

**INDY ELEVEN @ RAYO OKC – SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016**



**NASL SPRING SEASON GAME #4 / COMBINED SEASON GAME #4**

## **Indy Eleven**

*(1W-2D-0L, 5 pts., 4th in 2016 NASL Spring)*

**at**

## **Rayo OKC**

*(1W-1D-1L, 4 pts., 6th in 2016 NASL Spring)*

Saturday, April 30, 2016 – Miller Stadium in Yukon, OK – 8:00 p.m. ET

TV: beIN Sports (national); STREAMING VIDEO: beIN CONNECT (subscription)

RADIO: None; STREAMING AUDIO: None

ONLINE UPDATES: [@IndyElevenLive Twitter feed](#); LIVE STATS: [NASL.com Match Center](#)



### INDY vs. RAYO OKC HISTORY

First meeting on Saturday

#### 2016 Series

Sat., April 30 @ OKC

8:00 pm ET

Sat., August 13 v OKC

7:30 pm ET

Sun., October 30 @ OKC

7:00 pm ET



## INDY ELEVEN ROSTER (as of 04/28/2016)

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	Nationality	DoB	Last Club
1	Keith Cardona	GK	6'4"	200	Glen Rock, NJ	USA	11/07/92	FC Liefering (Austria/2)
2	Neil Shaffer	DF	5'11"	175	Aliquippa, PA	USA	02/14/89	Harrisburg City Islanders (USL)
4	Brad Ring	MF	5'10"	165	Rockford, IL	USA	04/07/87	Portland Timbers (MLS)
^ 5	Lovel Palmer	DF	5'10"	160	Mandeville, Jamaica	Jamaica/USL	08/30/84	Chicago Fire SC (MLS)
6	Dylan Mares	MF	5'9"	160	South Bend, IN	USA	02/11/92	Indiana University (NCAA)
7	Don Smart	MF	5'9"	170	Kingston, Jamaica	Jamaica/USA	12/02/87	RVA FC (NPSL)
* 8	Nicki Paterson	MF	5'11"	155	Motherwell, Scotland	Scotland	01/19/85	Ottawa Fury FC (NASL)
* 9	Eamon Zayed	FW	6'2"	200	Dublin, Ireland	Ireland/Libya	10/04/83	Sabah FA (Malaysia/1)
^ 10	Siniša Ubiparipović	MF	5'9"	163	Cleveland, OH	Bosnia & Herz./USA	08/25/83	Ottawa Fury FC (NASL)
12	Greg Janicki	DF	6'3"	195	New Baltimore, MI	USA	07/09/84	San Antonio Scorpions (NASL)
14	Duke Lacroix	FW	5'9"	155	New Egypt, NJ	USA	10/14/93	Univ. of Pennsylvania (NCAA)
15	Daniel Keller	DF	6'0"	165	Carmel, IN	USA	02/07/92	Univ. of Louisville (NCAA)
16	Cory Miller	DF	6'2"	185	Zionsville, IN	USA	07/22/88	Los Angeles Blues (USL PRO)
18	Jon Busch	GK	5'10"	165	Queens, NY	USA	08/18/76	Chicago Fire SC (MLS)
19	Wojciech Wojcik	FW	6'4"	209	Elmwood Park, IL	Poland/USA	05/31/92	Ilves (Finland/2)
20	Justin Braun	FW	6'2"	195	Salt Lake City, UT	USA	03/31/87	Sacramento Republic FC (USL)
23	Marco Franco	DF	5'11"	155	Chino Hills, CA	USA	10/06/91	Chicago Fire (MLS)
^ 24	Jair Reinoso	FW	6'0"	170	Cali, Colombia	Colombia/USA	06/07/85	Zhejiang Yiteng (China/2)
* 32	Colin Falvey	DF	6'1"	185	Cork City, Ireland	Ireland	06/20/85	Ottawa Fury FC (NASL)
* 33	Gorka Larrea	MF	5'11"	165	San Sebastian, Spain	Spain	04/07/84	Montreal Impact FC (MLS)
* 82	Nemanja Vuković	DF	6'3"	180	Podgorica, Montenegro	Montenegro	04/13/84	Sacramento Republic FC (USL)
* 91	Omar Gordon	FW	5'9"	171	Montego Bay, Jamaica	Jamaica	10/08/91	Montego Bay United (Jamaica/1)

\* = international roster slot

^ = holds U.S. Green Card (does not count against int'l roster allocation)

**Head Coach:** Tim Hankinson

**Assistant Coach:** Tim Regan

**Director of Goalkeeping:** Jon Busch

**Head Athletic Trainer:** Brian Gerlach

**Team Operations Manager:** Andy Piggush

**Equipment Manager:** John Roeder

**Team Physician:** Dr. Daniel Kraft

### Pronunciation Guide

Justin Braun	BRAWN
Keith Cardona	car-DOUGH-nah
Greg Janicki	JAN-eh-key
Duke Lacroix	la-KWA
Gorka Larrea	gore-KA lar-RAY-ah
Dylan Mares	MAIRES
Lovel Palmer	luh-vell
Jair Reinoso	HI-ear ray-NO-so
Neil Shaffer	SHAY-fer
Siniša Ubiparipović	sin-EE-sha OO-be-pare-ee-poe-vich
Nemanja Vuković	neh-MAHN-yah VOO-kah-vich
Wojciech Wojcik	VOY-check VOO-cheek
Eamon Zayed	AYE-mon ZYED

**INDY ELEVEN 2016 NASL SPRING SEASON SCHEDULE***\*\*\* Match dates & times are subject to change*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time (ET)</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Result</b>
Sat., April 2	7:30 pm	at Tampa Bay Rowdies	Al Lang Stadium – St. Petersburg, FL	0-0 D / 5,740
Sat., April 9	7:30 pm	vs. Ottawa Fury FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	1-1 D / 9,104
Sat., April 16	7:30 pm	vs. New York Cosmos	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	2-1 W / 9,067
Sat., April 30	8:00 pm	at Rayo OKC	Miller Stadium – Oklahoma City, OK	
Sat., May 7	7:30 pm	vs. FC Edmonton	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sat., May 14	7:00 pm	at Fort Lauderdale Strikers	Lockhart Stadium – Fort Lauderdale, FL	
Sat., May 21	7:30 pm	vs. Minnesota United FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sat., May 28	7:00 pm	at Jacksonville Armada FC	Community First Park – Jacksonville, FL	
Sat., June 4	8:00 pm	at Miami FC	FIU Stadium – Miami, FL	
Sat., June 11	7:30 pm	vs. Carolina RailHawks	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	

