ESPN3.com
Sat., Sep. 12	8:30 pm	at San Antonio Scorpions	Toyota Field – San Antonio, TX	ESPN3.com
Sat., Sep. 19	7:30 pm	vs. FC Edmonton	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	WISH-TV/ESPN3.com
Wed., Sep. 30	7:30 pm	at Tampa Bay Rowdies	Al Lang Stadium – St. Petersburg, FL	ESPN3.com
Sat., Oct. 3	7:30 pm	at Jacksonville Armada FC	The Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville – Jackson	ville, FL ESPN3.com
Sat., Oct. 10	7:30 pm	vs. San Antonio Scorpions	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	WISH-TV/ESPN3.com
Sat., Oct. 17	7:30 pm	vs. Minnesota United FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	WISH-TV/ESPN3.com
Sat., Oct. 24	7:30 pm	vs. Fort Lauderdale Strikers	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	WISH-TV/ESPN3.com
Fri., Oct. 30	7:30 pm	at Carolina RailHawks	WakeMed Soccer Park – Cary, NC	ESPN3.com

## INDY ELEVEN 2015 U.S. OPEN CUP SCHEDULE

\*\*\* Match dates & times are TBD (and will be subject to change)

Date	Time (ET)	Opponent	Venue	Round	TV/Result
Wed., May 27	7:30 p.m.	Louisville City FC (USL)	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	3 <sup>ra</sup>	0-2 L (aet) /
					7,134

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#9 – BRIAN BROWN

6-1 185 lbs.

12/29/92

Sandy Bay, Jamaica

2015 NASL SEASON: 9 GP / 6 GS, 1G, 1A in 580 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (06/06 @ FTL): Started and played 88 mins in Indy's dramatic 2-1 win at Lockhart Stadium

FWD

**USOC 3<sup>RD</sup> RD vs LOU (05/27):** Went all 120 mins at left midfield spot in Indy's 0-2 added extra time defeat to City FC **MISC:** Notched first assist with Indy on 5/30 v TBR (Mares, 21') ... One of 4 players to appear in all 9 NASL games thus far in 2015 (w/ Franco, Mares & Rugg) ... Sparked Indy in his starting debut on 4/11 v NYC, scoring 12 minutes in and helping Indy to a 1-1 draw in the team's 2015 home opener ... Earned NASL Team of the Week nod for Spring Week 2 following his goal-scoring exploits vs. NYC ... Made Indy Eleven debut as a sub on 4/04 @ ATL, playing final 13 min off the bench in Indy's 1-1 away draw ... Acquired by Indy Eleven via season-long loan deal with Jamaican Premier League's Harbour View FC on 03/06/15 ... Led the Red Stripe Premier League in scoring during 2013-14 season with 18 goals ... Scored two goals and added an assist in just 250 minutes of action during loan last fall with MLS' Philadelphia Union **PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Philadelphia Union (MLS, 2014), Harbour View FC (2013-14), Montego Bay United (2012-13)

#1 – KEITH CARDONA	GK 6-4	200 lbs.	11/07/92			Glen Rock, NJ
2015 NASL SEASON: 2 GP / 2 GS	RECORD: 0W-0E	D-2L GA: 4	GAA: 2.00	<b>SO:</b> 0	PK'S: 0 Faced	
LAST NASL GAME (06/06 @ FTL): DNP (cc	ach's decision)					

3<sup>RD</sup> RD vs LOU (05/27): DNP (coach's decision)

**MISC:** Made 3 saves on 5/16 v MNU, but allowed season-high 3 goals in 1-3 L in 2<sup>nd</sup> professional start ... Made his Indy Eleven and professional debut on 5/09 @ JAX, making 3 saves (0-1 L) ... Signed by Indy Eleven on 03/27/15 and made first appearance in the 18-man gameday roster on 4/11 v NYC (DNP) ... Was invited to Indy Eleven's preseason camp in Arizona, where he impressed staff en route to March signing ... 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)

#35 – JON DAWSON	GK	6-3	185 lbs.	3/18/91	Indianapolis. IN
#33 - 30N DAVISON	GA	0-3	185 IDS.	3/10/91	mulanapons, m
2015 NASL SEASON: Has not pla	ved in 2015				

LAST NASL GAME (06/06 @ FTL): DNP (coach's decision)

3<sup>RD</sup> RD vs LOU (05/27): DNP (coach's decision)

MISC: Listed on 18-man roster for season opener 4/04 @ ATL, 4/18 @ SAS & 5/09 @ JAX ... After having contract option declined on 11/28/14, re-signed with Indy Eleven on 03/27/15

**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Butler University (NCAA, 2010-13), Jersey Express (PDL, 2013), Seacoast United Phantoms (PDL, 2011) ... Northern Virginia Royals (PDL, 2010)

