

# NASL FALL SEASON GAME #6 / COMBINED SEASON GAME #16

# **Indy Eleven**

(4W-6D-5L, 18 pts., 6th combined; 1-2-2, 5 pts, 8th Fall Season)

at

# FC Edmonton

(4W-5D-7L, 17 pts., 9th combined; 2-2-2, 8 pts., 4th Fall Season)

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#### INDY ELEVEN PROBABLE STARTERS

(4-4-2, R → L):

**GK: (24) Nicht** 

(23) Franco – (2) McKinney – (16) Miller – (18) Hyland

(15) Keller

(7) Smart (21) Richards (27) Pineda (19) Wojcik – (9) Brown

Suspended: Erick Norales

**HISTORY vs. FC EDMONTON:** After splitting their three games right down the middle in 2014, Indy Eleven took a 2W-1D-1L series advantage over FC Edmonton on June 13 by taking their first meeting in 2015 with a commanding win at "The Mike". Here's how their four meetings have shaken out:

IND 3:0 FCE – June 13, 2015: Late first-half goals by Brian Brown and Dylan Mares helped stake Indy out to a 2-0 halftime lead, while Duke Lacroix's account opener gave the "Boys in Blue" their largest margin of victory in its brief NASL history.

# COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK SPORTS MEDICINE INJURY UPDATE (as of 08/04/15)

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

**DOUBTFUL**: None **QUESTIONABLE**:

<u>PROBABLE</u>: FW Duke Lacroix (L hip flexor strain), MF Brad Ring (R heel contusion)

<u>IND 1:1 FCE - Sept. 13, 2014</u>: Victor Pineda's 16<sup>th</sup> minute side-winder is canceled out by Neil Hlavaty's 25<sup>th</sup> minute free kick in the 2014 series finale at Carroll Stadium.

FCE 0: 1 IND – July 27: Despite getting badly out-shot, Indy Eleven's first trip north of the border saw it arise victorious over the home-standing "Eddies" thanks to Kleberson pouncing on a loose ball from 12 yards out in second half stoppage time.

IND 1: 2 FCE – May 10: All three goals were scored within a five-minute period in the first half, Edmonton strikes by Daryl Fordyce (24') & Kareem Jones (26') proving too much to overcome after Mike Ambersley (29') cut the lead in half.

# **LAST TIME OUT – MENDES' REVENGE DOOMS INDY TO DEFEAT:** Indy Eleven saw its four-game home unbeaten streak and nine-game home goal streak come to an end last Saturday as an early Pedro Mendes goal proved enough to down the home side in front of 9,632 fans at IUPUI's Carroll Stadium.

Though the "Boys in Blue" looked to control the game early on, Atlanta was the first to capitalize on their opportunity in the 15<sup>th</sup> minute when Jaime Chavez placed a ball in front of the former Indy Eleven attacker Mendes who buried the ball into the right side netting past Kristian Nicht to give the Silverbacks a 1-0 lead.

The home side dialed up multiple attacking numbers in the ensuing minutes, with a four-shot possession in the 17<sup>th</sup> minute through Dane Richards, Victor Pineda—who had two attempts on goal—and Kyle Hyland going for naut followed by a 19<sup>th</sup> minute set-piece opportunity which striker Brian Brown headed on frame. The Atlanta defense, anchored by goalkeeper Stewart Ceus who acrobatically made a diving stop of Brown's effort, would hold their own however, keeping a stronghold of the game and its score line as they took a 1-0 lead into halftime.

Indiana's team would come out of the break desperately searching for an equalizer--and would nearly find it across multiple occasions in the second half, including a boost from Dane Richards in the 53<sup>rd</sup> minute and a Dragan Stojkov rip in the 67<sup>th</sup> minute among others—but Atlanta's defense would continuously hold strong and prevent Indy from drawing level en route to their 1-0 victory.

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

Statistics	IND	ATL
Shots	18	9
Shots on Goal	5	5
Fouls	18	23
Corners	7	4
Saves	4	5
Offside	1	2
Possession %	53	47

#### **Scoring Summary:**

ATL- Pedro Mendes (Jaime Chavez) 15'

#### **Discipline Summary:**

ATL- Kyle Porter (caution) 19'

ATL- Pedro Mendes (caution) 74'

ATL- Paulo Mendes (caution) 88'

Indy Eleven line-up (4-4-2): Kristian Nicht; Marco Franco, Greg Janicki (capt), Cory Miller, Kyle Hyland; Brad Ring, Dragan Stojkov (Don Smart 77'), Zach Steinberger (Charlie Rugg 65'), Victor Pineda; Brian Brown (Wojciech Wojcik 60'), Dane Richards

Indy Bench: Keith Cardona (GK), Judson McKinney, Daniel Keller

# INDY INKS GUATEMALAN INTERNATIONAL MARVIN CEBALLOS: First it was Dane Richards, then Zach Steinberger ... but Indy Eleven wasn't done bolstering its midfield corps there, as the squad announced Tuesday the signing of Guatemalan international Marvin Ceballos for the remainder of the NASL Fall Season. The 23-year-old playmaker joined the Eleven camp last week but did not travel to Canada for Wednesday's match at FC Edmonton, and is instead expected to make his debut against Ottawa Fury FC Saturday in Indianapolis.

Ceballos grew up in the youth ranks of powerhouse CSD Communicaciones in his native country and moved up to its first team in 2011, scoring 8 goals in 69 regular season matches and adding another in CONCACAF Champions League play during the 2010/11 and 2014/15 tournament. Ceballos has registered 5 "caps" for Guatemala's senior national team, including three between last August and October. Ceballos is widely known for his goal in the 2011 FIFA U-20 World Cup against Croatia, his 81' tally in the Group D finale sending los Chapines to a 1-0 win that clinched their passage to the Round of 16.

#### STEINBERGER RETURNS TO CIRCLE CITY:

Before Ceballos' arrival, former Butler University midfielder Zach Steinberger was the newest "Boy in Blue" after coming to Indy Eleven on Ioan from Major League Soccer's Houston Dynamo on July 29. Steinberger wasted no time getting himself acclimated, starting and playing 65 minutes in last Saturday's 0-1 loss to Atlanta.

The native of Long Beach, Calif., returns to the Circle City after being selected in the first round (8<sup>th</sup> overall) of the 2015 MLS SuperDraft out of Butler University by the Dynamo back on January 15. The 23-year-old midfielder logged 29 minutes during three substitute appearances for Houston in regular season play and made three more appearances – including two starts – in Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup play across the last six weeks, totaling 184 minutes.

# **CAPTAIN NORALES TO SERVE 2<sup>ND</sup> GAME OF SUSPENSION:** Upon review by its Disciplinary Committee, the North American Soccer League (NASL) on July 29 assessed an additional one-game suspension to Indy Eleven defender Erick Norales for his actions during the team's 1-1 against the New York Cosmos on July 25. Both Norales and New York midfielder Sebastien Guenzatti received red cards for their roles in an on-field altercation in the 65th minute of that game.

After sitting out last Saturday's loss to Atlanta, the Indy Eleven captain will serve his additional game on Wednesday during the team's match at FC Edmonton. He will be eligible to return to the field this Saturday, August 8, against Ottawa Fury FC at Carroll Stadium.

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**CENTER BACK SHUFFLE:** After not seeing a player ejected during its first 12 games of the year, Erick Norales' ejection on July 25 vs. New York marked the second straight game Indy Eleven was forced to play a man down. The recipient of the first red card, defender Cory Miller, stepped back into the first XI for Norales last Saturday against Atlanta, pairing at center back with veteran Greg Janicki for just the second time in 2015 – the first coming back on May 30 vs. Tampa Bay (2-2 draw). With Norales out once again, Janicki and Miller could reprise their partnership for a third time Wednesday at FC Edmonton.

MARES SLOWED BY KNEE SURGERY: Midfielder Dylan Mares has been hot in 2015, but he'll be cooled off for 4-6 weeks after undergoing surgery to repair a tear in his right meniscus (knee). The successful procedure was performed last Friday by Dr. Greg Estes of Community Health Sports Medicine.

Mares was coming off a week where he scored his teamhigh third goal in a 1-1 draw with New York on July 25, a play that won the NASL's Play of the Week honor and landed him a spot on the league's Team of the Week. The goal broke a three-game drought on the scoresheet to begin the Fall Season, this after he finished the Spring on a tear with a pair of goals and assists in a three-game stretch. The South Bend native and IU product is also the team leader with four assists in 2015, which places him tied for third place in the NASL and just one helper behind the league leaders in the category.

**ROAD WARRIORS:** Despite its July 19<sup>th</sup> setback during its last road trip to Ottawa, Indy Eleven has represented quite well on the road during its brief history. Prior to its May 9 loss at Jacksonville, Indy was actually on the cusp of a record-setting performance, that 0-1 loss derailing the team's five-game away undefeated streak – just one off the NASL's modern era record.

The loss at Fury FC brought Indy Eleven's all-time away mark to 6W-6D-8L (27 GF / 34 GA). Indy Eleven became adept at gaining results on the road following its slow start last year, as Indiana's Team is actually at the .500 mark away from Carroll Stadium in the 16 road games played since the start of the 2014 Fall Season (6W-4D-6L). Indy has proven it doesn't mind going through customs, as "Indiana's Team" is 2W-0D-1L in its three trips north of the border during its brief history.

