



**NASL SPRING SEASON – INDY ELEVEN GAME #6**

**Indy Eleven (1W-3D-1L, 6 pts., 7th overall)**

**vs.**

**Minnesota United FC (1W-3D-1L, 6 pts., 8th overall)**

Saturday, May 16, 2015 – IUPUI’s Michael A. Carroll Stadium  
Indianapolis, IN – 7:30 p.m. ET

**TELEVISION:** WISH TV (Pre-game @7:00 pm) **STREAMING VIDEO:** [ESPN3.com](http://ESPN3.com)  
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**INDY ELEVEN PROBABLE STARTERS**

(4-1-3-2, R → L):

**GK:** (24) Nicht  
**(23) Franco – (5) Norales – (16) Miller – (3) Frias**  
**(20) Pena**  
**(27) Pineda – (6) Mares – (25) Melgares**  
**(9) Brown – (19) Wojcik**

**Suspended:** None  
**National Team Duty:** None

**COMMUNITY SPORTS MEDICINE  
INJURY REPORT (as of 05/15/15)**

**OUT:** MF Kleberson (R Achilles tendon tear), DF Judson McKinney (L ankle bone chip/ Osteochondritis dissecans), MF Dragan Stojkov (R ankle sprain)

**DOUBTFUL:** None

**QUESTIONABLE:** None

**PROBABLE:** DF Greg Janicki (L calf tightness)

**UNITED FRONT ENTERS INDY:** The last time Minnesota United FC came to the Circle City, the crowd invaded the pitch after Indy’s first NASL home win. Indy Eleven will be looking for a bit more measured response from its faithful when the Loons visit this Saturday, May 16. Kickoff for Military Appreciation Night at IUPUI’s Carroll Stadium is set for 7:30 p.m. ET for a match that can be seen locally on WISH-TV and nationwide via streaming video online at [espn3.com](http://espn3.com).

**STREAK WIPE CLEAN:** A 0-1 defeat at the hands of Jacksonville Armada FC last Saturday in Florida saw Indy Eleven’s club record undefeated streak of nine games snapped. While all good things must come to an end, this was one Indy was hoping to keep a little bit longer. Here is a recap of the unbeaten streak:

10/04/14 at New York Cosmos	0-0 D
* 10/11/14 vs Minnesota United FC	2-0 W
10/18/14 vs San Antonio Scorpions	1-0 W
10/26/14 at Ottawa Fury FC	2-1 W
11/01/14 at Tampa Bay Rowdies	2-2 D
04/04/15 at Atlanta Silverbacks	1-1 D
04/11/15 vs New York Cosmos	1-1 D
04/18/15 at San Antonio Scorpions	2-1 W
04/25/15 vs Carolina RailHawks	1-1 D

\* Indy Eleven’s first NASL home win in team history

**NIGHT NOT GONE FOR LONG:** Following a short stint in Major League Soccer with the Montreal Impact – 15 days to be exact – goalkeeper Kristian Nicht re-signed with Indy Eleven on Tuesday. The 33 year-old keeper from Jena, Germany, was released by Montreal on Monday after playing in one game for the team – albeit it an important one, the second leg of the CONCACAF Champions League final on April 29 vs. Club America (2-4 L). Nicht is 8-12-13 in 33 starts with Indy and is tied for fifth this season amongst NASL goalies in 2015 with at least 100 minutes with a 1.00 GAA and 13 saves.

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**CARDONA JUMPS IN:** With Nicht's absence last weekend, that left the door open for another goalkeeper to start in a competitive match between the posts for the first time in club history – a task that fell to Keith Cardona. The March 31 signing from Austrian second division side FC Leifering equated himself well, making three saves and allowing one goal vs. JAX while aggressively controlling his area when faced with nine corner kicks in the first half.

**“ONE IS THE ONLY-EST NUMBER THAT YOU’LL EVER CEDE”:** Forgive the play on words ... the point is that, whether it has been Nicht or Cardona in goal, Indy Eleven has been consistent on the score sheet, allowing one goal in each of its five Spring Season contests to date. Meanwhile, last week marked the first time the team had been shut out in 2015, and broke a streak of eight games dating back to last October in which it had scored at least once (last shutout was in a 0-0 draw Oct. 4 vs. NYC).