**INDY ELEVEN 2016 NASL FALL SEASON SCHEDULE***\*\*\* Match dates & times are subject to change*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time (ET)</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Result</b>
Sat., July 2	7:30 pm	at Puerto Rico FC	Juan Ramón Loubriel Stadium – Bayamón, PR	
Sat., July 9	7:30 pm	vs. Minnesota United FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Wed., July 13	7:30 pm	vs. Ft. Lauderdale Strikers	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sat., July 16	8:00 pm	at Minnesota United FC	National Sports Center Stadium – Blaine, MN	
Sat., July 23	7:30 pm	vs. FC Edmonton	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sat., July 30	8:00 pm	at Miami FC	FIU Stadium – Miami, FL	
Wed., Aug. 3	7:30 pm	vs. Jacksonville Armada FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sat., Aug. 6	7:30 pm	vs. Ottawa Fury FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sat., Aug. 13	7:30 pm	vs. Rayo OKC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sat., Aug. 20	7:30 pm	at Carolina RailHawks	WakeMed Soccer Park – Cary, NC	
Sun., Aug. 28	2:00 pm	at Ottawa Fury FC	TD Place – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	
Wed., Aug. 31	7:30 pm	at New York Cosmos	James M. Shuart Stadium – Hempstead, NY	
Sat., Sep. 3	7:30 pm	vs. Tampa Bay Rowdies	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sat., Sep. 10	7:00 pm	at Ft. Lauderdale Strikers	Lockhart Stadium – Fort Lauderdale, FL	
Sat., Sep. 17	7:30 pm	vs. Miami FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sat., Sep. 24	7:30 pm	vs. New York Cosmos	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sun., Oct. 2	4:00 pm	at FC Edmonton	Clarke Field – Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	
Sat., Oct. 8	7:00 pm	at Jacksonville Armada	Community First Park – Jacksonville, FL	
Sat., Oct. 15	7:30 pm	vs. Carolina RailHawks	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Wed., Oct 19	7:30 pm	at Tampa Bay Rowdies	Al Lang Stadium – St. Petersburg, FL	
Sat., Oct. 22	7:30 pm	vs. Puerto Rico FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	
Sun., Oct. 30	7:00 pm	at Rayo OKC	Miller Stadium – Oklahoma City, OK	

## INDY ELEVEN 2016 NASL SEASON STATISTICS

UNF	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	SHT	SOG	C	E
9	FW	Eamon Zayed	3	3	270	2	0	6	4	0	0
82	DF	Nemanja Vuković	3	3	253	1	0	4	1	1	0
18	GK	Jon Busch	3	3	270	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	DF	Colin Falvey	3	3	270	0	0	1	0	0	0
12	DF	Greg Janicki	3	3	270	0	0	3	1	1	0
4	MF	Brad Ring	3	3	270	0	0	1	0	1	0
5	DF	Lovel Palmer	3	3	262	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	FW	Justin Braun	3	3	243	0	0	5	0	1	0
8	MF	Nicki Paterson	3	3	229	0	0	3	0	1	0
14	FW	Duke Lacroix	3	3	210	0	0	1	0	0	0
10	MF	Siniša Ubiparipović	2	2	141	0	0	2	0	0	0
33	MF	Gorka Larrea	1	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	FW	Jair Reinoso	2	0	44	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	DF	Marco Franco	2	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	GK	Keith Cardona	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
-	FW	Omar Gordon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	MF	Daniel Keller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	MF	Dylan Mares	2	1	129	0	0	4	2	1	0
16	DF	Cory Miller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	DF	Neil Shaffer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	MF	Don Smart	2	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	FW	Wojciech Wojcik	1	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Eleven totals</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Opponent totals</i>			<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>270</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>

**GAME-WINNING GOALS:** Eamon Zayed 1

**GAME-WINNING ASSISTS:** None

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












### INDY ELEVEN INDIVIDUAL GOALKEEPING

UNF	POS	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MIN	GA	GAA	SVS	PG	PA	W	D	L	SO
18	GK	Jon Busch	3	3	270	2	0.67	7	1	1	1	2	0	1
1	GK	Keith Cardona	0	0	0	0	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Eleven Totals</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>Opponent totals</i>			<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>270</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1.00</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>

### GOALS SCORED BY MINUTE

	1-15'	16-30'	31-45+	46-60'	61-75'	76-90+'	Total
Indy Eleven	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Opponent	0	0	0	2	0	0	2

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

FRI 04/22/2016				
8:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	MIAMI FC	2 - 3	RAYO OKC
SAT 04/23/2016				
7:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	FORT LAUDERDALE STRIKERS	1 - 1	JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC
7:30 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	TAMPA BAY ROWDIES	1 - 3	CAROLINA RAILHAWKS
8:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	MINNESOTA UNITED FC	1 - 0	NEW YORK COSMOS
SUN 04/24/2016				
4:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	FC EDMONTON	2 - 0	OTTAWA FURY FC
SAT 04/30/2016				
2:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	OTTAWA FURY FC	V	MIAMI FC
7:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	FORT LAUDERDALE STRIKERS	V	TAMPA BAY ROWDIES
8:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	RAYO OKC	V	INDY ELEVEN
SUN 05/01/2016				
6:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	NEW YORK COSMOS	V	CAROLINA RAILHAWKS
WED 05/04/2016				
6:30 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC	V	FC EDMONTON
SAT 05/07/2016				
2:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	OTTAWA FURY FC	V	MINNESOTA UNITED FC
7:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC	V	RAYO OKC
7:30 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	CAROLINA RAILHAWKS	V	FORT LAUDERDALE STRIKERS
7:30 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	INDY ELEVEN	V	FC EDMONTON
8:00 PM EDT	SPRING SEASON	MIAMI FC	V	NEW YORK COSMOS

**LAST TIME OUT – INDY 2 : 1 NEW YORK**

Indy Eleven turned a potentially disappointing defeat into a breath-taking victory against the New York Cosmos on April 16, when Eamon Zayed's late brace gave the home side a 2-1 comeback win in front of 9,067 delirious fans at IUPUI's Carroll Stadium.