ONE GOAL ALLOWED, ONE MORE TIME: Saturday's 0-1 loss to Atlanta marked the 11<sup>th</sup> time in 15 games that Indy Eleven had allowed one goal in NASL play in 2015. In those 11 games, Indy Eleven has won three (all 2-1 wins), lost three (obviously all 0-1 losses) and tied five. Goalkeeper Kristian Nicht has been in goal for 10 of the matches, with Keith Cardona backstopping one one-goal allowance (May 7 @ JAX).

**GETTING OFFENSIVE:** Indy Eleven saw its streak of seven straight games with at least one goal come to an end with last Saturday's 0-1 loss to Atlanta. Across that seven game streak, Indy had scored 13 goals, this after the "Boys in Blue" tallied just 6 times goals in their opening 7 games of the 2015 season. Indy Eleven has now tallied multiple goals five of the last eight times out, a feat it accomplished just once across its first 7 matches (4/18 @ SAS, 2-1 W).

RICHARDS OFF AND RUNNING: Indy Eleven made some noise on the roster front on July 10 when it added Jamaican international midfielder Dane Richards on Ioan from MLS' New York Red Bulls. Richards made his debut in a central midfield role during a 68-minute stint at Ottawa on July 19, moved to forward alongside fellow countryman Brian Brown in his home debut and played 72 minutes against New York on July 25 and went the full 90 for the first time in checkers last Saturday versus Atlanta, again paired up top with Brown.

The 31-year-old veteran has 24 goals and 26 assists under his belt in MLS play from his stints with NYRB (2007-12, 2015) and Vancouver (2012), and he places 2<sup>nd</sup> on the Red Bulls' career lists in minutes (11,598), games played (159) and starts (133). Richards hopped overseas from 2013-14, initially signing with English Championship side Burnley for a short stint before joining Norwegian club FK Bodø/Glimt for most of those seasons.

Richards also brings vast international experience to the Circle City, scoring 10 goals in 45 senior appearances for the Jamaican Men's National Team. Richards holds a U.S. Green Card and therefore does not count against the team's seven international player slots on the roster,

**HOME COOKIN' TASTING BETTER:** Last season's tough start at "The Mike" is all but a distant memory, as Indy Eleven has vastly improved its performances in front of the league's best fans. After going 0W-5D-7L to begin its tenure at IUPUI's Carroll Stadium in 2014, Indy Eleven rallied to win its final two games at home last October, and that momentum has trickled over into year two – although last Saturday's 0-1 defeat to Atlanta marked just the second home setback in league play in 2015. Counting those last two triumphs in 2014, Indy Eleven has lost just twice in its last 10 NASL home contests [(4W-4D-2L with a +4 goal differential (14 GF/10 GA)].

#### STOJKOV SEES SCORESHEET FOR FIRST

**TIME:** Macedonian midfielder Dragan Stojkov registered his first assist in an Indy uniform on July 25 vs. New York, supplying the pass that resulted in Dylan Mares equalizer in the 1-1 draw at Carroll Stadium. Stojkov's helper was the team's 11<sup>th</sup> assist from its 19 goals scored in now 15 games. However, outside of Dylan Mares (4), no member of the squad has tallied multiple assists this season.

sharing the below the helpers, Indy Eleven is sharing the love when it comes to hitting the back of the net. Ten different players have combined on 18 goals this season (the 19<sup>th</sup> came via an own goal by Carolina's Zach Scott), with Dylan Mares' third of the season on July 25 vs. New York giving him sole possession of the team lead in the category. Mares broke a logjam at two goals, now shared by six players – Wojciech Wojcik, Victor Pineda, Brian Brown, Erick Norales, Sergio Pena & Don Smart – all of whom will have the chance to pass Mares, who is out for the next 4-6 weeks due to injury. Defender Judson McKinney became the latest player to dent the scoresheet for the first time when he scored at Ottawa on July 19.

**McKINNEY MAKES HIS MARK:** While many expected to see Dane Richards see his first minutes in checkers in Ottawa on July 19, a less expected debut came from Judson McKinney – and it will be one the defender will certainly remember. After coming on in place stalwart right back Marco Franco in the 77<sup>th</sup> minute, McKinney would mark his first NASL minutes, scoring on a header two minutes deep into stoppage time to salvage something from an otherwise disappointing second half.

#### FRANCO STARTS ANOTHER "IRONMAN" RUN:

23-year-old right back Marco Franco was the only member of Indy Eleven to play every single minute of league play this season – that was until he suffered a knock in the second half of the team's July 19 match at Ottawa, leaving in the 77<sup>th</sup> minute (spelled by Judson McKinney). Since then Franco has got back to his 90-minute ways against New York and Atlanta the last two weekends, keeping him as the only "Boy in Blue" to start the team's first 15 NASL games. Franco's "Ironman" streak actually dates back to last September, as the ex-Chicago Fire man has started each of Indy's last 21 contests, including U.S. Open Cup play.

Franco, Charlie Rugg, and Brian Brown have all appeared in every regular season game in 2015, and Dylan Mares was in that group until a knee injury forced him to miss his first game of the season last Saturday against Atlanta.

**MELGARES LOAN ENDS EARLY:** Indy Eleven announced on July 15 that the club and midfielder Osman Melgares mutually agreed to end their loan agreement, sending the 28-year-old back to Honduran First Division side Real Sociedad. Melgares, who occupied an international roster spot, started 4 of 6 league appearances with Indy (317 min) and went the distance in the squad's U.S. Open Cup clash vs. Louisville in May.

MARES MAKES TEAM OF THE WEEK: Dylan Mares became just the second member of Indy Eleven to make multiple NASL Team of the Week appearances on Wednesday, when the midfielder was named to the Fall Week 4 squad. Defender Erick Norales still leads the way not just on his team, but across the NASL with six nods in 2015, while seven other players have been named on a single occasion across the team's first 14 games ...

- 6 Erick Norales (Spr 3, 4, 10 & 11; Fall 1 & 2)
- 2 Dylan Mares (Spr 11 & Fall 4)
- 1 Brian Brown (Spr 2),
- 1 Jaime Frias (Spr 1)
- 1 Kyle Hyland (Spr 9)
- 1 Kristian Nicht (Spr 4)
- 1 Sergio Pena (Spr 3)
- 1 Victor Pineda (Spr 10)
- 1 Wojciech Wojcik (Fall 2)

**REGAN REGIME ROLLS ON:** Since taking control of the Indy Eleven sideline, interim head coach and director of soccer operations Tim Regan has guided the "Boys in Blue" to a 3W-2D-2L record, this after a sluggish 1W-4D-3L start to the team's 2015 NASL campaign and an early exit in Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup play.

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

Regan brings impressive credentials on the field and the sidelines into his new dual role, the Orland Hills, Ill.-native enjoying a decorated career at Bradley University before being selected in the 2nd round of the 2003 MLS SuperDraft by the MetroStars, which at the time was under the direction of future United States and Egyptian National Team coach Bob Bradley – the first coach hired by Wilt during his tenure with MLS' Chicago Fire. Regan appeared in 81 regular season games in North America's top flight with MetroStars (2003-05), Chivas USA (2006), NY Red Bulls (2007) and Toronto FC (2008).

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

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER: When you're watching an Indy Eleven game, here's a piece of advice – DON'T LEAVE EARLY! Nine of Indy Eleven's 18 points this season have been earned by goals coming in the 85<sup>th</sup> minute or later. Six of those points came during Indy's fivegame undefeated streak spanning the Spring and Fall Seasons, starting with Kyle Hyland's 98<sup>th</sup> minute goal that brought the Tampa Bay game on May 30 to a 2-2 draw, while Victor Pineda's 93<sup>rd</sup> minute goal on June 6 lifted Indy to a 2-1 win at Fort Lauderdale. Here's the rundown of the late game tallies that have earned – and cost – the "Boys in Blue" points:

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

**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 now close to half – 12 of 25 – of the team's players following the recent additions of midfielders Dane Richards and Marvin Ceballos were either born outside the United States or carry duel-citizenship:

- \* MID Brian Brown Jamaica
- \* MID Marvin Ceballos Guatemala

DEF Jaime Frias - USA/Mexico

\* MID Kleberson - Brazil

DEF Judson McKinney - Ivory Coast

- \* GK Kristian Nicht Germany
- \* DEF Erick Norales Honduras
- \* MID Sergio Peña Honduras

MID Dane Richards - Jamaica

MID **Don Smart** – Jamaica/USA

\* MID Dragan Stojkov - Macedonia

FWD Wojciech Wojcik - Poland

**EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN:** The biggest question during Indy Eleven's offseason was if the squad would be able to keep the pieces of the roster it wanted into season two, especially after the promising end to the club's inaugural campaign. The team's technical staff went to work immediately in November and went deep into the preseason to secure its returning core, their efforts ending with 14 of the 21 players on the opening day roster having spent at least five games with Indy last season.

But the search for new blood has ramped up since May, yielding rookies Daniel Keller and Duke Lacroix in May and Dane Richards, Zach Steinberger and Marvin Ceballos in recent weeks.

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

<sup>\*</sup> Designated as international players on roster

**RECAP vs. NYC – JULY 25:** Indy Eleven and the New York Cosmos had no luck in breaking their series deadlock, as last Saturday's 1-1 draw in front of 10,206 fans at Carroll Stadium marked the sixth tie in as many meetings in their all-time series.

The squads would trade control of the opening half throughout the first 45 minutes, but the breakthrough would finally come through the Cosmos in stoppage time. Just moments after Indy's Brian Brown rang a shot off the crossbar, New York raced back down the field and saw Walter Restrepo bury his shot between Kristian Nicht and the right post off a nice 1-2 sequence with Raul.