**MIRROR MIRROR, ON THE TABLE:** To this point in the season, both Indy and Minnesota have maintained fairly similar stats in more than one facet of the game. After capturing their first win of the spring season last Saturday via a 1-0 versus Atlanta, United FC climbed to 1W-3D-1L on the season, even with Indy in the standings. Additionally, both the Eleven and the “Loons” have given up and allowed five goals each this season. Indy technically leads Minnesota in the standings on the strength of the NASL's fourth standings tiebreaker, away goals (3 to 2). Both teams are within one good result of second-place sharers Jacksonville & Tampa Bay, who sit on nine points entering the weekend. While New York appears to be running away with a 5-point gap up top, Indy Eleven does have a game in hand on the current front-runners.

P	TEAM	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	 New York Cosmos	6	4	2	0	9	3	6	14
2	 Jacksonville Armada FC	5	3	0	2	9	7	2	9
3	 Tampa Bay Rowdies	6	2	3	1	7	6	1	9
4	 Fort Lauderdale Strikers	5	2	1	2	7	6	1	7
5	 Atlanta Silverbacks	6	1	4	1	4	4	0	7
6	 Carolina RailHawks	6	1	3	2	7	7	0	6
7	 Indy Eleven	5	1	3	1	5	5	0	6
8	 Minnesota United FC	5	1	3	1	5	5	0	6
9	 FC Edmonton	5	1	2	2	9	12	-3	5
10	 Ottawa Fury FC	6	1	2	3	4	8	-4	5
11	 San Antonio Scorpions	5	1	1	3	6	9	-3	4

### WEEK 7 NASL FIXTURES:

#### Saturday, May 16:

Indy Eleven vs. Minnesota – 7:30 p.m. ET  
 Atlanta vs. Jacksonville – 7:30 p.m. ET  
 Carolina vs. New York – 7:30 p.m. ET  
 Tampa Bay vs. Fort Lauderdale – 7:30 p.m. ET

#### Sunday, May 17:

Edmonton vs. San Antonio – 4:00 p.m. ET

*Bye Week – Ottawa Fury FC*

### ELEVEN SHOPS LOCALLY WITH ADDITION OF

**CARMEL'S KELLER:** Kristian Nicht might have gotten the headlines this week on the roster movement front, but he wasn't the only addition to the squad, as Indy Eleven added Carmel native and former University of Louisville defender Daniel Keller to the team's roster on Monday. The 22-year-old was drafted in the third round (62<sup>nd</sup> overall) of January's MLS SuperDraft by defending MLS champion LA Galaxy, but will instead become the lone rookie on the now 22-man Indy roster.

Keller has some familiar faces with the “Boys in Blue,” having suited up alongside goalkeeper Jon Dawson for three years during their days at Brebeuf Jesuit High School in Indy and for three more years with current Eleven midfielder Dylan Mares at the UofL, where he played in 74 appearances from 2011-14 (redshirted 2010).

**HOME COOKIN' IMPROVING:** Indy Eleven's struggles at home in 2014 were well documented, but the squad's two victories to close out its Carroll Stadium slate against the NASL's top two squads 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. When factoring in a pair of 1-1 draws against New York and Carolina to open the 2015 slate at “The Mike,” Indy Eleven is now .500 (2W-5D-2L) at Carroll Stadium with a +1 goal differential (9 GF/8 GA) over its last 9 home games (2W-7D-7L all-time at home).

### KLEBERSON OUT INDEFINITELY WITH

**ACHILLES INJURY:** Just when it looked like midfielder Kleberson was close to getting back to the field of play, the Brazilian midfielder was dealt a tough blow on Tuesday when he suffered a tear of his right Achilles tendon in a non-contact situation during his first training session back as a neutral. No timetable for return is being set for the 35-year-old midfielder, who is set to undergo surgery to repair the injury early next week. Kleberson had appeared on the team's 18-man gameday roster back on April 11 vs. NYC, but had not made the 18 for any of the team's four other contests this season as he worked his way back from a nagging left hamstring injury that reoccurred during spring training in Arizona.

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### LAST TIME OUT – ARMADA SINKS

**UNDEFEATED STREAK:** Indy Eleven tasted defeat for the first time in nine games – and eight months dating back to last September – last Saturday 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.

