

INDY ELEVEN VS. OTTAWA FURY FC – SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015



NASL SPRING SEASON – INDY ELEVEN GAME #7

Indy Eleven (1W-3D-2L, 6 pts., 9th overall)

vs.

Ottawa Fury FC (1W-2D-3L, 5 pts., 11th overall)

Saturday, May 23, 2015 – TD Place
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada – 3:00 p.m. ET

TELEVISION: N/A STREAMING VIDEO: ESPN3.com
RADIO: N/A STREAMING AUDIO: [TSN 1200](http://TSN1200)

INDY ELEVEN PROBABLE STARTERS

(4-4-2, R → L):

GK: (24) Nicht

(23) Franco – (5) Norales – (12) Janicki – (18) Hyland
(27) Pineda – (20) Pena – (6) Mares – (25) Melgares
(99) Rugg – (19) Wojcik

Suspended: None

National Team Duty: None

OH CANADA: Indy Eleven will make the first of its three 2015 treks north of the border and into Canada this weekend for Saturday's affair against its "Class of 2014" mate, Ottawa Fury FC. Kickoff for the Saturday matinee is set for 3:00 p.m. ET and can be seen across the United States online via ESPN3.com streaming video and across the world on additional ESPN online platforms.

International travel treated Indy Eleven well last season, as the "Boys in Blue" brought the full three points back across the border from NASL Fall Season wins at FC Edmonton (1-0 W on July 27, 2014) and Ottawa (2-1 W on Oct. 26). Indy Eleven was merely returning the favor against Ottawa, who had previously captured the season series thanks to a pair of wins at IUPUI's Carroll Stadium on May 17 (2-4 L) and August 23 (1-2 L).

**COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK SPORTS
MEDICINE INJURY UPDATE (as of 05/21/15)**

OUT: MF Kleberon (L hamstring tightness), DF Judson McKinney (L ankle bone chip/ Osteochondritis dissecans)

DOUBTFUL: None

QUESTIONABLE: None

PROBABLE: DF Greg Janicki (L calf tightness), MF Victor Pineda (L ankle bone bruise)

ROAD WARRIORS: Indy Eleven had been riding a nearly record-length wave of good fortune on the road ... that was until a 0-1 loss at Jacksonville on May 9 derailed the team's five-game away undefeated streak, just one off the NASL's modern era record. However, Indiana's Team will still have the opportunity to even its all-time away ledger when it travels to Ottawa this Saturday, a record that currently sits at 5W-5D-6L (22 GF / 27 GA).

Indy Eleven became adept at gaining results on the road last year, with the squad going 4W-2D-3L in away affairs during Fall Season play (including a 2-1 win over Ottawa at TD Place on Oct. 26).

LAST TIME OUT – UNITED’S OFFENSIVE FRONT

OVERTAKES INDY: 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 49th 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 63rd 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 83rd 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.](#)

<u>Statistics</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MNU</u>
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

SOMMER SHAKES THINGS UP: Indy Eleven head coach Juergen Sommer looked to shake up a stagnant attack last Saturday night, as he made numerous changes to his starting XI for the match against Minnesota United. Whether it was due to injury or form, the Indy Eleven manager made four changes to the squad that suffered its first defeat the previous weekend in Jacksonville in addition to trying out a new-look 4-5-1 formation:

- Defenders Cory Miller and Kyle Hyland got their first starts of the season, coming in for Greg Janicki and Jaime Frias, respectively
- Dylan Mares was reinserted into the attacking center midfield role, in front of holding mids Sergio Pena and Brad Ring in the middle of the park
- Charlie Rugg was plugged back into the first choice squad, but out wide right for Victor Pineda.
- Rugg was opposite fellow striker Brian Brown, who moved back to replace Osman Melgares on the left flank





NICHT SO FAST? One change many expected Sommer to make last weekend was to reinsert recently re-acquired goalkeeper Kristian Nicht back into the first XI. However, the former USMNT ‘keeper decided instead to give another week of rest to the German veteran after his whirlwind fortnight with the Montreal Impact, allowing Keith Cardona to make his second straight start between the posts. The former New York Red Bulls Academy product Cardona would bear the brunt of Minnesota’s attack, allowing a season-high three goals in the defeat at Carroll Stadium last Saturday. Few will know what Sommer’s mindset will be on whom to put between the posts until the line-up sheets come out on Saturday.