Indy Eleven would not hang their heads, though, as they raced back down the field on the ensuing kickoff. Dylan Mares latched onto a ball from Dragan Stojkov and sent it into the right side netting with his left boot to draw the game level moments before the break.

The second half was "pretty tame" as Indy Eleven interim Head Coach and Director of Soccer Operations Tim Regan said – with the notable exception of Erick Norales and Sebastian Guenzatti's simultaneous sending off in the 65<sup>th</sup> minute for an altercation at midfield. Without many dangerous opportunities in front of net, however, the game would go on to end in a 1-1 draw – their third such scoreline of the season.

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

Statistics	IND	NYC
Shots	11	7
Shots on Goal	4	5
Fouls	14	22
Corners	6	4
Saves	3	4
Offside	3	3
Possession %	48	52

#### **Scoring Summary:**

NYC- Walter Restrepo (Raul) 47+'

IND- Dylan Mares (Dragan Stojkov) 48+'

#### **Discipline Summary:**

IND- Dragan Stojkov (caution) 34'

NYC- Ayoze (caution) 36'

NYC- David Diosa (caution) 45'

NYC- Carlos Mendes (caution) 52'

IND- Erick Norales (ejection) 65'

NYC- Sebastian Guenzatti (ejection) 65'

NYC- Danny Szetela (caution) (post-game)

**Indy Eleven line-up (4-4-2):** Kristian Nicht; Marco Franco, Greg Janicki, Erick Norales (C), Kyle Hyland; Brad Ring (Charlie Rugg 78'), Dragan Stojkov (Daniel Keller 78'), Dylan Mares, Victor Pineda; Brian Brown, Dane Richards (Don Smart 72')

Indy Bench: Keith Cardona (GK), Judson McKinney, Wojciech Wojcik

**RECAP** @ **OTT** – **JULY 19:** Ottawa Fury FC took advantage of several opportunities afforded to them by Indy Eleven in their latest "NASL Class of 2014" clash, capitalizing on three set pieces en route to a 4-2 victory at TD Place.

Fouls committed around the Indy Eleven penalty area would kill the visitors on the day, the first instance coming in the 13<sup>th</sup> minute when Sinisa Ubiparipovic's free kick to the far post was nodded home by Rafael Alves to put Ottawa on top early. A 25-yard blast by Eleven midfielder Don Smart would even things up in the 33<sup>rd</sup> minute, but Ottawa captain Richie Ryan would break the deadlock just two minutes later, converting on a free kick from 22 yards.

Tom Heinemann's counter-attack strike in the 56<sup>th</sup> minute would make life difficult for Indy Eleven, while Ryan's second free kick strike of the day – this time from 25 yards out – in the 65<sup>th</sup> would all but bury Indiana's Team, putting them down 4-1. Indy's frustrations continued down the stretch when defender Cory Miller saw his second yellow card in the 89<sup>th</sup> minute and Victor Pineda saw his PK attempt saved by Romulad Peiser two minutes later. However, a silver lining came in the 92<sup>nd</sup> minute when Judson McKinney scored his first goal in checkers during his Indy Eleven debut in league play.

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

Statistics	OTT	IND
Shots	11	12
Shots on Goal	5	5
Fouls	14	12
Corners	1	7
Saves	3	0
Offside	1	2
Possession %	54	46

#### **Scoring Summary:**

OTT: Rafael Alves (Sinisa Ubiparipovic) 12'

IND: Don Smart (unassisted) 33'
OTT: Ritchie Ryan (unassisted) 35'
OTT: Tom Heinemann (Rafael Alves) 56'
OTT: Ritchie Ryan (unassisted) 65'
IND: Judson McKinney (Erick Norales) 90+'

#### **Discipline Summary:**

**IND:** Don Smart (caution) 13' **IND:** Cory Miller (caution) 34'

OTT: Mauro Eustaquio (caution) 74'

IND: Cory Miller (caution) 89'

IND: Cory Miller (ejection; second caution) 89'

Indy Eleven line-up (4-5-1): Kristian Nicht; Marco Franco (Judson McKinney 77'), Cory Miller, Erick Norales (capt), Kyle Hyland; Don Smart, Dylan Mares, Dane Richards (Brian Brown 68'), Wojciech Wojcik (Greg Janicki 62'), Victor Pineda; Charlie Rugg

Indy Bench: Keith Cardona (GK), Daniel Keller

**RECAP vs. CAR – JULY 11:** Indy Eleven pushed its undefeated streak to five games last Saturday via a 2-1 comeback win over the Carolina RailHawks, using goals just minutes apart by Wojciech Wojcik and Erick Norales early in the second half to overcome Austin Da Luz's tally towards the end of the first half.

Indy Eleven would force the issue by creating a handful of dangerous chances within the game's opening quarter-hour, but Indy's finishing touch could not be found. Key injuries to midfielders on both sides – Indy's Brad Ring and Carolina's Tiyi Shipalane – saw both removed in the 23<sup>rd</sup> minute and changed the dynamic of the match, with Carolina seeing more of the ball as the opening half progressed. It would be Shipalane's replacement, Da Luz, moving the scoreboard first with a splendid leaping header off of Nazmi Albadawi's free kick, the 42<sup>nd</sup> minute tally giving the visitors a 1-0 advantage going into the break.

But Indy Eleven would storm out of the gates again in the second half, and this time it wouldn't take long for the home side to hit paydirt. It was Wojcik tying things up in the 54<sup>th</sup> minute, notching his second goal in as many weeks by heading home Kyle Hyland's looping cross to the far right post. Then defender Erick Norales took his turn in the 56<sup>th</sup> minute, slipping past his mark on a dead ball opportunity swung in by Victor Pineda and finishing on the short-hop from the top of the six to put Indy up 2-1. Several squandered chances to boost the lead by the "Boys in Blue" would cause some nervy moments down the stretch, but Indy would hold on for the full three points.

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

Statistics	IND	CAR
Shots	25	17
Shots on Goal	8	6
Fouls	14	13
Corners	4	4
Saves	3	4
Offside	2	2
Possession %	47	53

#### **Scoring Summary:**

**CAR:** Austin Da Luz (Nazmi Albadawi) 42' **IND:** Wojciech Wojcik (Kyle Hyland) 54' **IND:** Erick Norales (Victor Pineda) 56'

#### **Discipline Summary:**

**CAR:** Wells Thompson (caution) 40' **IND:** Duke Lacroix (caution) 67' **IND:** Daniel Keller (caution) 85'

Indy Eleven (4-4-2): Kristian Nicht, Marco Franco, Cory Miller, Erick Norales (c), Kyle Hyland; Dragan Stojkov (Duke Lacroix 65'), Brad Ring (Daniel Keller 23'), Dylan Mares, Victor Pineda; Charlie Rugg, Wojciech Wojcik (Brian Brown 85')

Eleven Bench: Keith Cardona (GK), Greg Janicki, Judson McKinney, Don Smart

**RECAP @ NYC - JULY 5:** Indy Eleven and New York met for the fifth time last Sunday at James M. Shuart Stadium - and for the fifth time the two sides finished even, dueling to a 1-1 draw to start their respective NASL Fall Season slates.

It was the "Boys in Blue" cracking the score sheet first in the 26<sup>th</sup> minute via Wojciech Wojcik. The goal came when a hard-working Dragan Stojkov deflected a Jimmy Mulligan clearance into the air which Wojcik ran onto and volleyed past Cosmos 'keeper Jimmy Maurer for his first goal in an Indy Eleven kit. Indiana's Team would continue to press the action for the rest of the first half and entered the locker room with the 1-0 lead.

Duke Lacroix looked to be a man on a mission on the night, creating numerous scoring chances throughout, including a pair in the opening minutes of the second half – the first requiring a save from Maurer, the second thwarted when his rounding of Maurer on a breakaway went awry due to a heavy touch.

The Cosmos would capitalize on Indy Eleven's inability to double the advantage in the 78<sup>th</sup> minute. Walter Restrepo danced between Indy defenders and put a shot that forced a Kristian Nicht save as his left post. The save deflected back off of Restrepo's head and rolled into the back of the Indy net to level the game. NYC continued to attack, but an apparent 86<sup>th</sup> minute goal was wiped away due to a late offside call, negating the best chance for either side down the stretch.

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

Statistics	IND	NYC
Shots	7	12
Shots on Goal	5	4
Fouls	14	13
Corners	2	11
Saves	3	4
Offside	4	1
Possession %	41	59

#### **Scoring Summary:**

IND: Wojciech Wojcik (unassisted) 26' NYC: Walter Restrepo (unassisted) 78'

#### **Discipline Summary:**

NYC: Sebastian Guenzatti (caution) 67'
NYC: Danny Szetela (caution) 72'
IND: Dragan Stojkov (caution) 77'
IND: Brad Ring (caution) 85'
IND: Cory Miller (caution) 90'

Indy Eleven (4-4-2): Kristian Nicht, Marco Franco, Cory Miller, Erick Norales (c), Kyle Hyland; Dragan Stojkov (Brian Brown 89'), Brad Ring, Dylan Mares, Don Smart (Victor Pineda 74'); Duke Lacroix, Wojciech Wojcik (Charlie Rugg 68')

Eleven Bench: Keith Cardona (GK), Greg Janicki, Judson McKinney, Daniel Keller

# **RECAP vs. MORELIA (FRIENDLY)** – **JUNE 28:** Indy Eleven squared off with Mexican first division side Monarcas Morelia last Sunday in the club's <u>historic inaugural international friendly</u> in front of 6,450 fans at Carroll Stadium. In the end, despite relentless attacking play from both teams up through the final whistle it wouldn't prove enough to make a mark on the score sheet, the match ending in a scoreless draw.