[Click here for the full recap of the match at IndyEleven.com.](#)

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')

### OPPOSITION CAUTION FINALLY IN THE

**CARDS:** For the first time all season, an Indy Eleven opponent was shown a yellow card – two, in fact – during last weekend's loss at Jacksonville. That was offset by three shown to the "Boys in Blue," whose nine cautions on the season is the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest amount in the league.

### INFIRMARY UPDATE – STOJKOV SIDELINED

**WITH ANKLE SPRAIN:** Kleberson wasn't the only injury setback this week, although the right ankle sprain suffered in training by midfielder Dragan Stojkov does not have similar long-term concerns, the Macedonian expected to be out of training for another 1-2 weeks. Meanwhile, defender Judson McKinney continues to rehab from left ankle surgery last month, although whether he'll be ready for any Spring Season action remains up in the air. The only other injury question for Indy Eleven is in regards to captain Greg Janicki, as the center back has experience left calf tightness that, while bothersome, has not forced the Michigan native to miss one minute in 2015. As he was last week, the 30-year-old defender is listed as PROBABLE for this weekend.

**PINEDA MAKES RETURN:** After sitting out of Indy Eleven's previous three games, midfielder Victor Pineda made his return to the field last Saturday in Jacksonville, the 22-year-old ex-Chicago Fire man playing 67 minutes before coming off for Don Smart. Pineda's only previous appearance this season came during the opener on April 4 at Atlanta (62 minutes). Pineda had been nursing a sore left ankle ever since absorbing a hard tackle during Indy's preseason finale March 28 vs. Bradley University.

### HISTORY VS. MINNESOTA UNITED FC:

[MIN 3 : 2 IND \(5/03/14\)](#) – After allowing goals to Christian Ramirez and Daniel Mendes two minutes apart midway through the first half, it appeared Indy Eleven would have some momentum heading into the break after Simone Bracalello's own goal in the 43<sup>rd</sup> minute. However, Aaron Pitchkolan's blast from outside the box in first half stoppage time expanded MNU's lead back to two goals at the halftime whistle. The deficit proved too much to overcome, as Kleberson's PK three minutes deep into second half stoppage time was too little, too late at NSC Stadium.

[MIN 5 : 1 IND \(8/16/14\)](#) – Indy Eleven's 2<sup>nd</sup> trip to Minnesota was one it would like to have soon forgotten, as the Loons overran Indiana's Team early and often. Aaron Pitchkolan's 25<sup>th</sup> minute goal turned the tide, while Christian Ramirez's NASL Goal of the Year bicycle kick 12 minutes later deflated the visitors. Ensuing goals by Daniel Mendes (45+2'), Jaime Watson (53') and Ramirez again (58') would bury the visitors, who got a consolation tally from Kleberson in the 71<sup>st</sup> minute to avoid the shutout.

[IND 2 : 0 MNU \(10/11/14\)](#) – It was the win Indy Eleven fans had waited for all season, as the "Boys in Blue" got their first home victory in NASL play on their second-to-last try after a six-month wait. Victor Pineda got his first professional goal and gave Indy a 1-0 advantage in the 12<sup>th</sup> minute when he beat Matt VanOekel at the right post, and Jhulliam followed with a thunderous volley that snuck under the crossbar just after the halftime whistle. A genuine pitch invasion at the final whistle from by the Brickyard Battalion provided a cathartic end to the upset.



## **NORALES GOES BACK TO BACK ON TEAM OF**

**THE WEEK:** Indy Eleven defender Erick Norales gained his second straight nod to the NASL Team of the Week on April 29, this following his Week 4 performance in Indy Eleven's 1-1 draw with the Carolina RailHawks. After his six Team of the Week placements last season tied him for the most in defense across 2014, Norales was one of four defenders to earn multiple distinctions during the first four weeks of play in 2015, joining Roversio (NYC), Stefan Antonijevic (TBR) and Blake Wagner (CAR).

The Honduran also became the first member of the "Boys in Blue" to earn multiple Team of the Week honors in 2015, pushing him past defender Jaime Frias (Week 1), forward Brian Brown (Week 2), midfielder Sergio Pena (Week 3) and now former goalkeeper Kristian Nicht (Week 3) in the category. After the team's bye week for Week 5 action, Week 6 marked the first time Indy Eleven was shut out of the weekly best XI after last Saturday's 0-1 defeat in Jacksonville.