Indy Eleven looked poised to end its six-game draw streak against the Cosmos with a loss after going down on Nico Kranjcar's 51<sup>st</sup> minute penalty kick, set up when Greg Janicki was ruled to have tackled down Sebastian Guenzatti as the New York attacker lunged for a cross inside the Indy six-yard box. However, it was Janicki that would set up a late spot kick of the Eleven's own when he was grabbed by Hunter Freeman while sizing up a free kick service inside the Cosmos area in the 88<sup>th</sup> minute, and Zayed struck his PK just inside the right post to even things up heading into five minutes of stoppage time.

Another seventh straight tie looked destined when Justin Braun's diving header missed just wide left three minutes deep into stoppage, but it was Indy that would break the series deadlock. Braun's flick on inside the area found a streaking Mares, whose first-time shot was well saved by Cosmos netminder Kyle Zobeck on his line. However, the rebound spilled right to Zayed, who redirected on the doorstep to give Indy the full three points and send the Brickyard Battalion into ecstasy.

[Click here for the full game recap](#)

**Scoring Summary:**

NYC – Nico Kranjcar (penalty kick) 51'  
 IND – Eamon Zayed (penalty kick) 90'  
 IND – Eamon Zayed (unassisted) 90+5'

**Discipline Summary:**

IND – Nemanja Vuković (caution) 50'  
 IND – Justin Braun (caution) 57'  
 IND – Greg Janicki (caution) 65'  
 NYC – Hunter Freeman (caution) 89'  
 IND – Brad Ring (caution) 90+5'

**Indy Eleven line-up (4-4-2, L-->R):** Jon Busch; Nemanja Vuković (Marco Franco 73'), Greg Janicki, Colin Falvey (capt), Lovel Palmer; Duke Lacroix (Don Smart 63'), Nicki Paterson (Wojciech Wojcik 76'), Brad Ring, Dylan Mares; Justin Braun, Eamon Zayed

*Eleven bench: Keith Cardona (GK), Cory Miller, Neil Shaffer, Daniel Keller*

**New York Cosmos (4-2-3-1):** Kyle Zobeck; Ayoze, Carlos Mendes (capt) (Gabriel Farfan 86'), Jimmy Ockford, Hunter Freeman; Michael Lahoud, Adam Moffat; Niko Kranjcar (Andres Flores 70'), Juan Arango, Sebastian Guenzatti; Jairo Arrieta (Lucky Mkosana 81')

*Cosmos bench: Brian Holt (GK), David Ochieng, Yohandry Orozco, David Diosa*

**FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING:** Indy Eleven may have lost that "new car smell" now that the club is in its third season of play, but the team is not so far removed from its inaugural season, which is what Rayo OKC is now experiencing as one of three new NASL teams for 2016.

Being one of the relatively new kids on the block, Indy Eleven has only had the opportunity to face two expansion sides – its "Class of 2014" mate Ottawa Fury FC and 2015's NASL newcomer Jacksonville Armada FC. Both of those first meetings were ones Indy wouldn't mind forgetting, as Ottawa (4-2) and Jacksonville (1-0) took the opening encounters in their series.

In a quirk of the schedule, Indy Eleven will begin all three of its series against expansion teams in 2016 on the road, starting with Saturday's clash in the Sooner State.

**All-time First Meetings vs. Expansion Teams**

vs. Ottawa Fury FC	May 17, 2014	L 2-4
at Jacksonville Armada FC	May 9, 2015	L 0-1
at Rayo OKC	April 30, 2016	8:00 pm ET
at Miami FC	June 4, 2016	8:00 pm ET
at Puerto Rico FC	July 2, 2016	7:30 pm ET

**BYE BYE, BYE:** With the NASL having an uneven number of teams for the second straight year (at least to start the season ... Puerto Rico FC joins for the Fall), one team will get to sit out of Spring Season action each weekend during the Spring Season, with last weekend being Indy Eleven's turn. The "Boys in Blue" enjoyed three weekends off in 2015, and went 1-1-1 in the games to follow, offsetting the above mentioned 0-1 loss at Jacksonville (May 9) with point-bearing efforts against Tampa Bay (W 2-0 vs. TBR on Aug. 19 and T 1-1 at TBR on Sep. 30).

**INJURY REPORT:** Coming off the thrill of the 2-1 win over New York, some might have thought the bye week came at an inopportune time for Indy Eleven ... but head coach Tim Hankinson would not be among that group. It turns out the bye could not have been timed any better, as it allowed the squad to overcome some lingering knocks and injuries, resulting in Hankinson having his full complement of players train fully this past week for the first time since the team gathered at the start of preseason back in mid-February.

Midfielder Sinisa Ubiparipovic has recovered from his right hamstring strain suffered against Ottawa in the home opener on April 9 and will be a possibility to return to the starting line-up. Fellow midfielder Gorka Larrea has come back far enough from a right adductor injury to be considered for minutes off the bench Saturday night at Rayo OKC.

**REINOSO RETURNS, AND OMAR ON BOARD:**

The two-week break between games also allowed Coach Hankinson to further integrate the team's two newest faces – forwards Jair Reinoso and Omar Gordon – into the squad more fully without tinkering with gameday preparations.

Reinoso, who provided a spark off the bench in Indy's first two contests, missed the team's last outing against New York while tending to family business – the birth of he and his wife's second child.

Meanwhile, the 24-year-old Gordon arrived in Indiana two days after the New York triumph and has more than a week-and-a-half of training with the "Boys in Blue." The scoring winger comes to Indianapolis fresh off a successful stint with Red Stripe Premier League side Montego Bay United – the squad that his new head coach Tim Hankinson helped league to the top of the league table last fall prior to his departure.