#23 – MARCO FRANCO	DEF	5-11	155 lbs.	10/06/91	Chino Hills, CA
2015 NASI SEASON OCP/OCS OC	2 00  in  810  minutos				

2015 NASL SEASON: 9 GP / 9 GS, 0G, 0A in 810 minutes LAST NASL GAME (06/06 @ FTL): Again went the full 90 mins and helped set up Pineda's first tally in 44' of eventual 2-1 road win

**USOC 3<sup>RD</sup> RD vs LOU (05/27):** Went all 120 mins at right back in Indy's 0-2 added extra time defeat to City FC

**MISC**: Only player to log all 810 minutes through first 9 league games and one of only 4 players to see time in every NASL game thus far (w/ Mares, Brown & Rugg) ... Has played every minute of Indy Eleven's last 16 matches in NASL & USOC play dating back to last September ... Started and went the full 90 minutes in each of last six contests in 2014, which coincided with NASL modern record 397-minute shutout streak (9/27 v CAR – 10/26 @ OTT) ... Made Indy Eleven debut in starting lineup as right back on 9/27/14 v. CAR ... Signed with Indy Eleven on Ioan from MLS' Chicago Fire on 9/12/14 and signed contract with Indy on 12/20/14. 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

 #3 – JAIME FRIAS
 DEF
 6-0
 175 lbs.
 2/18/93
 Los Angeles, CA

 2015 NASL SEASON: 5 GP / 5 GS, 0G, 0A in 430 minutes
 LAST NASL GAME (06/06 @ FTL): DNP (coach's decision)
 3<sup>RD</sup> RD vs LOU (05/27): DNP (coach's decision)
 3<sup>RD</sup> RD vs LOU (05/27): DNP (coach's decision)

 2014 NASL SEASON: 25 GP / 24 GS, 1G, 0A in 2207 minutes
 MISC: Was one of 4 players to start first 5 games in 2015 before DNP on 5/16 v MNU ... Effort on both sides of the ball earned him nod on the first NASL Team of the Week of 2015 – allowing him to bookend the offseason with such accolades after being named to the last such squad in

2014 (Fall Week 18) ... Was his run into the area in season opener 4/04 @ ATL that drew the stoppage-time PK that allowed Smart to earn a 1-1 draw ... Scored first tally with Indy Eleven on 9/20 @ FTL, equalizing in the 39' of an eventual 1-2 defeat ... Made first start at left back on 7/12 @ CAR and impressed throughout 90 minutes in Indy Eleven's first NASL win, a 2-1 victory

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Chivas USA (MLS, 2013)... Chivas de Guadalajara youth system (Mexican 3rd Div., 2008-2013)

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#18 – KYLE HYLAND

5-7 155 lbs. 3/01/91

Bay Village, OH

2015 NASL SEASON: 5 GP / 4 GS, 1G, 0A in 380 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (06/06 @ FTL): Went the full 90 mins in helping Indy to a dramatic 2-1 road win at Lockhart Stadium

USOC 3<sup>RD</sup> RD vs LOU (05/27): Went all 120 mins at left back in Indy's 0-2 added extra time defeat to City FC

DEF

**MISC:** First ever Indy Eleven player to be named NASL Player of the Week for his effort vs TBR on 5/30 (Spring Week 9) ... Also made first career Team of the Week for exploits on 5/30 vs. the Rowdies ... His 25-yard equalizing blast in the 98<sup>th</sup> minute vs TBR was his first professional goal ... Has started last 4 NASL games & team's 3<sup>rd</sup> Rd USOC match after being on the 18-man roster for first 5 games of season ... Made first start of 2015 on 5/16 v MNU .... Made his season debut on 4/11, playing final 20 min of 1-1 draw v NYC in place of Frias ...

Suffered from foot, ankle and adductor injuries while still starting 17 of team's 27 regular season contests in 2014

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Columbus Crew (MLS, 2013) ... IUPUI (NCAA, 2009-12)

#12 – GREG JANICKI	DEF	6-3	195 lbs.	7/09/84	New Baltimore, Ml
2015 NASL SEASON: 7 GP / 7 GS, 0G	6, 0A in 630 minutes				

LAST NASL GAME (06/06 @ FTL): DNP (coach's decision)

**USOC 3<sup>RD</sup> RD vs LOU (05/27):** Went all 120 mins at center back in Indy's 0-2 added extra time defeat to City FC **MISC:** Was available off the bench on 06/06 @ FTL but DNP while nursing L calf & R thumb injuries ... Suffering from a left calf ailment, was available off the bench but ultimately DNP (coach's decision) on 5/16 v MNU, marking first missed action with his new squad ... Newcomer was named the squad's captain prior to season opener on 4/04 @ ATL ... Went the full 90 min in his Indy Eleven debut on 4/04 @ ATL and helped Indy to a 1-1 away draw ... Signed with Indy Eleven 01/09/15 from fellow NASL side San Antonio Scorpions, which he helped to an NASL title last year by scoring two goals and helping the Lone Star State side to a modern NASL record of just 24 goals allowed while starting 26 of 27 regular season matches. ... Was a fixture for the Scorpions across their first three seasons, earning 68 starting nods total from 2012-14. **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)