## **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 last Saturday at San Antonio – 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 [video of the goal](#) 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 half – 11 of 22 – of the team's players were either born outside the United States or carry dual-citizenship:

- \* MID **Brian Brown** - Jamaica
- DEF **Jaime Frias** – USA/Mexico
- \* MID **Kleber**son – Brazil
- \* MID **Osman Melgares** – Honduras
- DEF **Judson McKinney** – Ivory Coast
- \* GK **Kristian Nicht** – Germany
- \* DEF **Erick Norales** – 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. Head Coach/Director of Soccer Ops Juergen Sommer and President/GM Peter Wilt went to work immediately in November and went deep into the preseason to secure its returning core, their efforts ending with 14 of the 22 players on the opening day roster having spent at least five games with Indy last season.

## **Returning**

GK Jon Dawson  
DEF Marco Franco  
DEF Jaime Frias  
DEF Kyle Hyland  
DEF Cory Miller  
DEF Erick Norales  
MID Kleber  
son  
MID Dylan Mares  
GK Kristian Nicht  
MID Sergio Pena  
MID Victor Pineda  
MID Brad Ring  
MID Don Smart  
FWD Charlie Rugg

## **Newcomers**

FWD Brian Brown  
GK Keith Cardona  
DEF Greg Janicki  
DEF Daniel Keller  
DEF Judson McKinney  
MID Osman Melgares  
MID Dragan Stojkov  
FWD Wojciech Wojcik

**"SUPER SUB" SMART REPRISES ROLE:** If given the option, every player would want to start a match, but the success of Indy Eleven midfielder Don Smart off the bench can't be argued. The Jamaican right winger struck again during the team's season opener on April 4 at Atlanta, ending his 19-minute stint with confidence by stepping up to the penalty spot and nailing home the PK that allowed Indy to leave the ATL with a 1-1 draw.

While it may have been a mere coincidence, Smart's 62<sup>nd</sup> minute insertion into the game on April 18 at San Antonio was followed two minutes later by Erick Norales' headed equalizer. Combine that with his obvious on-field presence for Sergio Pena's 89' GWG, and more fuel gets added to the "Don Smart makes things happen" argument.

After giving Smart his first start of the season vs. Carolina on April 25 (66 minutes), head coach Juergen Sommer again opted to use Smart off the bench last weekend at Jacksonville, the Jamaican again providing energy late during a 23-minute stint in place of Victor Pineda.

Smart – who also came off the bench for an 8-minute stint at the end of the draw with New York on April 11 – did most of his damage on the scoresheet last season off the bench, scoring two of his three goals and notching all three assists as a substitute.

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**RECAP VS CAR – APRIL 25:** Indy Eleven was five minutes away from sharing the top spot in the NASL two weekends ago, 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<sup>th</sup>.

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.

[Click here for the full recap of the match at IndyEleven.com.](#)

Statistics	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 (Tiyi 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.

[Click here for the full recap of the match at IndyEleven.com.](#)

Statistics	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')

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**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.

[Click here for the full recap of the match at 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.

[Click here for the full recap of the match at IndyEleven.com](#)

Statistics	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**

*(1W-3D-0L overall & in NASL Spring Season)*

<b>UNF</b>	<b>POS</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>MIN</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>E</b>
9	FW	Brian Brown	5	3	281	1	0	0	0
5	DF	Erick Norales	5	5	450	1	0	0	0
20	MF	Sergio Peña	5	3	281	1	0	1	0
7	MF	Don Smart	5	1	145	1	0	1	0
6	MF	Dylan Mares	5	4	389	0	1	1	0
19	FW	Wojciech Wojcik	4	3	264	0	1	0	0
23	DF	Marco Franco	5	5	450	0	0	2	0
12	DF	Greg Janicki	5	5	450	0	0	1	0
24	GK	Kristian Nicht	4	4	360	0	0	0	0
3	DF	Jaime Frias	5	5	430	0	0	0	0
17	MF	Dragan Stojkov	4	3	266	0	0	1	0
99	FW	Charlie Rugg	5	4	353	0	0	0	0
25	MF	Osman Melgares	5	4	308	0	0	1	0
4	MF	Brad Ring	4	3	284	0	0	1	0
27	MF	Victor Pineda	2	2	129	0	0	0	0
18	DF	Kyle Hyland	1	0	20	0	0	0	0
1	GK	Keith Cardona	1	1	90	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
16	DF	Cory Miller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		<i>own goals for</i>				<i>1</i>			
		<b>Eleven totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>
		<i>Opponent totals</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>450</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>