Indy Eleven came out on the attack first in the 7<sup>th</sup> minute when a Jaime Frias cross found the head of attacker Wojciech Wojcik, but he could not keep it on frame and the ball sailed over the goal. The "Boys in Blue" would not be done there, though, as they notched threatening attacks through Brian Brown and Brad Ring in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> minutes respectively, but neither of those chances would find the back of the net.

Morelia had a dangerous chance of their own on a counter-attack in the 33<sup>rd</sup> minute. A ball was slotted by midfielder Mauro Cejas for Carlos Ochoa, but Ochoa's shot was saved by the outstretched leg of Indy Eleven 'keeper Kristian Nicht.

The teams would swap shots and possession back and forth over the course of the second half, but the most promising shot came through a free-kick for the 'Monarchs' in the 65<sup>th</sup> minute. Following a Daniel Keller takedown of a Morelia attacker just outside the box, the visitors set up for a threatening free kick. Dieter Villalpando stood over the ball and fired a low-driving attempt on goal, but luckily for Indy Eleven it hit off the post and was cleared out of the box.

Eventually, neither team would muster up enough attacking power to put the ball in the back of the net and the historic matchup would finish in a 0-0 draw.

Click here for the full recap of the match.

#### **Scoring Summary:**

None

**Discipline Summary:** 

MOR: Joel Huiqui (caution) 23'

MOR: Armando Zamorano (caution) 76'

**IND:** Cory Miller (caution) 82' **MOR:** Enrique Perez (caution) 87'

Indy Eleven line-up (4-4-2): Kristian Nicht (Keith Cardona 45'); Jaime Frias (Kyle Hyland 59'), Erick Norales (C) (Cory Miler 45'), Greg Janicki, Marco Franco (Marco Franco 45'); Brad Ring (Daniel Keller 45'), Victor Pineda (Don Smart 45'), Dragan Stojkov (Dylan Mares 45'), Osman Melgares; Brian Brown, Wojciech Wojcik (Duke Lacroix 45')

Indy Bench: Jon Dawson (GK)

**RECAP vs. FCE – JUNE 13:** Indy Eleven closed out the Spring Season with the most dominating performance in its brief history on June 13, when it captured a thorough 3-0 win over FC Edmonton on goals from Brian Brown, Dylan Mares and Duke Lacroix.

Indy Eleven went on the attack early and often in the match, starting with Erick Norales in the 8<sup>th</sup> minute. Victor Pineda sent in a cross for the Honduran international, who hit the ball nicely with his head, but the ball deflected off the crossbar and caromed over the goal.

The breakthrough for Indy Eleven would come through Brown in the 39<sup>th</sup> minute when his shot from 25 yards out flew past Edmonton keeper Jon Smits and into the lower right corner of the goal to give the home side a 1-0 lead. Mares would convert on a PK just moments later in the 44<sup>th</sup> minute after Kyle Hyland was brought down in the box by Smits, allowing Indy Eleven some breathing room heading into the halftime break.

The defense held strong for the "Boys in Blue" in the second half – they wouldn't allow a single shot on Kristian Nicht's goal on the night – who tacked on one more goal through the rookie Lacroix, who notched his first professional goal in the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute off a nice pass from Charlie Rugg.

Click here for the full recap of the match.

Statistics	IND	FCE
Shots	18	4
Shots on Goal	8	0
Fouls	9	10
Corners	6	1
Saves	0	5
Offside	3	0
Possession %	53	47

#### **Scoring Summary:**

IND: Brian Brown (Dylan Mares) 39' IND: Dylan Mares (penalty kick) 44' IND: Duke Lacroix (Charlie Rugg) 82'

#### **Discipline Summary:**

FCE: Chrisitan Raudales (ejection) 67'

IND: Cory Miller (caution) 83' FCE: Frank Jonke (caution) 90'

Indy Eleven line-up (4-4-2): Kristian Nicht; Marco Franco, Cory Miller, Erick Norales (C), Kyle Hyland; Dragan Stojkov (Don Smart 64'), Brad Ring, Dylan Mares, Victor Pineda (Duke Lacroix 77'); Charlie Rugg (Wojciech Wojcik 90'+). Brian Brown

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

**RECAP** @ **FTL** – **JUNE 6:** The "Tim Regan era" for Indy Eleven had a familiar tone – a result decided in the final minutes – but this time the drama resulted in the full three points as Victor Pineda's 93rd minute strike gave Indy a 2-1 win at the Fort Lauderdale Strikers last Saturday at Lockhart Stadium.

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Scoring Summary:**

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

#### **Discipline Summary:**

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

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

Indy Bench: Keith Cardona (GK), Jaime Frias, Greg Janicki, Osman Melgares **RECAP vs. TBR – MAY 30:** In one of the wildest games in Indy Eleven's brief history, defender Kyle Hyland struck a 25-yard goal at the death to salvage a point from a 2-2 draw at Carroll Stadium.

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Scoring Summary:**

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

#### **Discipline Summary:**

TBR: Stefan Antonijevic (caution) 43' IND: Brian Brown (caution) 59' TBR: Robert Hernandez (caution) 72'

IND: Cory Miller (caution) 72'
TBR: Maicon Santos (ejection) 74'
TBR: Richard Menjivar (caution) 88'

TBR: Stefan Antonijevic (ejection/second caution) 89'

TBR: Georgi Hristov (ejection) 99+'

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

Indy Bench: Keith Cardona (GK), Jaime Frias, Erick Norales, Don Smart

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Scoring Summary:

OTT - Nicki Paterson 88'

#### **Discipline Summary:**

OTT - Drew Beckie (caution) 22'

OTT - Brandon Poltronieri (caution) 37'

IND - Dylan Mares (caution) 45'

OTT - Richie Ryan (caution) 90'

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

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

#### RECAP vs. LOUISVILLE CITY FC (USOC) - MAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Scoring Summary:**

LOU - Nate Polak (unassisted) 115'

LOU - Sergio Pena (unassisted) 119'

#### **Discipline Summary:**

LOU - Austen King (caution) 17'

IND - Greg Janicki (unassisted) 57'

IND - Wojciech Wojcik (caution) 83'

LOU - Sidney Rivera (caution) 120'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Scoring Summary:**

MNU – Kalif Alhassan (unassisted) 22' IND – Sergio Pena (Dylan Mares) 49'

MNU – Justin Davis (unassisted) 63'

MNU - Juliano Vicentini (Christian Ramirez) 83'

**Discipline Summary:** 

MNU - Pablo Campos (caution) 35'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Scoring Summary:**

JAX – Bochy Hoyos (Matt Bahner) 49'

#### **Discipline Summary:**

IND - Sergio Peña (caution) 25'

JAX - Fabricio Ortiz (caution) 43'

IND – Greg Janicki (caution) 74'

IND - Marco Franco (caution) 82'

JAX – Joseph Toby (caution) 90'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 (Tivi Shipalane) 85'

#### **Discipline Summary:**

None

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

**RECAP** @ **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

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 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

<b>Statistics</b>	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

<u>Statistics</u>	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 OVERALL SEASON STATISTICS**

4W-6D-5L, 18 pts.; 6<sup>th</sup> place in NASL Combined Season standings 1W-2D-2L, 5 pts.; 9<sup>th</sup> place in NASL Fall Season 3W-4D-3L, 13 pts.; 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in NASL Spring Season

UNF	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	С	E
6	MF	Dylan Mares	14	13	1168	3	4	2	0
5	DF	Erick Norales	13	13	1145	2	1	0	1
27	MF	Victor Pineda	12	10	866	2	1	1	0
9	FW	Brian Brown	15	9	852	2	1	1	0
19	FW	Wojciech Wojcik	13	8	720	2	1	1 (1)	0
7	MF	Don Smart	13	3	419	2	0	2 (1)	0
20	MF	Sergio Peña	7	5	405	2	0	1	0
18	DF	Kyle Hyland	11	10	920	1	1	0	0
14	FW	Duke Lacroix	4	1	130	1	0	1 (1)	0
2	DF	Judson McKinney	1	0	13	1	0	0	0
99	FW	Charlie Rugg	15	11	1041	0	1	0	0
17	MF	Dragan Stojkov	11	10	791	0	1	3 (2)	0
23	DF	Marco Franco	15	15	1337	0	0	2	0
24	GK	Kristian Nicht	13	13	1170	0	0	0	0
4	MF	Brad Ring	13	11	967	0	0	2 (1)	0
12	DF	Greg Janicki	10	9	838	0	0	1	0
16	DF	Cory Miller	8	8	711	0	0	5 (3)	1
3	DF	Jaime Frias	5	5	430	0	0	0	0
	MF	Osman Melgares	6	4	317	0	0	1	0
21	M/F	Dane Richards	3	3	230	0	0	0	0
1	GK	Keith Cardona	2	2	180	0	0	0	0
15	DF	Daniel Keller	4	1	119	0	0	1 (1)	0
22	MF	Zach Steinberger	1	1	65	0	0	0	0
10	MF	Marvin Ceballos	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	GK	Jon Dawson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	MF	Kleberson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		own goals for				1			
		Eleven totals	15	15	1350	19	11	24	2
		Opponent totals	15	15	1350	20	13	27	4

<sup>\*\*</sup> Yellow cards in () = Fall Season yellow cards

GAME-WINNING GOALS: Sergio Peña 1 (4/18 @ SAS), Victor Pineda 1 (6/06 @ FTL), Brian Brown (6/13 v FCE), Erick Norales (7/11 v CAR) GAME-WINNING ASSISTS: Wojciech Wojcik 1 (4/18 @ SAS), Dylan Mares 1 (6/13 v FCE), Victor Pineda (7/11 v CAR) PENALTY KICK ATTEMPTS: Don Smart (1-for-1), Dylan Mares (1-for-1), Victor