#15 – DANIEL KELLER	DEF	6-0	165 lbs.	2/07/92	Carmel, IN
2015 NASL SEASON: 2 GP / 1 GS, 0G, 0A	in 34 minutes				

LAST NASL GAME (06/06 @ FTL): DNP (injury)

**USOC 3<sup>RD</sup> RD vs LOU (05/27):** In his first starting nod, went 95 mins in eventual 0-2 added extra time loss to City FC at Carroll Stadium **MISC:** Ruled OUT for 6/06 @ FTL (concussion suffered on 5/30 v TBR) but returned to training this week and is QUESTIONABLE for 06/13 v FCE ... Made his professional debut on 5/23 @ 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 ... 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 (redshirted 2010), where he suited up alongside Eleven teammate Dylan Mares from 2010-12 ... Also familiar with Eleven goalkeeper Jon Dawson from their days as teammates at Brebeuf Jesuit Prep School

PREVIOUS CLUBS: University of Louisville (NCAA, 2010-14)

 #3 – KLEBERSON
 MID
 5-8
 140 lbs.
 6/19/79
 Uria, Brazil

 2015 NASL SEASON: Has not played in 2015
 Uria
 Uria

LAST NASL GAME (06/06 @ FTL): DNP (injury)

**MISC:** Will miss indefinite amount of time after suffering R achilles tendon tear during training on 5/12 (underwent successful surgery on 5/18) ... While rehabbing his injury, will serve as interim head coach Tim Regan's assistant coach following technical staff changes announced on 6/02 ... Missed first 4 games of season due to hamstring injury ... Appeared as "emergency sub" on the 18-man roster for 4/11 v NYC (DNP) ... Team leader in scoring in 2014 with 8 goals, which placed tied for 7<sup>th</sup> place on the NASL's Golden Boot chart ... Was given captain's armband for remainder of the 2014 season starting with 8/30 v. NYC game ... 5 of 8 goals tallied in 2014 were from the PK spot (5 of 6 conversions from the spot on the season)

**PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:** Made 32 caps with the Brazilian National Team from 2002-09 ... World Cup winner with Brazil in 2002, starting the team's final three matches and collecting an assist in a 2-0 Final victory over Germany ... Philadelphia Union (MLS, 2013)... Bahia (Brazilian First Div., 2012-13) ... Flamengo (Brazilian First Div., 2007-11) ... Beskitas (Turkish First Div., 2005-07)... Manchester United (English Premier League, 2003-05) ... Atletico Paranaense (Brazilian First Div., 1999-2003)

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#14 – DUKE LACROIX

5-9 155 lbs. 10/14/93

New Egypt, NJ

2015 NASL SEASON: 1 GP / 0 GS, 0G, 0A in 2 minutes

FWD

LAST NASL GAME (06/06 @ FTL): Made big impact in NASL debut, his 2-minute appearance featuring a dangerous chance on goal and 60yard run that eventually turned into chance that resulted in Pineda's 20-yard GWG in the 2-1 road win

**USOC 3<sup>RD</sup> RD vs LOU (05/27):** Made his pro debut in Open Cup affair, playing final 25 mins in place of fellow rookie Daniel Keller in 0-2 loss **MISC**: Made his NASL debut on 6/06 @ FTL, his brief 2-minute cameo including lengthy run that started play that resulted in Pineda's GWG (93+') ... Made his Indy Eleven – and professional – debut on 5/27 in Indy Eleven's 0-2 added extra time defeat to Louisville City FC (25 mins) ... Signed with Indy Eleven on May 21 after graduating from the University of Pennsylvania with his degree in Sociology ... Two-time captain at UPenn earned four nods to All-Ivy League Teams (First-team in 2013 & 2014) and was first player to school history to be named both the Ivy League's Rookie of the Year (2011) and an Ivy League Player of the Year (Offensive POY in 2013) ... Finish UPenn career 3<sup>rd</sup> in appearances (68) and 5<sup>th</sup> in points (65) after collecting 25 goals and 15 assists, including seven goals and an Ivy League-best six assists as a senior in 2014. **PREVIOUS CLUBS:** University of Pennsylvania (NCAA, 2011-14)

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

2015 NASL SEASON: 9 GP / 8 GS, 1G, 3A in 718 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (06/06 @ FTL): Collected assist during 65-minute stint on Pineda's first tally (44'), helping Indy to a huge 2-1 win at Lockhart Stadium