**GAME-WINNING GOALS:** Sergio Pena 1 (4/18 @ SAS)

**GAME-WINNING ASSISTS:** Wojciech Wojcik 1 (4/18 @ SAS)

**PENALTY KICKS:** Don Smart (1-for-1)

**INDY ELEVEN INDIVIDUAL GOALKEEPING**

<b>UNF</b>	<b>POS</b>	<b>GOALKEEPER</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>GS</b>	<b>MIN</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAA</b>	<b>SVS</b>	<b>PG</b>	<b>PA</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>SO</b>
24	GK	Kristian Nicht	4	4	360	4	1.00	13	0	0	1	3	0	0
1	GK	Keith Cardona	1	1	90	1	1.00	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
35	GK	Jon Dawson	0	0	0	-	---	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		<b>Eleven Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
		<i>Opponent totals</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>450</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1.00</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>

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## 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 – Jacksonville, FL	0-1 L / 8,318
Sat., May 16	7:30 pm	vs. Minnesota United FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	WISH-TV/ESPN3.com
Sat., May 23	3:00 pm	at Ottawa Fury FC	TD Place – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	ESPN3.com
Sat., May 30	7:30 pm	vs. Tampa Bay Rowdies	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	WISH-TV/ESPN3.com
Sat., June 6	7:30 pm	at Fort Lauderdale Strikers	Lockhart Stadium – Fort Lauderdale, FL	ESPN3.com
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

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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, Canada	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, MN	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 – Jacksonville, 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

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Date	Time (ET)	Opponent	Venue	Round	TV/Result
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**#9 – BRIAN BROWN** **FWD** **6-1** **185 lbs.** **12/29/92** **Sandy Bay, Jamaica**

**2015 NASL SEASON:** 5 GP / 3 GS, 1G, 0A in 191 minutes

**LAST GAME (05/09 @ JAX):** Went the full 90 minutes in a 0-1 defeat, marking the team's first loss of 2015

**MISC:** 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:** 1 GP / 1 GS

**RECORD:** 0W-0D-1L **GA:** 1 **GAA:** 1.00 **SO:** 0 **PK'S:** 0 Faced

**LAST GAME (05/09 @ JAX):** Made his Indy Eleven – and professional – debut between the posts, making 3 saves in a 0-1 road loss

**MISC:** 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**

**2015 NASL SEASON:** Has not played in 2015

**LAST GAME (05/09 @ JAX):** Made 18-man gameday roster but DNP (coach's decision)

**2014 NASL SEASON:** DNP in regular season play

**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 – MARGO FRANCO** **DEF** **5-11** **155 lbs.** **10/06/91** **Chino Hills, CA**

**2015 NASL SEASON:** 5 GP / 5 GS, 0G, 0A in 450 minutes

**LAST GAME (05/09 @ JAX):** Went the full 90 minutes in a 0-1 defeat, marking the team's first loss of 2015

**2014 NASL SEASON:** 6 GP / 6 GS, 0G, 0A in 540 minutes

**MISC:** One of 3 players to log all 450 minutes through first 5 games (w/ Janicki & Norales) ... 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 loan 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 GAME (05/09 @ JAX):** Went the full 90 minutes in a 0-1 defeat, marking the team's first loss of 2015

**2014 NASL SEASON:** 25 GP / 24 GS, 1G, 0A in 2207 minutes

**MISC:** One of 4 players to start all 5 games thus far in 2015 (w/ Franco, Janicki & Norales) ... 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Div., 2008-2013)

**#18 – KYLE HYLAND** **DEF** **5-7** **155 lbs.** **3/01/91** **Bay Village, OH**

**2015 NASL SEASON:** 1 GP / 0 GS, 0G, 0A in 20 minutes

**LAST GAME (05/09 @ JAX):** DNP (coach's decision)

**2014 NASL SEASON:** 17 GP / 17 GS, 0G, 0A in 1295 minutes

**MISC:** Made season debut on 4/11, playing final 20 min of 1-1 draw v NYC in place of Frias ... Been on 18-man gameday roster for all 5 matches in 2015 ... 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)