Gordon finished the RSPL's season atop its scoring chart with 19 tallies in league matches, surpassing his Montego Bay United teammate Dino Williams, who was tabbed to join the "Boys in Blue" before being unable to pass his entrance physical last month. Gordon helped MBU to the 2013/14 Red Stripe Premier League title and to a runner-up finish in 2014/15, and scored one of its goals in their playoff semifinal round contest, which helped earn the squad a spot in this Sunday's league championship match. He also made a pair of substitute appearances for the side during CONCACAF Champions League group stage play last summer.

**FORMATION ABOUT FACE:** For the game against New York, Coach Hankinson made only one change from the line-up that started the first two games ... and it was only an injury to Sinisa Ubiparipovic that allowed Dylan Mares to earn his first starting nod of the season. However, the big change Hankinson made was how he deployed that line-up, switching from the 4-2-3-1 that shored up things defensively in the first two outings to traditional 4-4-2 set-up that gave Indy more punch in attack.

The tactic seemed to work, as Indy Eleven enjoyed its best attacking numbers of the young season in most metrics against the Cosmos:

	4/02 @ TBR	4/09 v OTT	4/16 v NYC
Goals	0	1	2
Shots	7	11	12
Shots on goal	1	3	4
Shot accuracy %	33.3%	33.3%	36.4%
Possession	40.7%	43.5%	45.8%
Passes	390	329	372
Pass %	71.5%	66.0%	75.3%
Pass % in opp. half	53.6%	55.4%	64.9%
Crosses	13	15	20
Cross accuracy %	0%	40%	35%

**ZAYED WINS NASL'S WEEK 3 "TREBLE", MARES PLACED ON TEAM OF THE WEEK:**

After helping Indy Eleven to its dramatic 2-1 win over New York on April 16, striker Eamon Zayed would earn a clean sweep of NASL honors by being named the Player of the Week in addition to earning a spot on the Team of the Week and winning the fan vote for the Play of the Week. In addition, MF Dylan Mares earned a spot alongside Zayed on the Team of the Week for Spring Week 3, the duo joining Nemanja Vuković (Weeks 1 & 2) as Indy Eleven representatives on the league's "Best XI" so far in 2016.

**DEFENSE RULES THE DAY:** Indy Eleven head coach Tim Hankinson has made it no secret that he'll be relying on the squad's defensive moxie to help earn results while the team's attack becomes more familiar – and so far it's been able to squeeze at least a point from each outing. Indy's stingy defense has allowed it to be the only NASL outfit yet to concede multiple goals in a match in 2016, and it's 0.67 GAA average it behind only Minnesota's 0.50 clip in the category (the two teams are tied for least goals conceded in 2016 with just 2 GA thus far).

**FAMILIAR FACES:** There will be plenty of handshakes and back slaps at Miller Stadium prior to Saturday's match, as several of the "Boys in Blue" have suited up alongside Rayo OKC players at stops in both the NASL and MLS. One member of Rayo OKC in particular will be busy playing catch-up, as defender Erick Norales was a stalwart in the Indy Eleven line-up during the team's first two seasons, ranking third on the squad's career regular season appearances list (46) ...

FW Justin Braun – Teammate of Sebastian Velasquez with Real Salt Lake (2012)

GK Jon Busch – Teammate of Marvin Chavez (2012-13) and Ryan Johnson (2010-11) with San Jose Earthquakes

DF Greg Janicki – NASL title-winner alongside FW Billy Forbes and MF Richard Menjivar with San Antonio Scorpions (2014)

MF Gorka Larrea – Teammate of DF Futy Danso with Montreal Impact (2014)

DF Cory Miller – Teammate of GK Caleb Patterson-Sewell with Carolina RailHawks (2011)

DF Lovel Palmer – Teammate at Portland Timbers with DF Futy Danso (2011-12) and DF Kosuke Kimura (2012) and at Real Salt Lake with FW Robbie Findley (2013) and MF Sebastian Velasquez (2013)

MF Brad Ring – Teammate of MF Marvin Chavez (2012-13) and FW Ryan Johnson (2010-11) with San Jose Earthquakes and teammate of Johnson, DF Futy Danso and DF Rauwshan McKenzie with Portland Timbers (2013)

**COACHING CONNECTION:** Of course there's another connection between the two teams – the pair of head coaches. Indy Eleven skipper Tim Hankinson and his opposite number at Rayo OKC, Alen Marcina, were the two sideline bosses of the San Antonio Scorpions during the team's NASL tenure from 2012-15. Hankinson brought Marcina onto his coaching staff as an assistant after being named the Scorpions' first head coach in the build-up to their 2012 inaugural season, and Marcina would eventually be named Hankinson's successor midway through the Scorpions' 2013 season – this after Hankinson led San Antonio to a 21W-11D-18L record and the 2012 regular season title in his season-and-a-half at the helm.

**ARE YOU EXPERIENCED?** The common thread with Indy Eleven's batch of 12 newcomers can be summed up in one word – experience. Nine of the dozen new "Boys in Blue" are in their 30's, while two of the other three – Neil Shaffer (27) and Justin Braun (29) – have served as captain at their previous stop. The newest member of the squad, 24-year-old Omar Gordon is practically a toddler when compared to the rest of the squad ... and may have kept Indy from surpassing Rayo OKC as the "elder states-team" of the NASL.

The average age of the group (as of Thursday) entering Saturday's game against Rayo OKC is 28.27 years, which ranks third in the NASL, just a shade behind Miami FC (28.28) and Rayo (28.57). Goalkeeper Jon Busch, now in his 20<sup>th</sup> professional season in American soccer circles, serves as the oldest of the group at 39 years of age, while second-year forward Duke Lacroix is the youngest at 22.

**ZAYED LATEST TO BRACE HIMSELF:** While Eamon Zayed's two goals were enough to earn the full three points last time out against New York, the Irishman ran out of time to chase the team's first-ever hat trick in NASL play.

While Wojciech Wojcik tallied thrice in preseason play against Arizona United back in March and Blake Smith did the deed in U.S. Open Cup play in 2014 against the Dayton Dutch Lions, Indy Eleven is still looking for its first hat trick in league action. Zayed became the fifth member of the "Boys in Blue" to tally a brace in regular season play – and is the only one on that list currently on the roster:

Mike Ambersley: 6/07/14 @ ATL (3-3 D)  
 Kleberson: 8/02/14 vs. ATL (2-4 L)  
 Victor Pineda: 6/06/15 @ FTL (2-1 W)  
 Zach Steinberger: 9/05/15 vs. JAX (3-0 W)  
 Eamon Zayed: 04/16/16 vs. NYC (2-1 W)

**LONG AND WINDING ROAD:** With its 0-0 draw at Tampa Bay to kick things off in 2016 back on April 2, Indy Eleven's all-time road record now sits at 6W-10D-13L (32 GF /52 GA).