**USOC 3<sup>RD</sup> RD vs LOU (05/27):** Added spark off bench in place of Pineda, playing final 57 mins in a 0-2 added extra time defeat to City FC **MISC**: T-3<sup>rd</sup> in NASL with 3 assists (w/ NYC's Restrepo) and is only Indy player with multiple helpers in 2015 ... 3<sup>rd</sup> on squad with 718 minutes played and one of 4 players to appear in all 9 league games for Eleven thus far in 2015 (w/ Brown, Franco & Rugg) ... Collected 3<sup>rd</sup> assist of 2015 with nifty backheel that Pineda turned into 44' goal on 6/06 @ FTL ... Notched 2<sup>nd</sup> assist when Pena nodded home his corner kick on 5/16 v MNU (49') ... Scored first goal of season on 5/30 v TBR (21') ... 5/09 @ JAX marked Mares' only appearance off the bench thus far 2015 ... Registered first assist of 2015 on 4/18 @ SAS when his free kick was nodded home at the far post by Norales, the equalizer in the 64<sup>th</sup> minute of the eventual 2-1 win ... Scored in 4 of the team's 5 preseason contests leading up to the 2015 NASL campaign ... Ranked 5<sup>th</sup> on the squad with 24 appearances in 2014 ... One of 5 players with multiple assists in league play in 2014 (2) ... Made pro debut on 4/12/14 v. CAR off the bench with 6-minute stint in Inaugural Game ... Notched first pro assist on 4/19/14 v. TBR, dishing to Norales for late equalizer in a 1-1 draw **PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Indiana University (NCAA, 2013), University of Louisville (NCAA, 2010-12)

### #2 – JUDSON MCKINNEY DEF 6-1 185 lbs. 8/04/88 Cuyahoga Falls, OH

2015 NASL SEASON: Has not played in 2015

LAST GAME (06/06 @ FTL): DNP (injury)

**MISC**: Underwent surgery on left ankle (bone chip/ Osteochondritis dissecans) on 4/07 ... Resumed training with the squad last week and is listed as QUESTIONABLE for 6/13 v FCE ... After joining squad for its Arizona preseason camp in late February, signed with Indy Eleven on 03/13/15

**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Milwaukee Wave (MISL, 2014), Chicago Soul (MISL, 2013), Charlotte Eagles (USL PRO, 2012), Akron Summit Assault (USL PDL, 2011), Dayton Dutch Lions (USL PRO, 2010), University of Cincinnati (NCAA, 2006-09)

#25 – OSMAN MELGARES	MID	5-8	145 lbs.	11/27/86	Tocoa, Honduras
2015 NASL SEASON: 6 GP / 4 GS, 0G	, 0A in 317 minutes				

LAST NASL GAME (06/06 @ FTL): DNP (coach's decision)

**USOC 3<sup>RD</sup> RD vs LOU (05/27):** Moved to more central role for Open Cup clash and went full 120 mins in 0-2 extra time defeat to City FC **MISC:** Had played in first 5 contests before his first DNP of season on 5/16 v MNU ... Made first appearance in starting XI on 4/11 v NYC, playing the full 90 minutes in helping Indy to a 1-1 draw in home opener ... Made Indy Eleven debut as a sub on 4/04 @ ATL, playing final 28 min off the bench in Indy's 1-1 away draw ... Signed with Indy Eleven on 02/06/15 ... Newcomer was a midfield running mate of current Eleven teammate Sergio Peña with Honduran first division side Real Sociedad, where he scored 14 goals in more than 90 appearances across the last three seasons in Liga Nacional de Futbol de Honduras play for *los Tocaeños* ... Is a left-sided, left-footed player who is expected to provide box-to-box coverage on the flank.

**PREVIOUS CLUB**: Real Sociedad de Tocoa (Honduran 1<sup>st</sup> Div., 2012-14; 2<sup>nd</sup> Div. 2007-12)

DFF

#16 – CORY MILLER

Zionsville, IN

2015 NASL SEASON: 3 GP / 3 GS, 0G, 0A in 261 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (06/06 @ FTL): Went the full 90 mins in helping Indy to a dramatic 2-1 road win at Lockhart Stadium USOC 3<sup>RD</sup> RD vs LOU (05/27): DNP (coach's decision)

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**MISC**: Started 3 of last 4 NASL matches after making season debut in first XI on 5/16 v MNU ... Has appeared on 18-man roster for all 9 NASL games thus far in 2015 ... Started team's last nine contests in 2014 in central defense, coinciding with team's modern NASL record 397-minute shutout streak (9/27 v CAR – 10/26 @ OTT) ... Registered first – and only – assist for Indy on 9/20/14 @ FTL (Frias, 39') ... Signed with Indy Eleven on 8/28/14 and appeared on first 18-man gameday roster 2 days later on 8/30/14 v NYC ... Made his Indy Eleven debut as a starter on 9/06/14 @ ATL (2-1 W)

185 lbs.

