

INDY ELEVEN VS MINNESOTA UNITED FC – SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2016



NASL FALL SEASON GAME #2 / 2016 SEASON GAME #12

Indy Eleven

(4W-7D-0L, 19 pts., 3rd in NASL Combined Season; 0W-1D-0L, T-3rd in Fall Season)

vs.

Minnesota United FC

(6W-1D-4L, 19 pts., 2nd in NASL Combined Season; 1W-0D-0L, 1st in Fall Season)

Saturday, July 9, 2016 – Michael A. Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN – 7:30 p.m. ET

LOCAL TV: WISH-TV; NATIONAL TV: beIN SPORT; STREAMING VIDEO: beIN SPORT CONNECT

RADIO: Exitos Radio AM 1590 (Spanish); STREAMING AUDIO: www.Exitos1590.com

ONLINE UPDATES: [@IndyElevenLive Twitter feed](https://twitter.com/IndyElevenLive); LIVE STATS: NASL.com MatchCenter



INDY vs. MINNESOTA HISTORY

Overall: 3W-0D-4L

Home: 3W-0D-1L

Away: 0W-0D-3L

2016 Series: 1W-0D-0L

May 21, 2016 v MNU

Saturday July 9 v MNU

Sat., July 16 @ MNU

4-2 W

7:30 pm ET

8:00 pm ET

2015: 1W-0D-2L

October 17, 2015 v MNU

Sept. 2, 2015 @ MNU

May 16, 2015 v MNU

3-1 W

0-1 L

1-3 L

2014: 1W-0D-2L

October 11, 2014 v MNU

August 16, 2014 @ MNU

May 3, 2014 @ MNU

2-0 W

1-5 L

2-3 L

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INDY ELEVEN ROSTER (as of 07/08/2016)

#	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)
# 3	Gerardo Torrado	MF	5'9"	161	Mexico City, Mexico	Mexico	04/30/79	Cruz Azul (Mexico/1)
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	on loan w/ OKC Energy FC (USL)
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)
* 99	Souleymane Youla	FW	5'11"	170	Conakry, Guinea	Guinea/Turkey	11/29/81	Budapest Honved FC (Hungary/1)

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

= will occupy international roster slot upon open of FIFA transfer window on July 4, 2016

~ = currently on loan

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 la-RAY-ah
Dylan Mares	MAIRES
Lovel Palmer	luh-vell
Jair Reinoso	HI-ear ray-NO-so
Gerardo Torrado	heh-RAHR-doe tore-RAH-doe
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
Souleymane Youla	soo-lay-mahn YOU-la
Eamon Zayed	AYE-mon ZYED

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INDY ELEVEN 2016 NASL SPRING SEASON SCHEDULE

*** Match dates & times are subject to change

*** Click each result for full stats via NASL.com MatchCenter, powered by Opta

Date	Time (ET)	Opponent	Venue	Result
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	2-1 W / 4,729
Sat., May 7	7:30 pm	vs. FC Edmonton	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	1-1 D / 7,415
Sat., May 14	7:00 pm	at Fort Lauderdale Strikers	Lockhart Stadium – Fort Lauderdale, FL	0-0 D / 1,048
Sat., May 21	7:30 pm	vs. Minnesota United FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	4-2 W / 9,076
Sat., May 28	7:00 pm	at Jacksonville Armada FC	Community First Park – Jacksonville, FL	1-1 D / 4,412
Sat., June 4	8:00 pm	at Miami FC	FIU Stadium – Miami, FL	0-0 D / 1,837
Sat., June 11	7:30 pm	vs. Carolina RailHawks	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	4-1 W / 9,341

INDY ELEVEN 2016 NASL FALL SEASON SCHEDULE

*** Match dates & times are subject to change

Date	Time (ET)	Opponent	Venue	Result
Sat., July 2	7:30 pm	at Puerto Rico FC	Juan Ramón Loubriel Stadium – Bayamón, PR	1-1 D / 6,474
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 U.S. OPEN CUP SCHEDULE