GOALS HARD TO COME BY: While Indy Eleven is one of only three teams yet to record a shutout to this point in the season (alongside Carolina and Edmonton), it has also only been shut out one time – a 1-0 loss on May 9 in Jacksonville. Meanwhile, after scoring once in each of its first four games of the season, Ottawa has been kept off the scoreboard in its last two matches (0-1 L @ New York on May 2, 0-0 D v Tampa Bay on May 9), allowing the Canadian club to stew over a 247-minute goalless streak during its bye week last weekend. On the flip side, Ottawa has also been able to keep a pair of clean sheets during the campaign.

STINGY SATURDAY? To the point in the previous note, goals might be hard to come by when Indy and Ottawa clash in the Canadian capital Saturday. Ottawa’s four goals on the season currently ranks dead last among the NASL’s 11 teams, while Indy Eleven’s six tallies places above only Ottawa and Atlanta (5). Meanwhile, both teams have had respectable defensive numbers this season, their eight goals allowed each placing them smack dab in the middle of the NASL table in the category, tied for 6th alongside Jacksonville.

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TOP HALF OF TABLE WITHIN REACH WITH WIN: One look at the NASL table below heading into Spring Season Round 8 shows that, well, a Spring Season title and the automatic berth in The Championship playoff tourney that comes with it is, while mathematically still doable, not a strong likelihood for Indy Eleven. However, a win on Saturday and some help from across the league could see Indy Eleven jump from 9th all the way up to fourth place in a jam-packed middle of the table:

P	TEAM	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	 New York Cosmos	7	4	3	0	11	5	6	15
2	 Tampa Bay Rowdies	7	3	3	1	8	6	2	12
3	 Jacksonville Armada FC	6	3	1	2	10	8	2	10
4	 Minnesota United FC	6	2	3	1	8	6	2	9
5	 Atlanta Silverbacks	7	1	5	1	5	5	0	8
6	 Carolina RailHawks	7	1	4	2	9	9	0	7
7	 Fort Lauderdale Strikers	6	2	1	3	7	7	0	7
8	 San Antonio Scorpions	6	2	1	3	9	11	-2	7
9	 Indy Eleven	6	1	3	2	6	8	-2	6
10	 FC Edmonton	6	1	2	3	11	15	-4	5
11	 Ottawa Fury FC	6	1	2	3	4	8	-4	5

WEEK 8 NASL FIXTURES (all times ET):

Saturday, May 23:

Ottawa Fury FC vs. Indy Eleven – 3:00 p.m.
 New York Cosmos vs. San Antonio Scorpions – 7:00 p.m.
 Ft. Lauderdale Strikers vs Carolina RailHawks – 7:30 p.m.
 Minnesota vs. Jacksonville Armada FC – 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 24:

FC Edmonton vs. Atlanta Silverbacks – 4:00 p.m.

Bye Week = Tampa Bay Rowdies

HOME COOKIN': In contrast to its ability to trade blows on the road, 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 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. When factoring in a pair of 1-1 draws against New York and Carolina to open the 2015 slate at "The Mike" and last Saturday's 1-3 defeat to Minnesota, Indy Eleven is nearly .500 (2W-5D-3L) at Carroll Stadium with a -1 goal differential (10 GF/11 GA) over its last 10 home games (2W-7D-8L all-time at home).

RING DONS ARMBAND FOR FIRST TIME: With regular captain Greg Janicki earning a rest to nurse a nagging calf injury, veteran midfielder Brad Ring got the honor of wearing the captain's armband for the "Boys in Blue" last weekend against Minnesota. Ring is the fifth player to wear the "C" in team history, joining Janicki, Kristian Nicht, Kleberon and Erick Norales.

KLEBERSON GOES UNDER THE KNIFE: Brazilian star midfielder Kleberon underwent successful surgery on Tuesday 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 neutral training on his way back from a nagging hamstring ailment before suffering the non-contact injury. The 35-year-old midfielder led Indy Eleven in scoring with eight goals last season but had not seen the field yet in 2015. No timetable has been set for his return to action.