**PENALTY KICK ATTEMPTS:** Don Smart (1-for-1), Dylan Mares (1-for-1), Victor Pineda (0-for-1)

#### INDY ELEVEN INDIVIDUAL GOALKEEPING

UNF	POS	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MIN	GA	GAA	SVS	PG	PA	W	D	L	so
24	GK	Kristian Nicht	13	13	1170	16	1.23	33	0	0	4	6	3	1
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	15	15	1350	20	1.33	39	0	0	4	6	5	1
Opponent totals		15	15	1350	19	1.27	_	2	3	5	6	4	2	

#### **GOALS SCORED BY MINUTE**

	1-15'	16-30'	31-45+'	46-60'	61-75'	76-90+'	Total
<b>Indy Eleven</b>	2	2	5	3	1	6	19
Opponent	2	2	4	4	4	4	20

<sup>\*\*</sup> Italicized players no longer on squad



#### INDY ELEVEN 2015 NASL SPRING SEASON SCHEDULE

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

Date	Time (ET)	Opponent	Venue T	/-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	0-1 L / 5,245
Sat., May 30	7:30 pm	vs. Tampa Bay Rowdies	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	2-2 D / 10,226
Sat., June 6	7:30 pm	at Fort Lauderdale Strikers	Lockhart Stadium – Fort Lauderdale, FL	2-1 W / 5,083
Sat., June 13	7:30 pm	vs. FC Edmonton	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	3-0 W/10,202
				* = 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	1-1 D / 3,647
Sat., July 11	7:30 pm	vs. Carolina RailHawks	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	2-1 W / 9,629
Sun., July 19	3:00 pm	at Ottawa Fury FC	TD Place – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	2-4 L / 4,372
Sat., July 25	7:30 pm	vs. New York Cosmos	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	1-1 D / 10,206
Sat., Aug. 1	7:30 pm	vs. Atlanta Silverbacks	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	0-1 L / 9.632
Wed., Aug. 5	9:00 pm	at FC Edmonton	Clarke Stadium – Edmonton, Alberta, Canad	da ESPN3.com
Sat., Aug. 8	7:30 pm	vs. Ottawa Fury FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	WISH-TV/ESPN3.com
Wed., Aug. 19	7:30 pm	vs. Tampa Bay Rowdies	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	WISH-TV/ESPN3.com
Sat., Aug. 22	7:30 pm	at Atlanta Silverbacks	Atlanta Silverbacks Park – Atlanta, GA	ESPN3.com
Sat., Aug. 29	7:30 pm	at Fort Lauderdale Strikers	Lockhart Stadium – Fort Lauderdale, FL	ESPN3.com
Wed., Sep. 2	7:00 pm	at Minnesota United FC	National Sports Center Stadium – Blaine, M.	N 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	OWS / ESPN3.com
Sat., Oct. 3	7:30 pm	at Jacksonville Armada FC	The Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville – Jacksonv	rille, FL ESPN3.com
Sat., Oct. 10	7:30 pm	vs. San Antonio Scorpions	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	WISH-TV/ESPN3.com
Sat., Oct. 17	7:30 pm	vs. Minnesota United FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	WISH-TV/ESPN3.com
Sat., Oct. 24	7:30 pm	vs. Fort Lauderdale Strikers	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	WISH-TV/ESPN3.com
Fri., Oct. 30	7:30 pm	at Carolina RailHawks	WakeMed Soccer Park – Cary, NC	ESPN3.com

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

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

Date	Time (ET)	Opponent	Venue	Round	TV/Result
Wed., May 27	7:30 p.m.	Louisville City FC (USL)	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	3 <sup>rd</sup>	0-2 L (aet) /
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#9 – BRIAN BROWN FWD 6-1 185 lbs. 12/29/92 Sandy Bay, Jamaica

**2015 NASL SEASON:** 15 GP / 9 GS, 2G, 1A in 852 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (08/01 V ATL): Started and played first hour of eventual 0-1 defeat at Carroll Stadium

MISC: In 6-way tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> on team's scoring chart with 2 goals ... One of 3 players to appear in all 15 NASL contests (w/ Franco & Rugg) ... Registered first game-winning goal with club on 6/13 vs. FCE (39') ... Notched first assist with Indy on 5/30 v TBR (Mares, 21') ... Went all 120 mins at left midfield spot in Indy's 0-2 added extra time defeat to City FC in USOC 3<sup>RD</sup> Rd on 5/27 vs LOU ... 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 NASL GAME (08/01 v ATL): On the 18 but DNP (coach's decision)

MISC: Served one-game loan stint with USL's Wilmington Hammerheads on 6/20, playing shutout 45 minutes in a weather-shortened 0-0 draw at Richmond Kickers ... Made 3 saves on 5/16 v MNU, but allowed season-high 3 goals in 1-3 L in 2<sup>nd</sup> professional start ... Made his Indy Eleven and professional debut on 5/09 @ JAX, making 3 saves (0-1 L) ... Signed by Indy Eleven on 03/27/15 and made first appearance in the 18-man gameday roster on 4/11 v NYC (DNP) ... Was invited to Indy Eleven's preseason camp in Arizona, where he impressed staff en route to March signing ... Product of the New York Red Bulls Academy system product spent time with the U.S. Under-17 and U-18 National Teams ... Helped Maryland reach the NCAA College Cup Semifinals during standout sophomore season in 2012 (16W-3D-1L, 1.14 GAA on season) PREVIOUS CLUBS: FC Leifering (Austria/2, 2014-15), University of Maryland (NCAA, 2010-13)

#10 – MARVIN CEBALLOS MF 5-5 140 lbs. 4/22/92 Amititlan, Guatemala

MISC: Signed with Indy Eleven on 08/04/15 ... Joins club from CSD Communicaciones in his native Guatemala, where he scored eight times in 69 first division (Liga Nacional de Futbol de Guatemala) games from 2011-15 ... Also scored once in 8 CONCACAF Champions League appearances during that span ... Played for Guatemalan National Team on the senior level 5 times, most recently last October in friendly at Peru ... Also represented los Chapines at the U-23 and U-20 levels ... Earned national acclaim during 2011 FIFA U-20 World Cup, his 81' goal vs Croatia in the Group D finale securing a 1-0 win and advancement to the Round of 16 ... Started in all 4 matches for Guatemala in that tournament.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Communicaciones (Guatemala 1st Div., 2011-15

#35 – JON DAWSON GK 6-3 185 lbs. 3/18/91 Indianapolis, IN

2015 NASL SEASON: Has not played in 2015

LAST NASL GAME (08/01 v ATL): DNP (coach's decision)

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

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

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

2015 NASL SEASON: 15 GP / 15 GS, 0G, 0A in 1337 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (08/01 v ATL): Went the full 90 minutes in Indy's 0-1 defeat at Carroll Stadium

MISC: Leads team in minutes played (1,337), is only player to start all 15 league games and is one of three players to appear in all 15 regular season contests (w/ Mares, Brown & Rugg) ... Missed first minutes of the season on 7/19 @ OTT after being subbed out (77') ... Went all 120 mins at right back on 5/27 v LOU in Indy's USOC 3<sup>rd</sup> Rd 0-2 added extra time defeat to City FC ... Played every minute of first 19 matches w/ Indy Eleven in NASL & USOC play, a run dating from 9/27/14 v CAR through 7/11/15 v CAR (streak ended after being subbed out on 7/19/15 @ OTT, 77') ... 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

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

2015 NASL SEASON: 5 GP / 5 GS, 0G, 0A in 430 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (08/01 v ATL): On the 18 but DNP (coach's decision)

MISC: His loan agreement between Indy Eleven and Chivas de Guadalajara was renewed in late July ... 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Div., 2008-2013)

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

2015 NASL SEASON: 11 GP / 10 GS, 1G, 1A in 920 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (08/01 v ATL): Went the full 90 minutes in Indy's 0-1 defeat at Carroll Stadium

**MISC:** Has started last 10 NASL games & team's 3<sup>rd</sup> Rd USOC match after being on the 18-man roster for first 5 games of season ... Assist on 7/11 v CAR (Wojcik, 54') was his first in an Indy Eleven uniform (25<sup>th</sup> regular season game with club) ... First ever Indy Eleven player to be named NASL Player of the Week for his effort vs TBR on 5/30 (Spring Week 9) ... Also made first career Team of the Week for exploits on 5/30 vs. the Rowdies ... His 25-yard equalizing blast in the 98<sup>th</sup> minute vs TBR was his first professional goal ... Went all 120 mins at left back on 5/27 v LOU in Indy's 0-2 added extra time defeat to City FC in the USOC's 3<sup>rd</sup> Rd ... Made first start of 2015 on 5/16 v MNU .... Made his season debut on 4/11, playing final 20 min of 1-1 draw v NYC in place of Frias ... Suffered from foot, ankle and adductor injuries while still starting 17 of team's 27 regular season contests in 2014

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

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

2015 NASL SEASON: 10 GP / 9 GS, 0G, 0A in 838 minutes

**MISC:** Sub appearance on 7/19 @ OTT (62', Wojcik) marked first appearance in league play since 5/30 v TBR ... Went all 120 mins at center back on 5/27 v LOU in Indy's 0-2 added extra time defeat to City FC in USOC 3<sup>rd</sup> Rd ... Suffering from a left calf ailment, was available off the bench but ultimately DNP (coach's decision) on 5/16 v MNU, marking first missed action with his new squad ... Newcomer was named the squad's captain prior to season opener on 4/04 @ ATL ... Went the full 90 min in his Indy Eleven debut on 4/04 @ ATL and helped Indy to a 1-1 away draw ... Signed with Indy Eleven 01/09/15 from fellow NASL side San Antonio Scorpions, which he helped to an NASL title last year by scoring two goals and helping the Lone Star State side to a modern NASL record of just 24 goals allowed while starting 26 of 27 regular season matches. ... Was a fixture for the Scorpions across their first three seasons, earning 68 starting nods total from 2012-14.