**DON'T LEAVE EARLY:** Indy Eleven is trying to make sure fans get their full money's worth so far this season, as the team has tallied all of its goals in the 89<sup>th</sup> minute or later. Nemanja Vukovic evened things up on April 9 against Ottawa with an 89<sup>th</sup> minute tally to secure a 1-1 draw, which is the same minute Zayed hit an equalizer of his own from the spot against New York on April 16 – which he followed with a game-winner in the 95<sup>th</sup>.

Meanwhile, Indy Eleven has conceded both of its goals allowed in the quarter-hour following halftime, Ottawa's Idan Vered opening the scoring in the 56<sup>th</sup> minute, while the Cosmos' Nico Kranjcar hit from the spot in the 51<sup>st</sup>.

**OFFSEASON MAKEOVER:** Indy Eleven named American coaching veteran Tim Hankinson as the club's second permanent head coach on Dec. 2, and changes to the roster of "Indiana's Team" would be soon to follow. As it turns out, the 22-man roster as it currently stands is split nearly down the middle between returning players and newcomers – a trend that carried over to Hankinson's coaching staff thanks to the return of Tim Regan to an assistant role and the addition of veteran goalkeeper Jon Busch, who will serve as the squad's goalkeeping coach in addition to the team's first-choice netminder.

10 of those 12 players would end up making their Indy Eleven debut on April 2 in Tampa Bay, with 8 of them being penciled into the starting lineup

<b>Returning (10)</b>	<b>Newcomers (12)</b>
GK Keith Cardona	GK Jon Busch
DF Marco Franco	DF Colin Falvey
DF Greg Janicki	DF Lovel Palmer
DF Cory Miller	DF Neil Shaffer
MF Daniel Keller	DF Nemanja Vuković
MF Dylan Mares	MF Gorka Larrea
MF Brad Ring	MF Nicki Paterson
MF Don Smart	MF Sinisa Ubiparipović
FW Duke Lacroix	FW Justin Braun
FW Wojciech Wojcik	FW Jair Reinoso
	FW Eamon Zayed
	FW Omar Gordon

**COMMON BONDS:** While there are plenty of fresh faces on the Indy Eleven roster, some of them happen to be quite familiar with each other from some earlier stops in the soccer universe ...

- Jon Busch & Lovel Palmer both joined after playing last season with MLS' Chicago Fire SC.
- Busch was also a teammate of Eleven midfielder Brad Ring with the San Jose Earthquakes from 2010-13.
- Nemanja Vuković and Justin Braun both spent the last two years with Sacramento Republic FC, and helped the USL side win the league's championship during its inaugural season in 2014
- Indy Eleven lured a trio of players from expansion cohort Ottawa Fury FC in Colin Falvey, Nicki

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Paterson and Sinisa Ubiparipovic – the first two of which were also teammates with the Charleston Battery before going north of the border.

- Ubiparipovic spent his rookie season in 2007 with the New York Red Bulls alongside his new assistant coach, Tim Regan.
- Head coach Tim Hankinson made defender Greg Janicki one of the first players named to the San Antonio Scorpions' inaugural roster in advance of their 2012 season.
- Hankinson also coached newcomer Omar Gordon during his brief stint last fall with Jamaican Red Stripe Premier League side Montego Bay United.

**OVER THE HUMP AT HOME:** After going winless in its first 12 home games at Carroll Stadium in 2014, Indy Eleven has since gone 9W-5D-5L in its last 19 league outings at "The Mike." "Indiana's Team" has received plenty of support at home over the last two seasons, leading the NASL in attendance both in 2014 (10,285) and 2015 (9,809). Due to reconfigurations of the North Sideline hospitality decks and East and West Goal stands, this year's official capacity at Carroll Stadium has been reduced slightly to 9,702 spectators.

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

**QUARTET OF HOOSIER STATE TIES:** Four players on the 2016 roster have links to the Hoosier State:

- Midfielder Daniel Keller was born and raised in north suburban Carmel and attended Brebeuf Jesuit H.S. in Indianapolis
- Keller's one-time teammate at the University of Louisville, midfielder Dylan Mares, was born in South Bend and also called Zionsville home before playing his last collegiate season in 2013 with Indiana University
- Zionsville was also the former stomping grounds of defender Cory Miller, who moved to Indiana in his teens
- Midfielder Brad Ring may have been born in neighboring Illinois, but he earned his Hoosier State cred with a standout career at Indiana University from 2005-08

**QUINTET OF ELEVEN ORIGINALS:** Three of those players – Brad Ring, Dylan Mares and Cory Miller – are among the five players remaining that spent time with Indy Eleven during its 2014 Inaugural Season. Ring, Mares and midfielder Don Smart were on the opening day roster in April 2014, while Miller and fellow defender Marco Franco would join two weeks apart that August and September, respectively.

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE:** The remake of Indy Eleven's roster this offseason included a complete turnover of the

team's designated international roster slots. Players such as the first signing in team history, German goalkeeper Kristian Nicht, and captain for much of last season, Honduran defender Erick Norales, are now elsewhere, and six of the team's seven slots have been filled with newcomers with this week's addition of Omar Gordon. An additional three players that were foreign-born have American citizenship ... see the full list below:

- \* DF **Colin Falvey** – Ireland
- \* FW **Omar Gordon** – Jamaica
- \* MF **Gorka Larrea** – Spain
- ^ DF **Lovel Palmer** – Jamaica
- \* MF **Nicki Paterson** – Scotland
- ^ FW **Jair Reinoso** – Colombia
- ^ MF **Don Smart** – Jamaica/USA
- ^ MF **Sinisa Ubiparipovic** – Bosnia & Herzegovina
- \* DF **Nemanja Vukovic** – Montenegro
- \* FW **Eamon Zayed** – Ireland/Libya

*\* Designated as international players on roster*  
*^ Holds U.S. Green Card or dual citizenship*

**HANKINSON AT THE HELM:** Indy Eleven's offseason began in earnest on December 2, when veteran coach Tim Hankinson was named the second full-time head coach of "Indiana's Team."