INDY HOPES PENN'S LACROIX IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD:

Indy Eleven brought their roster count to 23 this week with the addition of University of Pennsylvania graduate and striker Duke LaCroix. In his time with the Quakers, the 21 year-old New Jersey native racked up a number of illustrious honors, including four All-Ivy League Team placements (First Team in 2013 & 2014), the 2011 Ivy League Rookie of the Year award and the 2013 Ivy League Offensive Player of the Year honor. In all, Lacroix bagged 25 goals and added 15 assist during his UPenn career in 68 games. Lacroix, who spent some time with Indy Eleven during the team's preseason in March, arrived in Indianapolis on Wednesday and is officially available for selection by head coach Juergen Sommer for Saturday's trip to Ottawa.

INDY TO OPEN UP IN OPEN CUP WEDNESDAY:

Indy Eleven will have a busy week in store thanks to its debut in the 2015 edition of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup next Wednesday, May 27, when the "Boys in Blue" will welcome USL side Louisville City FC for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff at IUPUI's Carroll Stadium. The two squads separated by just 90 minutes of I-65 pavement are familiar with each other after meeting in preseason action back on March 21, when Louisville City defeated Indy Eleven by a 2-1 margin in an exhibition match at UIndy's Key Stadium.

Indy Eleven went 1-1 during its first Open Cup run last year, defeating the Dayton Dutch Lions (USL PRO) at home 5-2 in the 3rd round on May 28 before suffering a heartbreaking 1-2 extra time loss to MLS' Columbus Crew at the University of Akron on June 17.

Should Indy Eleven advance past Louisville City, the reward is a 4th round road game at MLS outfit Chicago Fire in a match scheduled to take place at Toyota Park in Bridgeview, Ill., on June 16 or 17.

“IRONMAN” CONTEST A TWO-MAN RACE: After Kristian Nicht played every minute of every game last year, perhaps the stakes were raised when it came to which member of the “Boys in Blue” would log the most time in 2015. Not only are defenders Marco Franco and Erick Norales the only two players to play all 540 minutes across the team’s first six games in 2015, but they’re the only ones to start all six as well. An additional five players (Mares, Rugg, Brown, Peña & Smart) have seen some time in every game to this point.

FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH: After starting the season without any players of rookie status, Indy Eleven has added two players in as many weeks that carry that title. Defender Daniel Keller, a native of Carmel and product of the University of Louisville, was added on May 11, while forward Duke Lacroix is literally fresh out of the University of Pennsylvania, signing with Indy Eleven on Thursday after leaving the Ivy League institution last week with his Bachelor’s degree in sociology.

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 [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.

After his 49th minute header last week against Minnesota, the Honduran holding mid is the lone member of the “Boys in Blue” with multiple goals thus far in 2015.

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.

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 dual-citizenship:

- * MID **Brian Brown** - Jamaica
- DEF **Jaime Frias** – USA/Mexico
- * MID **Kleber** – 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 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.

<u>Returning</u>	<u>Newcomers</u>
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 Kleber	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	

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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 49th 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.](#)

<u>Statistics</u>	<u>JAX</u>	<u>IND</u>
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 6th 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 78th minute that were either saved by Carolina netminder Hunter Gilstrap or blocked by defenders – came back to haunt them in the 85th 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.](#)

<u>Statistics</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>CAR</u>
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

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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 89th 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 52nd 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 64th 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 81st 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 2nd 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')

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 12th 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 65th 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'

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RECAP @ ATL – APRIL 4: Indy Eleven fans got used to holding their breath last season ... and that carried over into its season opener April 4th 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 92nd 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](http://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'

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INDY ELEVEN 2015 NASL REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS
(1W-3D-2L overall & in NASL Spring Season)