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

#15 – DANIEL KELLER DEF 6-0 165 lbs. 2/07/92 Carmel, IN

2015 NASL SEASON: 4 GP / 1 GS, 0G, 0A in 119 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (08/01 v ATL): On the 18 but DNP (coach's decision)

MISC: Returned from L quad strain suffered leading up to 7/19 @ OTT with 12 min. stint on 7/25 v. NYC ... Missed 6/06 @ FTL and 6/13 v FCE (concussion suffered in 29' on 5/30 v TBR) ... In his first starting nod on 5/27 v LOU, went 95 mins in eventual 0-2 added extra time loss to City FC in USOC 3<sup>rd</sup> Rd ... Made his professional debut on 5/23 @ OTT with late cameo in place of Brad Ring ... Made his first start for Indy 4 days later on 5/27 in Open Cup action vs. Louisville City FC (95 mins) ... Signed with Indy Eleven on 05/11 ... Versatile defender can play anywhere along backline and at defensive midfield spot ... Selected in 3<sup>rd</sup> round (62<sup>nd</sup> overall) in 2015 MLS SuperDraft by defending MLS Cup champion LA Galaxy ... Scored 6 goals and added 4 assists in 74 appearances with University of Louisville from 2011-14 (redshirted 2010), where he suited up alongside Eleven teammate Dylan Mares from 2010-12 ... Also familiar with Eleven goalkeeper Jon Dawson from their days as teammates at Brebeuf Jesuit Prep School

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

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

2015 NASL SEASON: Has not played in 2015 LAST NASL GAME (08/01 v ATL): DNP (injury)

MISC: Served as lead voice on the bench on 7/11 v CAR (2-1 W) after interim head coach Tim Regan was ejected late on 7/05 @ NYC ... Will miss indefinite amount of time on the playing field after suffering R achilles tendon tear during training on 5/12 (underwent successful surgery on 5/18) ... While rehabbing his injury, will serve as interim head coach Tim Regan's assistant coach following technical staff changes announced on 6/02 ... Missed first 4 games of season due to hamstring injury ... Appeared as "emergency sub" on the 18-man roster for 4/11 v NYC (DNP) ... Team leader in scoring in 2014 with 8 goals, which placed tied for 7<sup>th</sup> place on the NASL's Golden Boot chart ... Was given captain's armband for remainder of the 2014 season starting with 8/30 v. NYC game ... 5 of 8 goals tallied in 2014 were from the PK spot (5 of 6 conversions from the spot on the season)

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

#14 – DUKE LACROIX FWD 5-9 155 lbs. 10/14/93 New Egypt, NJ

2015 NASL SEASON: 4 GP / 1 GS, 1G, 0A in 130 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (08/01 v ATL): DNP (injury)

MISC: Upgraded to PROBABLE for 8/05 © FCE after L hip flexor strain suffered late on 7/11 v CAR ruled him out for selection on 7/19 @ OTT, 7/25 v NYC & 08/01 v ATL ... Made first career start on 7/05 @ NYC, creating numerous dangerous chances during his full 90 minute stint ... Scored his first career professional goal on 6/13 v FCE, his calm, low finish in the 82' ending the scoring in a 3-0 win ... Made big impact in NASL debut on 6/06 @ FTL, his 2-minute appearance featuring a dangerous chance on goal and 60-yard run that eventually turned into chance that resulted in Pineda's 20-yard GWG (93+') in the 2-1 road win ... Made his Indy Eleven – and professional – debut on 5/27 off the bench, playing 25 mins in place of fellow rookie Daniel Keller in a 0-2 added extra time defeat to Louisville City FC in USOC 3'<sup>d</sup> Rd ... Signed with Indy Eleven on May 21 after graduating from the University of Pennsylvania with his degree in Sociology ... Two-time captain at UPenn earned four nods to All-lvy League Teams (First-team in 2013 & 2014) and was first player to school history to be named both the lvy League's Rookie of the Year (2011) and an lvy League Player of the Year (Offensive POY in 2013) ... Finish UPenn career 3<sup>rd</sup> in appearances (68) and 5<sup>th</sup> in points (65) after collecting 25 goals and 15 assists, including seven goals and an lvy League-best six assists as a senior in 2014. PREVIOUS CLUBS: University of Pennsylvania (NCAA, 2011-14)

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

2015 NASL SEASON: 14 GP / 13 GS, 3G, 4A in 1168 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (08/01 v ATL): DNP (injury)

MISC: Surgery to repair slight tear in R meniscus on 7/31 will rule him out of action for 4-6 weeks ... Broke 7-way tie for team's scoring lead on 7/25 v NYC with his 3<sup>rd</sup> goal of season (48+'), the equalizer in a 1-1 draw ... Team leader & T-3<sup>rd</sup> in NASL with 4 assists [1 behind Georgi Hristov (TBR) & Billy Forbes (SAS)] ... Has 4 of team's 11 assists in 2015, is only Indy player with multiple helpers in 2015 and is club's career leader in the category (6) ... 3<sup>rd</sup> on squad with 1,168 minutes played and was one of 4 players to appear in first 14 NASL games until 7/31 surgery ... Earned 2<sup>nd</sup> spot on NASL Team of the Week for goal-scoring exploits on 7/25 v NYC (Fall Week 4) ... First career 1G/1A game on 6/13 v FCE (assist on Brown, 39'; Goal – PK in 44') led to his first career NASL Team of the Week nod (Spring Week 10) ... Collected 3<sup>rd</sup> assist of 2015 with nifty backheel that Pineda turned into 44' goal on 6/06 @ FTL ... Added spark off bench in place of Pineda on 5/27 v LOU, playing final 57 mins in a 0-2 added extra time defeat to City FC in USOC 3<sup>rd</sup> Rd ... Notched 2<sup>nd</sup> assist when Pena nodded home his corner kick on 5/16 v MNU (49') ... Scored first goal of season on 5/30 v TBR (21') ... 5/09 @ JAX marked Mares' only appearance off the bench thus far 2015 ... Registered first assist of 2015 on 4/18 @ SAS when his free kick was nodded home at the far post by Norales, the equalizer in the 64<sup>th</sup> minute of the eventual 2-1 win ... Scored in 4 of the team's 5 preseason contests leading up to the 2015 NASL campaign ... 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:** 1 GP / 0 GS, 1G, 0A in 13 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (08/01 v ATL): On the 18 but DNP (coach's decision)

MISC: Scored a goal in his NASL debut on 7/19 @ OTT, ending the scoring in 2-4 defeat in stoppage time (played final 13 mins) ... On the 18-man gameday roster for first time on 7/05 @ NYC, but DNP (coach's decision) ... Made Indy Eleven debut in 6/28 v Morelia friendly, entering at the half and playing 45 mins at right back in the 0-0 draw at Carroll Stadium ... Underwent surgery on left ankle (bone chip/ Osteochondritis dissecans) on 4/07 ... Resumed training with the squad in early June and is no longer on team's injury report ... 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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#16 – CORY MILLER DEF 6-2 185 lbs. 7/22/88 Zionsville, IN

2015 NASL SEASON: 8 GP / 8 GS, 0G, 0A in 711 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (08/01 v ATL): Returned to starting XI and went the full 90 mins in 0-1 defeat at Carroll Stadium

MISC: Missed 7/25 v NYC due to red card on 7/19 @ OTT (89') ... Started 8 of last 10 regular season matches after making season debut in first XI on 5/16 v MNU ... Started team's last 9 contests in 2014 in central defense, coinciding with team's then NASL modern era record 397-minute shutout streak (9/27 v CAR – 10/26 @ OTT) ... Registered first – and only – assist for Indy on 9/20/14 @ FTL (Frias, 39') ... Signed with Indy Eleven on 8/28/14 and appeared on first 18-man gameday roster 2 days later on 8/30/14 v NYC ... Made his Indy Eleven debut as a starter on 9/06/14 @ ATL (2-1 W)

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

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

2015 NASL SEASON: 13 GP / 13 GS RECORD: 4W-6D-3L GA: 16 GAA: 1.23 SO: 1 PK'S: 0 Faced

LAST NASL GAME (08/01 v ATL): Made 4 saves in a 0-1 defeat at Carroll Stadium

MISC: Notched first clean sheet of the season on 6/13 v FCE in Spring finale (0 saves) ... In addition to that shutout (his 6<sup>th</sup> w/ Indy Eleven), has allowed just one goal in 10 of his other 12 starts in NASL play ... Ranked T-4<sup>th</sup> in NASL with 33 saves and 5<sup>th</sup> among GK's with at least 600 mins played with 1.23 GAA ... Went the full 120 mins on 5/27 v LOU in USOC 3<sup>rd</sup> Rd and didn't concede until the 115<sup>th</sup> minute in eventual 0-2 loss to City FC ... First "DNP" during Indy tenure came on 5/16 v MNU (coach's decision) ... Re-signed with Indy on May 12 following a 15-day stint with MLS' Montreal Impact (signed w/ MTL on 4/27, waived on 5/04) ... While with the Impact, started Leg 2 of the CONCACAF Champions League Final on 4/29 vs. Club America in front of 61,000+ at Olympic Stadium (2-4 L) ... 4-save performance on 4/18 @ SAS earned Nicht his first NASL Team of the Week nod of the season (Spring Wk 3) ... Ended 2014 season as only player in the NASL to log every minute in all 27 regular season games and one of 2 Indy Eleven players to appear in every match (Smart) ... Also led NASL in saves in 2014 with 79 ... Recorded NASL modern record shutout streak for a goalkeeper, his 397-minute stretch running from 9/27 v. CAR (Alwadabi – 53') through stoppage time on 1/26 @ OTT (Oliver 91') ... Made 2 appearances on NASL Team of the Week in 2014 (Spring 2 & Fall 14) ... Indy Eleven career marks of 10W-15D-15L with a 1.55 GAA (62 GA in 3,600 mins)