Indy Eleven is the latest stop on a now 36-year coaching journey that has seen Hankinson lead teams at nearly every level of the sport in the United States – including two years in the North American Soccer League and nine years in Major League Soccer – and taken him across the globe.

The native of New York City is familiar with the NASL after being named the first head coach of the San Antonio Scorpions in 2012, helping the expansion squad to the league's regular season championship in his first season. Hankinson is now 22W-13D-18L in 53 games overall in the NASL, the first 50 of which came with San Antonio from 2012-13.

Hankinson was also one of the pioneers in Major League Soccer coaching circles during his nine years in the league from 1996-2004. His MLS tenure began in 1996 by serving as the nascent league's Director of Player Development for two seasons, during which he led the league's scouting and player development activities and coached the Nike Project-40 developmental team. Hankinson would move back to the full-time coaching ranks by taking the helm of MLS' Tampa Bay Mutiny from 1998-2000, helping the squad to postseason appearances in two of his three seasons. From there it was on to fellow MLS side Colorado Rapids, where he racked up three more playoff nods in four seasons from 2001-04. Between his start in coaching with a decade in the collegiate ranks and his stop here in the Hoosier State, Hankinson trotted the globe to coach club teams in Iceland, India, Brazil and, most recently, Jamaica, in addition to Guatemala's U-17 MNT.

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<b>#20 – JUSTIN BRAUN</b>	<b>FWD</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>195 lbs.</b>	<b>03/31/87</b>	<b>Salt Lake City, UT</b>
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Braun is entering the ninth season of his professional career, after signing with Indy Eleven alongside fellow ex-Sacramento Republic FC teammate Nemanja Vuković on 01/19/16 ... Kicked off pro career in 2008 with six-year run in Major League Soccer with Chivas USA, Montreal Impact, Real Salt Lake and Toronto FC, notching 27 goals and 15 assists across 135 MLS regular season and postseason games ... Joined former Chivas USA coach Preki in 2014 as one of the first signings with Sacramento, and was named the budding USL powerhouse's captain for both of its first two years ... Scored 14 goals and tallied one assist during 49 appearances in official competitions with SRFC across 2014-15, helping the side to the 2014 USL Championship in the team's Inaugural Season.

<b>#18 – JON BUSCH</b>	<b>GK</b>	<b>5-10</b>	<b>165 lbs.</b>	<b>08/18/76</b>	<b>Queens, NY</b>
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Veteran goalkeeper to enter his 20<sup>th</sup> professional season with Indy Eleven after signing on 01/22/16 in a move that also saw him named an assistant coach for "Indiana's Team" ... Since entering the professional ranks in 1997, has made more than 450 starts in official competitions ... Spent the last 14 years climbing near the top of Major League Soccer's charts in numerous categories during stints with the Columbus Crew (2002-06), Chicago Fire SC (2007-09, 2015) and the San Jose Earthquakes (2010-2014), during which he racked up a 113W-92D-101L record in regular season play ... Left MLS ranked fourth in league history in goalkeeper games played (309), shutouts (83) and saves (1,151) and fifth in wins ... Queens, N.Y., native helped Columbus (2004) and San Jose (2012) to MLS regular season Supporters Shield titles, won the 2002 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup with the Crew and earned the MLS Goalkeeper of the Year award and earned a spot on the MLS Best XI Team with the Earthquakes in 2008 ... Made 12 starts with Fire last season ... Began career with five seasons in the A-League (second division) from 1997-2001.

<b>#1 – KEITH CARDONA</b>	<b>GK</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>200 lbs.</b>	<b>11/07/92</b>	<b>Glen Rock, NJ</b>
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Made 10 NASL appearances for Indy in 2015, including 7 of last 9 matches ... Registered career-high 4 saves on 9/12/15 @ SAS, 9/30 @ TBR & 10/03 @ JAX ... Registered first professional win and clean sheet of pro career on 09/05 v JAX in Indy's 3-0 win ... Made his Indy Eleven and professional debut on 5/09/15 @ JAX ... Originally signed by Indy Eleven on 03/27/15 and re-signed with squad on 12/16/15 ... Product of the New York Red Bulls Academy system product spent time with the U.S. Under-17 and U-18 National Teams ... Helped Maryland reach the NCAA College Cup Semifinals during standout sophomore season in 2012 (16W-3D-1L, 1.14 GAA on season)

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

<b>#32 – COLIN FALVEY</b>	<b>DEF</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>185 lbs.</b>	<b>06/20/85</b>	<b>Cork City, Ireland</b>
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Became second of three members of last year's NASL Fall Season Champion and The Championship finalist Ottawa Fury FC to join Indy Eleven with his signing on 01/15/16 (alongside Sinisa Ubiparipovic & Nicki Paterson) ... Started in all 32 appearances made for the Canadian club across all competitions last season, logging over 2,800 minutes ... Prior to his year north of the border, Falvey served as captain of the USL's Charleston Battery during the latter portion of his five-season stint from 2010-14 ... The 30-year-old began his professional career in his native Ireland in 2004 and has also plied his trade in New Zealand and India.