7/22/88

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Los Angeles Blues (USL PRO, 2012-13), Carolina RailHawks (NASL, 2011), Olivet Nazarene Univ. (NAIA, 2007-2010)

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#24 – KRISTIAN NICHT GK 6-5 225 lbs. 4/039/82 Jena, Germany 2015 NASL SEASON: 7 GP / 7 GS RECORD: 2W-4D-1L SO: 0 **GA:** 8 GAA: 1.14 PK'S: 0 Faced LAST NASL GAME (06/06 @ FTL): Made season-high 6 saves in helping Indy to a dramatic 2-1 away win at Lockhart Stadium USOC 3<sup>RD</sup> RD vs LOU (05/27): Went the full 120 mins and didn't concede until the 115<sup>th</sup> minute in eventual 0-2 loss to City FC MISC: While still seeking first clean sheet of the season, has let in just one goal in 6 of his 7 starts in NASL play ... Ranked 4th in NASL with 21 saves and is 8th among GK's with at least 250 mins played with 1.14 GAA ... First "DNP" during Indy tenure came on 5/16 v MNU (coach's decision) ... Re-signed with Indy on May 12 following a 15-day stint with MLS' Montreal Impact (signed w/ MTL on 4/27, waived on 5/04) ... While with the Impact, started Leg 2 of the CONCACAF Champions League Final on 4/29 vs. Club America in front of 61,000+ at Olympic Stadium (2-4 L) ... 4-save performance on 4/18 @ SAS earned Nicht his first NASL Team of the Week nod of the season (Spring Wk 3) ... Ended 2014 season as only player in the NASL to log every minute in all 27 regular season games and one of 2 Indy Eleven players to appear in every match (Smart) ... Also led NASL in saves in 2014 with 79 ... Recorded NASL modern record shutout streak for a goalkeeper, his 397minute stretch running from 9/27 v. CAR (Alwadabi – 53') through stoppage time on 1/26 @ OTT (Oliver 91') ... Tied for 5<sup>th</sup> on NASL shutout list in 2014 with 5, his last coming on 10/18 v. SAS ... Made 2 appearances on NASL Team of the Week in 2014 (Spring 2 & Fall 14) **PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Alemannia Aachen (German 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Div., 2004-2008)... Viking (Norwegian 1<sup>st</sup> Div., 2008-09)... Karlsruher SC (German 2<sup>nd</sup> Div., 2009-11)... Rochester Rhinos (USL PRO, 2012-13)

#### #5 – ERICK NORALES

2015 NASL SEASON: 8 GP / 8 GS, 1G, 0A in 720 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (06/06 @ FTL): Served as captain during full 90-minute shift, helping guide Indy to a dramatic 2-1 win at Lockhart Stadium USOC 3<sup>RD</sup> RD vs LOU (05/27): Went all 120 mins at center back in Indy's 0-2 added extra time defeat to City FC

165 lbs.

2/11/85

La Ceiba, Honduras

5-11

DEF

**MISC:** Wore the captain's armband in place of Janicki on 6/06 @ FTL, his shift earned his 3<sup>rd</sup> NASL Team of the Week accolade of the season – and his 9<sup>th</sup> in 1 ½ seasons with the team ... Given the night off on 5/30 v TBR to rest after suffering knock in previous game, marking first minutes lost of the 2015 season ... Now 2<sup>nd</sup> on squad with 720 minutes played in 2015 ... Made debut on NASL Team of the Week for Spring Week 3 after goal-scoring exploit on 4/18 @ SAS, and made it back-to-back appearances with Week 4 nod following 4/25 v CAR match (1-1 D) ... Opened his 2015 scoring account on 4/18 @ SAS with 64<sup>th</sup> header off Mares free kick that marked the equalizer in Indy's 2-1 comeback win ... Made NASL Team of the Week in 2014 on six occasions, tied for the most in the NASL at the defender position ... Named to Honduran National Team roster for the 2014 Copa Centroamericana last Sept. 3-13, starting 3 of 4 appearances and helping squad into playoff with

Caribbean Cup 5<sup>th</sup> finisher for spot in this summer's CONCACAF Gold Cup ... One of four players with multiple goals in league play for Indy in 2014 (2) ... Scored in back-to-back games on 4/19 v. TBR & 4/26 @ FTL ... Has made 34 "caps" for the Honduran National Team, including appearances in CONCACAF region World Cup Qualifying contests