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: 13 GP / 13 GS, 2G, 0A in 1145 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (08/01 v ATL): DNP (suspended)

MISC: Will miss 2 games (08/01 v ATL & 08/05 @ FCE) after receiving red card on 7/25 v NYC (65') and additional one-game suspension from NASL (issued 07/29) ... Wore the captain's armband in six straight NASL contests, a stretch that began 6/06 @ FTL ... His first GWG with Indy on 7/11 v CAR was 2<sup>nd</sup> goal of the season, which places him in 6-way tie for 2ns on the squad ... Team of the Week placement for Fall Week 2 following 07/11 v CAR was his 4<sup>th</sup> straight nod and NASL-best 6<sup>th</sup> of 2015 season ... Has racked up 12 TOTW appearances in 1 ½ seasons with the team (35 GP) ... 2<sup>nd</sup> on squad with 1145 minutes played in 2015, behind only Marco Franco ... Given the night off on 5/30 v TBR to rest after suffering knock in previous game, marking first minutes lost of the 2015 season ... Went all 120 mins at center back on 5/27 v LOU in USOC 3<sup>rd</sup> Rd in Indy's 0-2 added extra time defeat to City FC ... Made 2015 debut on NASL Team of the Week for Spring Week 3 after goal-scoring exploit on 4/18 @ SAS, and made it back-to-back appearances with Week 4 nod following 4/25 v CAR match (1-1 D) ... Opened his 2015 scoring account on 4/18 @ SAS with 64<sup>th</sup> header off Mares free kick that marked the equalizer in Indy's 2-1 comeback win ... Made NASL Team of the Week in 2014 on six occasions, tied for the most in the NASL at the defender position ... Named to Honduran National Team roster for the 2014 Copa Centroamericana last Sept. 3-13, starting 3 of 4 appearances and helping squad into playoff with Caribbean Cup 5<sup>th</sup> finisher for spot in this summer's CONCACAF Gold Cup ... Has made 34 "caps" for the Honduran National Team, including appearances in CONCACAF region World Cup Qualifying contests

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

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

2015 NASL SEASON: 7 GP / 5 GS, 2G, 0A in 405 minutes

LAST GAME (08/01 v ATL): DNP (injury)

MISC: Following shortened stint on 5/23 @ OTT, is OUT indefinitely due to Compartment Syndrome in both lower legs ... Underwent successful surgery to correct condition on 06/05 ... Despite missed action, still in 6-way tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> on team's coring chart with 2 goals ... Scored 2<sup>nd</sup> goal of season on 5/16 v MNU, his thunderous header off Mares' corner counting as Indy's lone tally (1-3 L) ... After 2-game hiatus from starting XI, returned to the first-choice squad on 5/09 @ JAX ... His 45-yard golazo on 4/18 @ SAS marked his first goal in an Indy Eleven uniform, breaking a 17-game goalless streak to start his Eleven tenure ... It also helped earn him a place on the NASL Team of the Week for Spring Week 3 and was an obvious choice for that week's NASL Play of the Week honor ... Reacquired by Indy Eleven on 02/06/15 ... Originally acquired via loan from Honduran first division side Real Sociedad de Tocoa on 7/15/14 ... Earned his first NASL Team of the Week honor for his performance on 10/18/14 v SAS ... Registered only assist on 9/06/14 @ ATL on Johnson's 15' tally ... Made Indy Eleven and NASL debut on 7/19/14 v. TBR ... Spent his entire professional career prior to Indy Eleven with Real Sociedad, joining the squad in 2007 as a 20-vear-old

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

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t27 – VICTOR PINEDA MID 5-11 152 lbs. 03/15/93 Bolingbrook, IL

2015 NASL SEASON: 12 GP / 10 GS, 2G, 1A in 866 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (08/01 v ATL): Went the full 90 minutes in Indy's 0-1 defeat at Carroll Stadium

MISC: Notched GWA on 7/11 v CAR, his free kick touched home by Norales in the 56' of Indy's 2-1 comeback win ... After scoring first two goals of season on 6/06 @ FTL, now in 6-way tie for second on team's scoring chart ... Staked Indy to comeback win on 6/06 @ FTL during 90 minute performance, scoring at the end of each half (44' & 93+') to lift Indy to a 2-1 away win ... Exploits @ FTL led to first NASL Player of the Week honor and 3<sup>rd</sup> career spot on the NASL Team of the Week ... GWA assist on 7/11 v CAR (Morales, 56') was his first game-winning helper and his 3<sup>rd</sup> assist overall during Indy Eleven tenure ... Started on 5/27 v LOU in USOC 3<sup>rd</sup> Rd and went 63 mins in eventual 0-2 added extra time defeat to City FC ... Sat out on 5/16 v MNU, but returned to field on 5/23 @ OTT in starting XI ... Returned from injury to play 67 mins on 5/09 @ JAX ... L ankle soreness from injury suffered in preseason finale on 3/28 vs Bradley forced him to miss three games (4/11 v NYC, 4/18 @ SAS & 4/25 v CAR) ... Started and went 62 minutes in Indy Eleven's season opening 1-1 draw on 4/04 @ ATL ... Finished tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> on squad in 2014 in scoring w/ 3 goals (w/ Smart), including team-high 2 GWG's ... Two-time member of NASL Team of the Week in 2014 (Fall 14 & Fall 10) ... Started all 17 appearances he was available for during 2014 Fall Season, missing only 8/06/14 v. FTL due to national team obligations (U.S. U23's) ... 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)

#21 – DANE RICHARDS M/F 5-7 153 lbs. 12/14/83 Montego Bay, Jamaica

2015 NASL SEASON: 3 GP / 3 GS, 0G, 0A in 230 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (08/01 v ATL): Logged first full 90 minute performance with Indy in 0-1 defeat at Carroll Stadium

MISC: Made Indy Eleven debut on 7/19 @ OTT w/ 68-minute performance ... Acquired on loan from MLS' New York Red Bulls on 7/10 for the remainder of the 2015 NASL season ... Started one of his 12 appearances during the 2015 MLS season upon his return to the Red Bulls, bringing his career MLS totals between stints with New York (2007-12, 2015) and Vancouver Whitecaps FC (2012) to 24 goals and 27 assists in 171 games played (142 starts) ... Totals of 11,598 minutes played; 159 appearances and 133 starts all rank second in New York Red Bulls club history ... The 2007 MLS Rookie of the Year finalist left the ranks of MLS in 2013 to join English Championship side Burnley, where he played one match before going on loan to Norwegian club FK Bodø/Glimt, for whom he'd score nine goals in 50 appearances during the club's 2013-14 campaigns ... International experience with Jamaica includes 10 goals in 45 senior "caps" ... Broke into the "Reggae Boyz" side as an 18-year-old in 2002, and featured heavily in the 2008 Caribbean Championship, the 2009 Gold Cup and 2010 World Cup Qualifying ... Helped Jamaica to back-to-back Caribbean Championship titles in 2008 and 2010, scoring three goals and winning the tournament's golden boot in 2010 ... Holds a U.S. Green Card and will therefore not count against the team's seven allocated international player slots on the roster.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: New York Red Bulls (MLS; 2007-2012, 2015), Vancouver Whitecaps FC (MLS, 2012), Burnley [English Championship (Second Div.), 2013], FK Bodø/Glimt [Norwegian Tippeligaen (First Div.) & 1. Divisjon (Second Div.), 2013-14)

#4 – BRAD RING MID 5-10 165 lbs. 4/07/87 Rockford, IL

**2015 NASL SEASON:** 13 GP / 11 GS, 0G, 0A in 967 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (08/01 v ATL): Went the full 90 minutes in Indy's 0-1 defeat at Carroll Stadium

MISC: L adductor strain suffered on 7/11 v CAR forced him to miss 7/19 @ OTT, but returned to starting XI on 7/25 @ NYC ... Was in starting XI in 4 straight contests until 5/30 v TBR – and ended up playing final 61 mins that night in place of injured Daniel Keller ... 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: 15 GP / 11 GS, 0G, 1A in 1041 minutes

**MISC**: One of 3 players to appear in all 15 NASL matches thus far in 2015 (w/ Brown & Franco) ... Made first mark on scoresheet in 2015 on 6/13 v FCE, assisting on Lacroix's first career goal (82') that ended scoring in a 3-0 win ... 5<sup>th</sup> on squad with 1041 mins played in 2015 ... Came off the bench on 5/27 v LOU in USOC 3<sup>rd</sup> Rd in place of Smart and played last 62 mins in eventual 0-2 added extra time loss to City FC ... 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

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5-9 170 lbs.