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

<b>#23 – MARCO FRANCO</b>	<b>DEF</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>155 lbs.</b>	<b>10/06/91</b>	<b>Chino Hills, CA</b>
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Led team in minutes played (2,377), starts (27) and games played (27) in 2015 ... Started and played all 90 minutes in last 6 games of 2014, which coincided with then-NASL modern record 397-minute shutout streak ... Made Indy Eleven debut in starting lineup as right back on 9/27/14 v. CAR ... Originally came to Indy Eleven on loan from MLS' Chicago Fire SC on 9/12/14 ... Re-signed for 2016 season on 12/03/15 ... Was selected in 1st Round (13<sup>th</sup> overall) in 2014 MLS SuperDraft by the Fire ... Rounded out standout 4-year career at UC-Irvine by being named Big West 2013 Defender of the Year

**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Chicago Fire SC (2014)

<b>#91 – OMAR GORDON</b>	<b>FWD</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>171 lbs.</b>	<b>10/08/91</b>	<b>Montego Bay, Jamaica</b>
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Signed with Indy Eleven via loan deal with Jamaican side Montego Bay United on April 14 and joined club in Indy four days later ... Bagged a league-high 19 goals for Montego Bay United in 2015/16 and is fresh off of helping MBU to the Jamaican Red Stripe Premier League Final, having scored in the opening game of their 4-3 aggregate semifinal round triumph over Arnett Gardens ... Spent the entirety of his five-year professional career with his hometown club ... Was a member of Montego Bay United's 2013/14 championship side and 2014/15 runner-up squad ... Made two appearances off the bench during CONCACAF Champions League group stage last fall, playing a combined 48 minutes vs. D.C. United and Arabe Unido (Panama)

**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Montego Bay United (2011-16)

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

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

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

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

**MISC:** Made 15 appearances (11 starts) during his rookie season with Indy Eleven in 2015 ... Made his professional debut on 5/23/15 @ OTT with late cameo in place of Brad Ring ... Made his first start for Indy 4 days later on 5/27 in Open Cup action vs. Louisville City FC (95 mins) ... Signed with Indy Eleven on 05/11/15 ... Versatile defender can play anywhere along backline and at defensive midfield spot ... Selected in 3<sup>rd</sup> round (62<sup>nd</sup> overall) in 2015 MLS SuperDraft by defending MLS Cup champion LA Galaxy ... Scored 6 goals and added 4 assists in 74 appearances with University of Louisville from 2011-14, where he suited up alongside Eleven teammate Dylan Mares from 2010-12

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

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

Registered 2 goals and 1 assist during rookie season in 2015 after signing with Indy Eleven on 5/21/15 – after he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Sociology ... Return to Indy Eleven for 2016 season was announced on 12/03/15 ... Tallied first professional goal on 6/13 v FCE ... Two-time captain at UPenn earned four nods to All-Ivy League Teams (First-team in 2013 & 2014)

**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** University of Pennsylvania (NCAA, 2011-14)

**#33 – GORKA LARREA** MID 5-11 165 lbs. 04/07/84 San Sebastian, Spain

Joined Indy Eleven on 02/10/16 – and acclimated himself quickly to the Hoosier State by choosing #33 in honor of Indiana native son Larry Bird ... Former Spanish youth international played 22 games in Spain's La Liga (first division) with Real Sociedad from 2003 to 2006 and Levante UD in 2010 and logged more than 100 games in the Segunda División (second division) for four clubs between 2006 and 2013, twice helping squads earn promotion to La Liga – UD Almería in 2006/07 and as captain of Levante in 2009/10 ... Most recently suited up for Major League Soccer's Montreal Impact FC, making nine appearances during the second half of the Quebec club's 2014 season ... On international scene, made 15 appearances from the U-16 to U-23 levels alongside future stars of the game like Andrés Iniesta and Fernando Torres and was part of the squad that won the 2001 UEFA European U-16 Championship

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

Despite missing 7 games in middle of the season due to R knee injury, was team leader in 2015 with 5 goals (tied w/ Brian Brown) and 5 assists (T-11th in NASL in assists) ... Eleven's career leader in assists in regular season play with 7 helpers ... Named to NASL Team of the Week 3 times in 2015 ... Re-signed with squad for 2016 season on 12/03/15 ... One of 3 players remaining from team's 2014 opening day roster (Smart & Ring)

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

**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Indiana University (NCAA, 2013), University of Louisville (NCAA, 2010-12)

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

Started 19 of his 21 appearances in 2015, both ranking in the team's top five ... Performances in pair of 1-1 draws on 9/30 @ TBR and 10/03 @ JAX earned him first NASL Team of the Week honor on 10/07 (Fall Week 14) ... Return to the squad for 2016 was announced on 12/03/15 ... Started team's last 9 contests of 2014 in central defense, that stretch coinciding with team's then NASL modern era record 397-minute shutout streak ... Registered first – and only – assist for Indy on 9/20/14 @ FTL (Frias, 39') ... Originally signed with Indy Eleven on 8/28/14

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

**#5 – LOVEL PALMER** DEF 5-10 160 lbs. 08/30/84 Mandeville, Jamaica

Six-year veteran of MLS joined Indy Eleven on 01/12/16 after two seasons with Chicago Fire SC, which followed time with Real Salt Lake, Portland Timbers and Houston Dynamo ... Tallied four goals and added five assists across 148 MLS regular season games ... Broke into professional ranks during a lengthy stint with Jamaican Red Stripe Premier League side Harbour View, making nearly league 150 appearances, bagging 41 goals from 2003-10 and serving as team captain during most of his stint ... Was three-time winner of the Jamaican National Premier League, two-time winner of both the Jamaican Domestic Cup and Caribbean Football Union Club Championship and a three-time participant in CONCACAF regional championship competitions ... Made 29 "caps" for Jamaican Men's National Team, including all six semifinal round games during CONCACAF region qualifying for the 2014 World Cup across the second half of 2012.

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**#8 – NICKI PATERSON** *MID* **5-11** **155 lbs.** **01/19/85** *Motherwell, Scotland*

Became third player to join Indy Eleven from the team's 2014 expansion rival Ottawa Fury FC (joining Colin Falvey & Sinisa Ubiparipovic) on 01/26/16 ... Was the first player signed by Ottawa leading into its 2014 expansion season, and netted four times in 26 appearances across the last two years, each of which saw significant time missed due to injury ... Scored twice in 9 games in 2015's Spring Season, including a late game-winner in a 1-0 triumph over the Eleven in May, before an ACL injury robbed him of participation in Fury FC's run to the Fall Season title ... Spent three years with USL PRO side Charleston Battery from 2011-13, all alongside his former Ottawa and new Indy Eleven teammate Falvey, helping the Battery to the USL PRO championship in 2012 ... Combined totals of 30 goals and 10 assists was more than any other midfielder in the league during his three-season stint in Charleston ... Also suited up in his native Scotland professionally for Hamilton Academical and Clyde F.C., and grew up in the youth system of his hometown side, Motherwell F.C.