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

**2015 NASL SEASON:** 5 GP / 5 GS, 0G, 0A in 450 minutes

**LAST GAME (05/09 @ JAX):** Went the full 90 minutes in a 0-1 defeat, marking the team's first loss of 2015

**MISC:** One of 3 players to log all 450 minutes through first 5 games (w/ Franco & Norales) ... 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 ... After ending his four-year run at Michigan State in 2006 as an All-Big Ten First Team performer, Janicki began his professional career in 2008 by signing with the Pittsburgh Riverhounds of the USL Second Division ... Finished 2008 on loan with Major League Soccer's D.C. United, who kept him for their 2009 campaign ... Spent next two years with Vancouver Whitecaps, first in 2010 with their USSF Division II outfit and the following season for their inaugural season in MLS.

**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

**MISC:** Signed with Indy Eleven on Monday (5/11) ... 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)

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

**2015 NASL SEASON:** Has not played in 2015

**LAST GAME (05/09 @ JAX):** DNP (injury)

**2014 NASL SEASON:** 20 GP/ 17 GS, 8G, 0A in 1547 minutes

**MISC:** Will miss indefinite amount of time after suffering R achilles tendon tear during training on 5/12 and will undergo surgery to repair early next week ... 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) ... Besiktas (Turkish First Div., 2005-07)... Manchester United (English Premier League, 2003-05) ... Atletico Paranaense (Brazilian First Div., 1999-2003)

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

**2015 NASL SEASON:** 5 GP / 5 GS, 0G, 1A in 389 minutes

**LAST GAME (05/09 @ JAX):** Entered at the halftime break and played final 45 minutes of 0-1 defeat, the team's first of 2015

**2014 NASL SEASON:** 24 GP / 11 GS, 0G, 2A in 1049 minutes

**MISC:** 5/09 @ JAX marked Mares' first appearance off the bench in 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 ... One of only two players with an assist in 2015 (Wojcik) ... 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 ... 13 appearances off the bench were second most (Smart – 18) ... 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 (05/09 @ JAX):** DNP (injury)

**MISC:** Underwent surgery on left ankle (bone chip/ Osteochondritis dissecans) on 4/07 and is out indefinitely ... 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)

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**#25 – OSMAN MELGARES** MID 5-8 145 lbs. 11/27/86 Tocoa, Honduras

**2015 NASL SEASON:** 5 GP / 4 GS, 0G, 0A in 308 minutes

**LAST GAME (05/09 @ JAX):** Started and played first 45 minutes of 0-1 road loss before exiting in favor of Mares

**MISC:** 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 Tocaños* ... Is a left-sided, left-footed player who is expected to provide box-to-box coverage on the flank.

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

**#16 – CORY MILLER** DEF 6-2 185 lbs. 7/22/88 Zionsville, IN

**2015 NASL SEASON:** Has not played in 2015

**LAST GAME (05/09 @ JAX):** DNP (coach's decision)

**2014 NASL SEASON:** 9 GP / 9 GS, 0G, 1A in 810 minutes

**MISC:** Has appeared on 18-man roster for all 5 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 assist for Indy on 9/20 @ FTL (Frias, 39') ... Signed with Indy Eleven on 8/28 and appeared on first 18-man gameday roster 2 days later for 8/30 v. NYC ... Made first appearance with Eleven as a starter on 9/06 @ ATL (2-1 W)

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

**#24 – KRISTIAN NICHT** GK 6-5 225 lbs. 4/039/82 Jena, Germany

**2015 NASL SEASON:** 4 GP / 4 GS

**RECORD:** 1W-3D-0L

**GA:** 4

**GAA:** 1.00

**SO:** 0

**PK'S:** 0 Faced

**LAST GAME (04/25 v CAR):** Made 4 saves in 1-1 draw at Carroll Stadium

**2014 NASL SEASON:** 27 GP / 27 GS

**RECORD:** 6W-9D-12L

**GA:** 46

**GAA:** 1.70

**SO:** 5

**PK'S:** 4 Faced/ 3 Allowed

**MISC:** Re-signed with Indy on Tuesday 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) ... Places T-5<sup>th</sup> in NASL among goalkeepers with at least 100 minutes of action with 1.00 GAA and 13 saves ... 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 397-minute 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 (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** DEF 5-11 165 lbs. 2/11/85 La Ceiba, Honduras