<i>UNF</i>	<i>POS</i>	<i>PLAYER</i>	<i>GP</i>	<i>GS</i>	<i>MIN</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>E</i>
20	MF	Sergio Peña	6	4	371	2	0	1	0
9	FW	Brian Brown	6	4	348	1	0	0	0
5	DF	Erick Norales	6	6	540	1	0	0	0
7	MF	Don Smart	6	1	168	1	0	1	0
6	MF	Dylan Mares	6	5	479	0	2	1	0
19	FW	Wojciech Wojcik	5	4	354	0	1	0	0
23	DF	Marco Franco	6	6	540	0	0	2	0
12	DF	Greg Janicki	5	5	450	0	0	1	0
99	FW	Charlie Rugg	6	5	443	0	0	0	0
3	DF	Jaime Frias	5	5	430	0	0	0	0
24	GK	Kristian Nicht	4	4	360	0	0	0	0
4	MF	Brad Ring	5	4	360	0	0	1	0
25	MF	Osman Melgares	5	4	308	0	0	1	0
17	MF	Dragan Stojkov	4	3	266	0	0	1	0
1	GK	Keith Cardona	2	2	180	0	0	0	0
27	MF	Victor Pineda	3	2	143	0	0	0	0
18	DF	Kyle Hyland	2	1	110	0	0	0	0
16	DF	Cory Miller	1	1	90	0	0	0	0
35	GK	Jon Dawson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	DF	Daniel Keller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	MF	Kleberson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	FW	Duke Lacroix	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	DF	Judson McKinney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>own goals for</i>						<i>1</i>			
Eleven totals			6	6	540	6	3	9	0
<i>Opponent totals</i>			<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>540</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>3</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

<i>UNF</i>	<i>POS</i>	<i>GOALKEEPER</i>	<i>GP</i>	<i>GS</i>	<i>MIN</i>	<i>GA</i>	<i>GAA</i>	<i>SVS</i>	<i>PG</i>	<i>PA</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>SO</i>
24	GK	Kristian Nicht	4	4	360	4	1.00	13	0	0	1	3	0	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			6	6	540	8	1.33	19	0	0	1	3	2	0
<i>Opponent totals</i>			<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>540</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1.00</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</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	1-3 L / 10,524*
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

*** 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, 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

*** 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 rd	N/A
June 16/17	N/A	Chicago Fire (MLS)	Toyota Park – Bridgeview, IL	4 th	N/A

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#9 – BRIAN BROWN FWD 6-1 185 lbs. 12/29/92 Sandy Bay, Jamaica

2015 NASL SEASON: 6 GP / 4 GS, 1G, 0A in 348 minutes

LAST GAME (05/16 v MNU): Made first start on the left flank and went the full 90 mins in a 1-3 defeat at Carroll Stadium

MISC: One of 7 players to appear in all 6 games thus far in 2015 ... 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-0D-2L

GA: 4

GAA: 2.00

SO: 0

PK'S: 0 Faced

LAST GAME (05/16 v MNU): Made 3 saves but allowed season-high 3 goals in 1-3 defeat at Carroll Stadium in his 2nd professional start

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 (05/16 v MNU): 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 – MARCO FRANCO DEF 5-11 155 lbs. 10/06/91 Chino Hills, CA

2015 NASL SEASON: 6 GP / 6 GS, 0G, 0A in 540 minutes

LAST GAME (05/16 v MNU): Went the full 90 minutes in a 1-3 defeat at Carroll Stadium

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

MISC: One of 2 players to log all 540 minutes through first 6 games (w/ 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 (13th 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 (05/16 v MNU): 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)

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

2015 NASL SEASON: 2 GP / 1 GS, 0G, 0A in 110 minutes

LAST GAME (05/16 v MNU): Earned his first start of 2015, going the full 90 minutes in the 1-3 defeat at Carroll Stadium

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

MISC: Made first start of 2015 on 5/16 v MNU (1-3 L) ... Made his 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 6 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 (05/16 v MNU): DNP (coach's decision)

MISC: Suffering from a left calf ailment, was available off the bench but ultimately DNP (coach's decision) on 5/16 v MNU ... Up until then, was one of three 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

2015 NASL SEASON: Has not played in 2015

LAST GAME (05/16 v MNU): DNP (coach's decision)

MISC: After signing earlier in the week, made the 18-man roster but DNP on 5/16 v MNU ... Signed with Indy Eleven on May 11 ... Versatile defender can play anywhere along backline and at defensive midfield spot ... Selected in 3rd round (62nd 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 (05/16 v MNU): 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 (underwent successful surgery on Tuesday) ... 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 7th 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: 6 GP / 5 GS, 0G, 2A in 479 minutes

LAST GAME (05/16 v MNU): Returned to starting XI and contributed on lone tally, his corner kick nodded home by Pena (49') of a 1-3 defeat