**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** C.D. Marathon (Honduran 1<sup>st</sup> Div., 2006-2011, 2013) ... C.D. Vida (Hondruan 1<sup>st</sup> Div., 2002-06, 2013) ... Hunan Billows (Chinese 2<sup>nd</sup> Div., 2012)

#20 – SERGIO PEÑA	DEF	6-2	185 lbs.	5/09/87	Zamora, Honduras
2015 NASL SEASON: 7 CD / 5 CS	2C 0A in 405 minutos				

2015 NASL SEASON: 7 GP / 5 GS, 2G, 0A in 405 minutes LAST GAME (06/06 @ FTL): DNP (injury)

USOC 3<sup>RD</sup> RD vs LOU (05/27): DNP (injury)

**MISC:** Following shortened stint on 5/23 @ OTT, is OUT indefinitely due to Compartment Syndrome in both lower legs ... Underwent successful surgery to correct condition on 06/05 ... Remains co-leading scorer on squad alongside Pineda (2) ... Scored 2<sup>nd</sup> goal of season on 5/16 v MNU, his thunderous header off Mares' corner counting as Indy's lone tally (1-3 L) ... After 2-game hiatus from starting XI, returned to the first-choice squad on 5/09 @ JAX ... His 45-yard golazo on 4/18 @ SAS marked his first goal in an Indy Eleven uniform, breaking a 17-game goalless streak to start his Eleven tenure ... It also helped earn him a place on the NASL Team of the Week for Spring Week 3 and was an obvious choice for that week's NASL Play of the Week honor ... Reacquired by Indy Eleven on 02/06/15 ... Originally acquired via loan from Honduran first division side Real Sociedad de Tocoa on 7/15/14 ... Earned his first NASL Team of the Week honor for his performance on 10/18/14 v SAS ... Registered only assist on 9/06/14 @ ATL on Johnson's 15' tally ... Made Indy Eleven and NASL debut on 7/19/14 v. TBR ... Spent his entire professional career prior to Indy Eleven with Real Sociedad, joining the squad in 2007 as a 20-year-old **PREVIOUS CLUB:** Real Sociedad de Tocoa (Honduran 1<sup>st</sup> Div., 2012-14; 2<sup>nd</sup> Div. 2007-12)

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#27 – VICTOR PINEDA

5-11 152 lbs. 03/15/93

4/07/87

Bolingbrook, IL

Rockford, IL

MID 2015 NASL SEASON: 6 GP / 5 GS, 2G, 0A in 413 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (06/06 @ FTL): Staked Indy to comeback win during 90 minute performance, scoring at the end of each half (44' & 93+') to lift Indy to a 2-1 away win

USOC 3<sup>RD</sup> RD vs LOU (05/27): Started and went 63 mins in eventual 0-2 added extra time defeat to City FC

MISC: After scoring first two goals of season on 6/06 @ FTL, now co-leading scorer alongside Pena ... Exploits on 6/06 @ FTL led to Pineda earning NASL Player of the Week honor and his 3rd career spot on the NASL Team of the Week ... Sat out on 5/16 v MNU, but returned to field on 5/23 @ OTT in starting XI ... Returned from injury to play 67 mins on 5/09 @ JAX ... L ankle soreness from injury suffered in preseason finale on 3/28 vs Bradley forced him to miss three games (4/11 v NYC, 4/18 @ SAS & 4/25 v CAR) ... Started and went 62 minutes in Indy Eleven's season opening 1-1 draw on 4/04 @ ATL ... Finished tied for 3rd on squad in 2014 in scoring w/ 3 goals (w/ Smart), including teamhigh 2 GWG's ... Two time member of NASL Team of the Week in 2014 (Fall 14 & Fall 10) ... Started all 17 appearances he was available for during 2014 Fall Season, missing only 8/06/14 v. FTL due to national team obligations ... Named to 18-man U.S. Under 23 Men's National Team camp in Bahamas from Aug. 3-7 ... Made NASL debut as a starter on 7/12/14 @ CAR ... Made his Indy Eleven debut in Open Cup action on 6/17/14 @ CLB ... Joined Indy Eleven on loan from MLS side Chicago Fire on 6/13/14 and was signed by Indy Eleven outright on 12/20/14... Became Chicago's first "Homegrown" product signing in 2010

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Chicago Fire (MLS, 2010-14)

#4 – BRAD RING 5-10 165 lbs. MID 2015 NASL SEASON: 8 GP / 6 GS, 0G, 0A in 595 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (06/06 @ FTL): Went the full 90 mins in helping Indy to a dramatic 2-1 road win at Lockhart Stadium USOC 3<sup>RD</sup> RD vs LOU (05/27): DNP (injury)