**2015 NASL SEASON:** 5 GP / 5 GS, 1G, 0A in 450 minutes

**LAST GAME (05/09 @ JAX):** Went the full 90 minutes in a 0-1 defeat, marking the team's first loss of 2015

**2014 NASL SEASON:** 21 GP / 21 GS, 2G, 0A in 1877 minutes

**MISC:** 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 ... One of 3 players to log all 450 minutes through first 5 games (w/ Franco & Janicki) ... 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 from 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 (Honduran 1<sup>st</sup> Div., 2002-06, 2013) ... Hunan Billows (Chinese 2<sup>nd</sup> Div., 2012)

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**#20 – SERGIO PEÑA** DEF 6-2 185 lbs. 5/09/87 Zamora, Honduras

**2015 NASL SEASON:** 5 GP / 3 GS, 1G, 0A in 281 minutes

**LAST GAME (05/09 @ JAX):** Returned to starting line-up and went the full 90 minutes in a 0-1 defeat, marking the team's first loss of 2015

**2014 NASL SEASON:** 15 GP / 15 GS, 0G, 1A in 1116 minutes

**MISC:** 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 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)

**#27 – VICTOR PINEDA** MID 5-11 152 lbs. 03/15/93 Bolingbrook, IL

**2015 NASL SEASON:** 2 GP / 2 GS, 0G, 0A in 129 minutes

**LAST GAME (05/09 @ JAX):** Returned to the field – and the starting XI – playing 67 mins in the 0-1 road loss, Indy's first of 2015

**2014 NASL SEASON:** 17 GP / 17 GS, 3G, 2A in 1406 minutes

**MISC:** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> on squad in 2014 in scoring w/ 3 goals (w/ Smart), including team-high 2 game-winners ... 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 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** MID 5-10 165 lbs. 4/07/87 Rockford, IL

**2015 NASL SEASON:** 4 GP / 3 GS, 0G, 0A in 284 minutes

**LAST GAME (05/09 @ JAX):** Went the full 90 minutes in a 0-1 defeat, marking the team's first loss of 2015

**2014 NASL SEASON:** 12 GP / 10 GS, 1G, 0A in 929 minutes

**MISC:** Place in starting XI in each of Indy's last 3 games ... 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 57<sup>th</sup> 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** FWD 6-0 175 lbs. 10/02/90 Roslindale, MA

**2015 NASL SEASON:** 5 GP / 3 GS, 0G, 0A in 353 minutes

**LAST GAME (05/09 @ JAX):** Played final 31 mins off the bench in place of Wojcik in a 0-1 road defeat, Indy's first of 2015

**2014 NASL SEASON:** 5 GP / 5 GS, 1G, 1A in 450 minutes

**MISC:** His 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 ... 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 @ NYC ... 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:** 5 GP / 1 GS, 1G, 0A in 145 minutes

**LAST GAME (05/09 @ JAX):** Played final 23 mins off the bench in place of Pineda in a 0-1 road defeat, Indy's first of 2015

**2014 NASL SEASON:** 27 GP / 9 GS, 3G, 3A in 1061 minutes

**MISC:** Made first start of 2015 on 4/25 v CAR ... 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** MID 5-9 160 lbs. 02/23/88 Strumica, Macedonia

**2015 NASL SEASON:** 4 GP / 3 GS, 0G, 0A in 266 minutes

**LAST GAME (05/09 @ JAX):** DNP (coach's decision)

**MISC:** Suffered R ankle sprain in training this week and is OUT for 5/16 v MNU ... 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 ... The 27-year-old Stojkov 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:** 4 GP / 3 GS, 0G, 1A in 264 minutes

**LAST GAME (05/09 @ JAX):** Started and played 59 mins in 0-1 road defeat, Indy's first of 2015

**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 ... 22-year-old striker comes 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.



## INDY ELEVEN ROSTER (as of 05/15/2015)

#	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	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	Kleberon	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)
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)
* 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

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**Assistant Coaches:** Tim Regan, Paul Telfer

**Goalkeeping Coach:** Gary Yohe

**Team Physician:** Michael DaRosa, DO

**Head Athletic Trainer:** Brian Gerlach

**Team Operations Manager:** Bianca Regich

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Keith Cardona	car-DOUGH-nah
Jaime Frias	HI-may FREE-ahs
Greg Janicki	JAN-ick-ee
Kleberon	KLEB-er-son
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