2015 NASL SEASON: 13 GP / 3 GS, 2G, 0A in 419 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (08/01 v ATL): Played final 13 mins off the bench in place of Stojkov in 0-1 defeat at Carroll Stadium MISC: 2<sup>nd</sup> goal of season during his third start on 7/19 @ OTT has him in 6-way logiam for second place on team's scoring lead ... After starting once in 9 Spring appearances, has 2 starts in first 5 Fall Season games - both against New York (7/05 @ NYC & 7/25 v NYC ) ... Was a "DNP" for first time in his Indy Eleven career on 5/30 v TBR, breaking streak of 37 straight NASL and USOC appearances with the squad ... Started and played 58 mins on 5/27 v LOU in USOC 3rd Rd in eventual 0-2 added extra time loss to City FC ... Was one of 7 players to appear in team's first 7 NASL games in 2015 ... Made first start of 2015 on 4/25 v CAR and earned another first XI nod on 5/27 v LOU in Open Cup play ... Reprised his "super-sub" in perfect fashion on 4/04 @ ATL, playing the final 13 minutes and scoring from the penalty spot three minutes deep into stoppage time to give Indy Eleven a 1-1 season-opening draw ... One of only two players (w/ Nicht) to appear in all 27 league matches in 2014, and led team in substitute appearances (18) ... Finished tied for 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)

#22 – ZACH STEINBERGER

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

Kingston, Jamaica

2015 NASL SEASON: 1 GP / 1 GS, 0G, 0A in 65 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (08/01 v ATL): Made his Indy debut in starting XI and played 65 mins in 0-1 defeat at Carroll Stadium MISC: Joined Indy Eleven on loan from Houston Dynamo of MLS on 07/29 ... Drafted by Dynamo in First Round (8<sup>th</sup> overall) of 2015 MLS SuperDraft in January ... Made three substitute appearances totaling 29 minutes in MLS play during his rookie season with Dynamo, and started in two of his three games in U.S. Open Cup play in recent months (185 mins) ... Familiar with Indianapolis after playing four seasons at Butler University, where he recorded 14 goals and 15 assists in 69 games for the Bulldogs ... Was an all-conference performer in three different leagues during his time at Butler (first team All-BIG EAST performer in 2013, second team Atlantic 10 All-Conference in 2012 and second team All-Horizon League in 2011) ... Also scored 21 goals in 41 appearances during three summers of play for PDL's Michigan Bucks from 2012-14.

#17 – DRAGAN STOJKOV 160 lbs. MID 02/23/88 Strumica, Macedonia

2015 NASL SEASON: 11 GP / 10 GS, 0G, 0A in 791 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (08/01 v ATL): Started and played 77 mins in 0-1 defeat at Carroll Stadium

MID

MISC: Assist on 7/25 vs NYC (Mares, 48+') marked first mark on scoresheet for Stojkov in 2015 ... Up until 7/19 @ OTT, had started last 5 league games ... Missed both 5/16 v MNU, 5/23 @ OTT due to injury (R ankle sprain), returning to 18-man roster for 5/27 vs LOU Open Cup ... Was his deflection of clearance that led to Wojcik's 26' tally in eventual 1-1 away draw on 7/05 @ NYC ... 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 between 2014-15 seasons, inking on 11/28/14 ... Represented his native Macedonia at the Under-17, U-19, and U-21 levels and played professionally in Macedonia (FK Belasica), Greece (Egaleo and Illsiakos) and Serbia (Napredak Krusevac and Jagodina) before coming to the United States in 2014 to suit up for the USL PRO League's LA Galaxy II, where he played 16 games alongside current Indy Eleven teammate Rugg.

#19 – WOJCIECH WOJCIK **FWD** 6-4 209 lbs. 05/31/92 Elmwood Park, IL

2015 NASL SEASON: 13 GP / 8 GS, 2G, 1A in 720 minutes

LAST NASL GAME (08/01 v ATL): Played final half hour in place of Brown in 0-1 defeat at Carroll Stadium

MISC: Now in 6-way tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> on Indy's scoring chart w/ 2 goals ... Scored for second straight week on 7/11 v CAR, his 54' minute header and overall effort earning him both his first spot on the NASL Team of the Week and the NASL Play of the Week for a second straight week ... Opened his Indy Eleven scoring account in memorable fashion on 7/05 @ NYC, his 26' volley helping Indy earn a point (1-1 D) and counting as the NASL Fall Week 1 Play of the Week ... Played all 120 mins on 5/27 v LOU in USOC 3<sup>rd</sup> Rd in Indy's 0-2 added extra time loss to City FC ... Registered first assist with Indy Eleven on 4/18 @ SAS on Pena's 45-yard golazo GWG ... Made his Indy Eleven debut in the starting XI on 4/04 @ ATL and went the full 90 min in Indy's season opening 1-1 away draw ... Came to Indy Eleven after spending his first professional campaign (2014) in Finland, where he scored twice for Ykkonen (Second Division) side Tampereen Ilves in 17 appearances while helping the squad to promotion following the season ... Also notched a goal during a two-game stint with Ilves-Kassat of the Finnish Third Division ... Invited to adidas MLS Combine following his senior season at Bradley, during which he co-led the NCAA with 14 assists and added six goals en route to being named the Missouri Valley Conference's Player of the Year ... Elmwood Park, Ill. Native (Poland-born) and product of the Chicago Fire Academy tallied 14 goals and 22 assists in 81 games with the Braves from 2010-13.



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#	#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	Nationality	DoB	Last Club
1		Keith Cardona	GK	6'4"	200	Glen Rock, NJ	USA	11/07/92	FC Leifering (Austria/2)
2	2	Judson McKinney	DF	6'1"	185	Cuyahoga Falls, OH	USA	08/04/88	Milwaukee Wave (MISL)
3	3	Jaime Frias	DF	6'0"	175	Los Angeles, CA	USA/Mexico	02/18/93	Chivas USA (MLS)
4	ļ	Brad Ring	MF	5'10"	165	Rockford, IL	USA	04/07/87	Portland Timbers (MLS)
* 5	5	Erick Norales	DF	5'11"	165	La Ceiba, Honduras	Honduras	02/11/85	C.D. Vida (Honduras/1)
6	5	Dylan Mares	MF	5'9"	160	South Bend, IN	USA	02/11/90	Indiana University (NCAA)
7	7	Don Smart	MF	5'9"	170	Kingston, Jamaica	Jamaica/USA	12/02/87	RVA FC (NPSL)
* 8	3	Kleberson	MF	5'9"	140	Uria, Brazil	Brazil	06/19/79	Philadelphia Union (MLS)
* 9	)	Brian Brown	FW	6'1"	185	Sandy Bay, Jamaica	Jamaica	12/29/92	Philadelphia Union (MLS)
1	0	Marvin Ceballos	MF	5'5"	140	Amititlan, Guatemala	Guatemala	04/22/92	Communicaciones (Guatemala/1)
1	2	Greg Janicki	DF	6'3"	195	New Baltimore, MI	USA	07/09/84	San Antonio Scorpions (NASL)
1	4	Duke Lacroix	FW	5'9"	155	New Egypt, NJ	USA	10/14/93	Univ. of Pennsylvania (NCAA)
1	5	Daniel Keller	DF	6'0"	165	Carmel, IN	USA	02/07/92	Univ. of Louisville (NCAA)
1	6	Cory Miller	DF	6'2"	185	Zionsville, IN	USA	07/22/88	Los Angeles Blues (USL PRO)
* 1	17	Dragan Stojkov	MF	5'9"	160	Strumica, Macedonia	Macedonia	02/23/88	LA Galaxy II (USL PRO)
1	8	Kyle Hyland	DF	5'7"	155	Bay Village, OH	USA	03/01/91	Columbus Crew (MLS)
1	9	Wojciech Wojcik	FW	6'4"	209	Elmwood Park, IL	Poland/USA	05/31/92	Ilves (Finland/2)
* 2	20	Sergio Peña	MF	6'1"	185	Zamora, Honduras	Honduras	05/09/87	Real Sociedad (Honduras/1)
2	21	Dane Richards	MF	5'7"	153	Montego Bay, Jamaica	Jamaica	12/14/83	New York Red Bulls (MLS)
2	22	Zach Steinberger	MF	5'11"	172	Long Beach, CA	USA	05/10/92	Houston Dynamo (MLS)
2	23	Marco Franco	DF	5'11"	155	Chino Hills, CA	USA	10/06/91	Chicago Fire (MLS)
* 2	24	Kristian Nicht	GK	6'5"	225	Jena, Germany	Germany	04/03/82	Rochester Rhinos (USL PRO)
2	27	Victor Pineda	MF	5'11"	152	Bolingbrook, IL	USA	03/15/93	Chicago Fire (MLS)
3	35	Jon Dawson	GK	6'3"	185	Indianapolis, IN	USA	03/18/91	Butler University (NCAA)
9	9	Charlie Rugg	FW	6'0"	175	Roslindale, MA	USA	10/02/90	LA Galaxy (MLS)

 $<sup>* =</sup> international \ roster \ slot$ 

Interim Head Coach/Director of Soccer Operations: Tim Regan

Assistant Coach: Kleberson
Goalkeeping Coach: Gary Yohe
Team Physician: Michael DaRosa, DO
Head Athletic Trainer: Brian Gerlach
Team Operations Manager: Bianca Regich

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Keith Cardona car-DOUGH-nah Marvin Ceballos say-BYE-yoze Greg Janicki JAN-ick-ee Kleberson KLEB-er-son Duke Lacroix la-KWA Dylan Mares MAIRZ 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