MISC: Was in starting XI in 4 straight contests leading up to 5/30 v TBR ... First XI nod on 4/18 @ SAS marked his first start since 8/02/14 v ATL ... Made 2015 debut on 4/11 v NYC, spelling Pena for final 14 minutes of home-opening 1-1 draw ... Suffered season-ending injury on 8/09/14 @ SAS, a red-card tackle by the Scorpions' Julius James in the 57th minute breaking a bone in Ring's right foot ... His "strip-and-score" on 5/24/14 @ NYC was the NASL Play of the Week for Week 7 and earned him a spot on the NASL Team of the Week, his only such nod in 2014

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

#99 – CHARLIE RUGG 6-0 FWD 175 lbs. 10/02/90 Roslindale, MA 2015 NASL SEASON: 9 GP / 8 GS, 0G, 0A in 713 minutes LAST NASL GAME (06/06 @ FTL): Went the full 90 mins in helping Indy to a dramatic 2-1 road win at Lockhart Stadium USOC 3<sup>RD</sup> RD vs LOU (05/27): Came off the bench in place of Smart and played last 62 mins in eventual 0-2 added extra time loss to City FC MISC: One of 4 players to appear in all 9 NASL games in 2015 (w/ Brown, Franco & Mares) ... 4th on squad with 713 mins played in 2015 ... Joined Indy Eleven via loan deal with MLS' LA Galaxy/USL PRO League's LA Galaxy II on 10/02/14, and returned via a season-long loan for 2015 on 03/18/15 ... Made Indy debut on 10/04/14 @ NYC ... Game-winning goal on 10/18/14 v SAS - his first with the Eleven - was voted as the NASL Play of the Week for Fall Week 15 ... Scored 8 goals and added 3 assists in 25 appearances while on loan to LA Galaxy II in 2014 ... Made 4 appearances for Galaxy during 2013 rookie season ... Marked his pro debut in April 2013 v. Real Salt Lake with his first professional goal in a 2-0 win ... Was a four-year contributor at Boston College, where he was twice named an All-ACC First Team performer

#7 – DON SMART	MID	5-9	170 lbs.	12/02/87	Kingston, Jamaica
2015 NASL SEASON: 9 CD / 1 CS	1C 0A in 109 minutos				

015 NASL SEASON: 8 GP / 1 GS, 1G, 0A in 198 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (06/06 @ FTL): Provided spark in an energetic 24-minute stint in place of Stojkov, helping Indy to a dramatic 2-1 road win USOC 3<sup>RD</sup> RD vs LOU (05/27): Started and played 58 mins in eventual 0-2 added extra time loss to City FC

MISC: Was a "DNP" for first time in his Indy Eleven career on 5/30 v TBR, breaking streak of 37 straight NASL and USOC appearances with the squad ... Was one of 7 players to appear in team's first 7 NASL games in 2015 ... Made first start of 2015 on 4/25 v CAR and earned another first XI nod on 5/27 v LOU in Open Cup play ... Reprised his "super-sub" in perfect fashion on 4/04 @ ATL, playing the final 13 minutes and scoring from the penalty spot three minutes deep into stoppage time to give Indy Eleven a 1-1 season-opening draw ... One of only two players (w/ Nicht) to appear in all 27 league matches in 2014, and led team in substitute appearances (18) ... Finished tied for 3rd in scoring on Indy in 2014 (w/ Pineda) with 3 goals and alone in 2<sup>nd</sup> on team in assists with 3 helpers ... Scored first-ever GWG in Indy Eleven's NASL tenure on 7/12/14 @ CAR, slotting home in the 87' of a 2-1 victory at WakeMed Soccer Park

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

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#17 – DRAGAN STOJKOV

5-9 160 lbs. 02/23/88 Strumica, Macedonia

MID 2015 NASL SEASON: 6 GP / 5 GS, 0G, 0A in 417 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (06/06 @ FTL): Played energetic 66 mins and helped in build-up to Pineda's first goal (44') in dramatic 2-1 road win USOC 3<sup>RD</sup> RD vs LOU (05/27): DNP (injury)

MISC: Has started last two league games after missing both 5/16 v MNU & 5/23 @ OTT due to injury (R ankle sprain), returning to 18-man roster for 5/27 vs LOU Open Cup ... DNP on 5/09 @ JAX marked first time he did not see the field in a match in 2015 ... Was Indy Eleven's first new offseason signing, inking on 11/28/14 ... Represented his native Macedonia at the Under-17, U-19, and U-21 levels and played professionally in Macedonia (FK Belasica), Greece (Egaleo and Illsiakos) and Serbia (Napredak Krusevac and Jagodina) before coming to the United States in 2014 to suit up for the USL PRO League's LA Galaxy II, where he played 16 games alongside current Indy Eleven teammate Rugg.