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

MISC: One of 7 players to appear in all six games thus far in 2015 ... Only player with multiple assists on the season (2) after Pena nodded home his corner kick on 5/16 v MNU (49') ... 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 64th 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 5th 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 (05/16 v MNU): 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 (05/16 v MNU): DNP (coach's decision)

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 Tocaños* ... 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 1st Div., 2012-14; 2nd Div. 2007-12)

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

2015 NASL SEASON: 1 GP / 1 GS, 0G, 0A in 90 minutes

LAST GAME (05/16 v MNU): Got first minutes of the season via starting nod and went the full 90 in a 1-3 defeat at Carroll Stadium

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

MISC: Made 2015 debut in starting XI on 5/16 v MNU ... Has appeared on 18-man roster for all 6 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 (05/16 v MNU): DNP (coach's decision)

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: 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) ... Places T-5th in NASL among goalkeepers with at least 100 minutes of action with 1.00 GAA and T-6th with 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 5th 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 1st/2nd Div., 2004-2008)... Viking (Norwegian 1st Div., 2008-09)... Karlsruher SC (German 2nd 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: 6 GP / 6 GS, 1G, 0A in 540 minutes

LAST GAME (05/16 v MNU): Went the full 90 minutes in a 1-3 defeat at Carroll Stadium

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

MISC: One of 2 players to log all 540 minutes through first 6 games (w/ Franco) ... 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 64th 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 from Sept. 3-13, starting 3 of 4 appearances and helping squad into playoff with Caribbean Cup 5th 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 1st Div., 2006-2011, 2013) ... C.D. Vida (Honduran 1st Div., 2002-06, 2013) ... Hunan Billows (Chinese 2nd Div., 2012)

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

2015 NASL SEASON: 6 GP / 4 GS, 2G, 0A in 371 minutes

LAST GAME (05/16 v MNU): Went full 90 mins and bagged 2nd goal of the season via a 49' header in a 1-3 defeat at Carroll Stadium

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

MISC: Only player on Indy Eleven in 2015 with multiple goals (2) ... Scored 2nd goal of season on 5/16 v MNU, his thunderous header off Mares' corner counting as Indy's lone tally (1-3 L) ... One of 7 players to appear in all 6 games in 2015 ... 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 1st Div., 2012-14; 2nd Div. 2007-12)

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

2015 NASL SEASON: 3 GP / 2 GS, 0G, 0A in 145 minutes

LAST GAME (05/16 v MNU): Played final 14 mins off the bench in a 1-3 defeat at Carroll Stadium

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 3rd 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: 5 GP / 4 GS, 0G, 0A in 360 minutes

LAST GAME (05/16 v MNU): Wore the captain's armband for the first time and went 76 mins in a 1-3 defeat at Carroll Stadium

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 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 FWD 6-0 175 lbs. 10/02/90 Roslindale, MA

2015 NASL SEASON: 6 GP / 5 GS, 0G, 0A in 443 minutes

LAST GAME (05/16 v MNU): Returned to starting XI – this time on the right flank – and went the full 90 mins in a 1-3 defeat

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

MISC: One of 7 players to appear in all 6 games 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: 6 GP / 1 GS, 1G, 0A in 168 minutes

LAST GAME (05/16 v MNU): Played final 23 mins off the bench in place of Brown in a 1-3 defeat at Carroll Stadium

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

MISC: One of 7 players to appear in all 6 games in 2015 ... 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 3rd in scoring on Indy in 2014 (w/ Pineda) with 3 goals and alone in 2nd 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 (05/16 v MNU): DNP (injury)

MISC: Suffered R ankle sprain in training on May 11 and is OUT for both 5/16 v MNU & 5/23 @ OTT ... 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 Iliasiakos) 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: 5 GP / 4 GS, 0G, 1A in 354 minutes

LAST GAME (05/16 v MNU): Started and went the full 90 mins in 1 1-3 defeat at Carroll Stadiu

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.

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INDY ELEVEN ROSTER (as of 05/21/2015)

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	Nationality	DoB	Last Club
1	Keith Cardona	GK	6'4"	200	Glen Rock, NJ	USA	11/07/92	FC 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	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)
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

Head Coach/Director of Soccer Operations: Juergen Sommer

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

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
Kleberon	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