**#24 – JAIR REINOSO** *FWD* **6-0** **170 lbs.** **06/07/87** *Cali, Colombia*

Squad's most recent signing, joining the club officially on Tuesday after a two-week trial with the squad ... 30-year-old striker has scored 79 goals in 185 games while representing clubs in South America and Asia ... Spent time in youth systems of familiar South American headline clubs America de Cali and River Plate before making first team debut with the most successful team in Bolivian soccer, Club Bolivar, in 2008 ... Also suited up for Bolivian powerhouse The Strongest; Colombian first division regulars Once Caldas and Cucuta Deportivo; and, most recently, Chinese League One squad Zhejiang Yiteng ... Contributed to a pair of title-winning sides, helping Club Bolivar and The Strongest to Apertura (Opening) Season victories in 2009 and 2013, respectively, and also tallied five times in 14 games during play in the prestigious Copa Libertadores and Copa Sudamericana international competitions.

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

Started 16 of 21 appearances in 2015 ... Scored a memorable 30-yard blast on 10/17 v MNU, his first goal since 5/24/15 v NYC and the eventual Indy Eleven Goal of the Year as voted on by the Brickyard Battalion ... Re-signed with the squad for 2016 on 12/11/15 ... One of 3 players remaining from team's 2014 opening day roster (Smart & Mares) ... Played standout career at Indiana University from 2006-09

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

**#2 – NEIL SHAFFER** *DEF* **5-11** **175 lbs.** **02/14/89** *Aliquippa, PA*

Outside back joined Indy Eleven on 12/23/15 after two seasons with the USL's Harrisburg City Islanders, the last of which he served as the team's captain ... Helped the Islanders to the 2014 USL Championship final against Sacramento FC, featuring his new teammates Justin Braun and Nemanja Vukovic ... Outside of the 2013 campaign with PDL's Kitsap (Wash.) Pumas, has spent all of his career in his native Pennsylvania, playing collegiately at Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh and also suiting up for a season of PDL play with the Erie Admirals before signing his first pro contract with the USL's Pittsburgh Riverhounds in 2011.

**#7 – DON SMART** *MID* **5-9** **170 lbs.** **12/02/87** *Kingston, Jamaica*

Finished 2015 season T-3<sup>rd</sup> on squad with 3 goals, 2<sup>nd</sup> with 3 assists and T-2<sup>nd</sup> with 25 appearances (10 starts) ... Is Indy Eleven's all-time regular season leader in appearances (52) and ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> with 6 assists (1 behind Mares) ... Announced as one of 8 players returning for 2016 season on 12/03/15 ... One of only two players (w/ Nicht) to appear in all 27 league matches in 2014 ... One of 3 players remaining from team's 2014 opening day roster (Ring & Mares) ... Scored first-ever GWG in Indy Eleven's NASL tenure on 7/12/14 @ CAR

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

**#10 – SINIŠA UBIPARIPOVIĆ** *MID* **5-9** **163 lbs.** **08/25/83** *Cleveland, OH*

First new signing of Indy Eleven's 2015-16 offseason joined the squad on 12/15/15, one of 3 players to move from 2014 expansion mate Ottawa Fury FC (alongside Colin Falvey & Nicki Paterson) ... Played pivotal role in helping Ottawa to 2015 NASL Fall Season title and spot in The Championship Final vs. New York, finishing most productive year of his career T-3<sup>rd</sup> in NASL (including postseason play) with 8 assists and added 5 goals in 26 games played overall (23 starts) ... 4 of 5 NASL Team of the Week appearances in 2015 came across final seven rounds of action ... Has more than 150 first team appearances in regular season, domestic and international cup and postseason action during 9-year pro career, notching 14 goals and 20 assists.

**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Ottawa Fury FC (NASL, 2014-15), Montreal Impact (NASL, 2011; MLS 2012-13), Minnesota United FC [NASL, 2013 (loan)], New York Red Bulls (Major League Soccer, 2007-10), Chicago Fire Premier (USL PDL, 2006), Cleveland Internationals (USL PDL, 2005)

**#82 – NEMANJA VUKOVIC** *DEF* **6-3** **180 lbs.** **04/13/84** *Podgorica, Montenegro*

One of two players, alongside Justin Braun, to sign with the squad from USL's Sacramento Republic FC on 01/19/16 ... Contributed five goals and three assists from the back line during his 65 games across all competitions with Sacramento, helping squad to 2014 USL Championship crown in its Inaugural Season – the same season he was named the 2014 USL PRO Defender of the Year and a 2014 All USL PRO First Team selection ... Prior to joining SRFC, Vukovic spent part of the 2012 MLS season with Columbus but logged most of the first decade of his career from 2003-2013 between clubs in the Montenegrin First and Second Leagues (FK Kom, FC Budućnost Podgorica, OFK Grbalj & Mladost Podgorica) and the Greek Super League (Panetolikos).

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

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

Finished 2015 season with 2 goals and 2 assists in 21 appearances, the latter tied for 5<sup>th</sup> on the squad ... Scored his goals in back-to-back games to start off the Fall Season at NYC and vs. CAR, the latter the game-winner and both voted the NASL Play of the Week by fans ... Re-signed with Indy for 2016 season on 12/03/15 ... 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 ... Former Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year tallied 14 goals and 22 assists in 81 games with Bradley from 2010-13.

**#9 – EAMON ZAYED                      FWD                      6-2                      200 lbs.                      10/04/83                      Dublin, Ireland**

14-year professional signed with Indy Eleven on 12/23/15 .... Racked up more than 150 goals in over 300 first team appearances across play in Ireland, Iran and, most recently, Malaysia for first division side Sabah FA ... Boasts senior national team experience with Libya (one goal in eight "caps") and youth international experience with his native Republic of Ireland (12 games) ... Honed skills in youth academy of English side Leicester City and began pro career with four-year run at Irish squad Bray Wanderers AFC (54 goals in 105 matches) ... Won 2011 League of Ireland Premier Division's Player of the Year Award, earned after scoring 23 goals for Derry City FC ... Scored three times for Ireland's Drogheda United during UEFA Cup action during a two-year stint from 2006-08

**2016 Honors:** NASL Pplayer of the Week (Spring Week 3), NASL Team of the Week (Spring Week 3), NASL Play of the Week (Spring Week 3)