#19 – WOJCIECH WOJCIK	FWD	6-4	209 lbs.	05/31/92	Elmwood Park, IL
2015 NASL SEASON: 8 GP / 5 GS. 00					

LAST NASL GAME (06/06 @ FTL): Played final 25 mins off the bench, helping Indy to a dramatic 2-1 road win at Lockhart Stadium USOC 3RD RD vs LOU (05/27): Played all 120 mins in Indy's 0-2 added extra time loss to City FC

MISC: Registered first assist with Indy Eleven on 4/18 @ SAS on Pena's 45-yard golazo GWG ... Made his Indy Eleven debut in the starting XI on 4/04 @ ATL and went the full 90 min in Indy's season opening 1-1 away draw ... Came to Indy Eleven after spending his first professional campaign (2014) in Finland, where he scored twice for Ykkonen (Second Division) side Tampereen Ilves in 17 appearances while helping the squad to promotion following the season ... Also notched a goal during a two-game stint with Ilves-Kassat of the Finnish Third Division ... Invited to adidas MLS Combine following his senior season at Bradley, during which he co-led the NCAA with 14 assists and added six goals en route to being named the Missouri Valley Conference's Player of the Year ... Elmwood Park, Ill. Native (Poland-born) and product of the Chicago Fire Academy tallied 14 goals and 22 assists in 81 games with the Braves from 2010-13.



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#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	Nationality	DoB	Last Club
1	Keith Cardona	GK	6'4"	200	Glen Rock, NJ	USA	11/07/92	FC Leifering (Austria/2)
2	Judson McKinney	DF	6'1"	185	Cuyahoga Falls, OH	USA	08/04/88	Milwaukee Wave (MISL)
3	Jaime Frias	DF	6'0"	175	Los Angeles, CA	USA/Mexico	02/18/93	Chivas USA (MLS)
4	Brad Ring	MF	5'10"	165	Rockford, IL	USA	04/07/87	Portland Timbers (MLS)
* 5	Erick Norales	DF	5'11"	165	La Ceiba, Honduras	Honduras	02/11/85	C.D. Vida (Honduras/1)
6	Dylan Mares	MF	5'9"	160	South Bend, IN	USA	02/11/90	Indiana University (NCAA)
7	Don Smart	MF	5'9"	170	Kingston, Jamaica	Jamaica/USA	12/02/87	RVA FC (NPSL)
* 8	Kleberson	MF	5'9"	140	Uria, Brazil	Brazil	06/19/79	Philadelphia Union (MLS)
* 9	Brian Brown	FW	6'1"	185	Sandy Bay, Jamaica	Jamaica	12/29/92	Philadelphia Union (MLS)
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)
* 17	Dragan Stojkov	MF	5'9"	160	Strumica, Macedonia	Macedonia	02/23/88	LA Galaxy II (USL PRO)
18	Kyle Hyland	DF	5'7"	155	Bay Village, OH	USA	03/01/91	Columbus Crew (MLS)
19	Wojciech Wojcik	FW	6'4''	209	Elmwood Park, IL	Poland/USA	05/31/92	Ilves (Finland/2)
* 20	Sergio Peña	MF	6'1"	185	Zamora, Honduras	Honduras	05/09/87	Real Sociedad (Honduras/1)
23	Marco Franco	DF	5'11"	155	Chino Hills, CA	USA	10/06/91	Chicago Fire (MLS)
* 24	Kristian Nicht	GK	6'5"	225	Jena, Germany	Germany	04/03/82	Rochester Rhinos (USL PRO)
* 25	Osman Melgares	MF	5'8"	145	Tocoa, Honduras	Honduras	11/27/86	Real Sociedad (Honduras/1)
27	Victor Pineda	MF	5'11"	152	Bolingbrook, IL	USA	03/15/93	Chicago Fire (MLS)
35	Jon Dawson	GK	6'3"	185	Indianapolis, IN	USA	03/18/91	Butler University (NCAA)
99	Charlie Rugg	FW	6'0"	175	Roslindale, MA	USA	10/02/90	LA Galaxy (MLS)

\* = international roster slot

Interim Head Coach/Director of Soccer Operations: Tim Regan Assistant Coach: Kleberson Goalkeeping Coach: Gary Yohe Team Physician: Michael DaRosa, DO Head Athletic Trainer: Brian Gerlach Team Operations Manager: Bianca Regich

#### Pronunciation Guide (click here to view player intros video)

Keith Cardona	car-DOUGH-nah
Jaime Frias	HI-may FREE-ahs
Greg Janicki	JAN-ick-ee
Kleberson	KLEB-er-son
Duke Lacroix	la-KWA
Dylan Mares	MAIRZ
Osman Melgares	OHZ-man mel-GAR-es
Kristian Nicht	NEEKT
Erick Norales	nor-AL-ess
Victor Pineda	pin-EH-dah
Dragan Stojkov	DRAH-gun STOY-kov
Wojciech Wojcik	VOY-check VOO-cheek