Date	Time (ET)	Opponent	Venue	Round	Result
Wed., June 1	7:30 pm	vs. Louisville City FC (USL)	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	3rd	2-1 W
Wed., June 15	8:30 pm	at. Chicago Fire (MLS)	Toyota Park – Bridgeview, IL	4 th	1-1 D (aet) (3-4 L in PKs)

INDY ELEVEN 2016 NASL SEASON STATISTICS

UNF	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	SHT	SOG	C	E
9	FW	Eamon Zayed	11	10	923	6	1	24	12	0	0
20	FW	Justin Braun	11	10	883	3	1	20	6	2	0
82	DF	Nemanja Vuković	11	11	973	2	3	17	5	2	0
8	MF	Nicki Paterson	11	9	719	1	1	15	2	4	0
91	FW	Omar Gordon	8	8	677	1	1	15	4	1	0
24	FW	Jair Reinoso	6	2	225	1	1	4	2	0	0
12	DF	Greg Janicki	10	10	884	1	0	7	3	1	0
99	FW	Souleymane Youla	1	0	11	1	0	1	1	0	0
10	MF	Siniša Ubiparipović	6	5	360	0	1	2	0	1	0
18	GK	Jon Busch	11	11	990	0	0	0	0	1	0
32	DF	Colin Falvey	10	10	885	0	0	4	0	1	0
6	MF	Dylan Mares	9	7	658	0	0	18	3	1	0
5	DF	Lovel Palmer	8	7	631	0	0	1	1	1	0
4	MF	Brad Ring	7	6	441	0	0	1	0	2	0
33	MF	Gorka Larrea	8	4	436	0	0	0	0	2	0
23	DF	Marco Franco	6	4	385	0	0	1	1	1	0
14	FW	Duke Lacroix	9	3	381	0	1	5	1	0	0
7	MF	Don Smart	5	2	215	0	0	1	0	0	0
16	DF	Cory Miller	3	2	196	0	0	0	0	1	0
19	FW	Wojciech Wojcik	1	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	MF	Daniel Keller	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	GK	Keith Cardona	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	DF	Neil Shaffer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eleven totals			11	11	990	16	10	138	41	21	0
<i>Opponent totals</i>			<i>11</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>990</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>1</i>

GAME-WINNING GOALS: Eamon Zayed 1, Nemanja Vuković 1, Justin Braun 2

GAME-WINNING ASSISTS: Nemanja Vukovic 1

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	11	11	990	9	0.82	24	1	1	4	7	0	3
1	GK	Keith Cardona	0	0	0	0	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eleven Totals			11	11	990	9	0.82	24	1	1	4	7	0	3
<i>Opponent totals</i>			<i>11</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>990</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>1.45</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>

GOALS SCORED BY MINUTE

	1-15'	16-30'	31-45+'	46-60'	61-75'	76-90+'	Total
Indy Eleven	2	2	1	1	3	7	16
Opponent	0	3	1	3	2	0	9

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Tampa Bay Rowdies 0 : 0 Indy Eleven

Saturday, April 2, 2016

Al Lang Stadium; St. Petersburg, FL

Eleven line-up (4-2-3-1):

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Janicki
RCB – Falvey ©
RB – Palmer (Franco 82')
LDM – Paterson (Larrea 63')
RDM – Ring
LW – Lacroix (Reinoso 73')
CAM – Ubiparipović
RW – Braun
FW – Zayed

Scoring Summary:

None

Stats	TBR	IND
Shots	12	7
Shots on Goal	3	1
Fouls	11	9
Corners	5	3
Offsides	0	2
Saves	1	3
Possession	59	41

Indy Eleven 1 : 1 Ottawa Fury FC

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN

Eleven line-up (4-2-3-1):

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Janicki
RCB – Falvey ©
RB – Palmer
LDM – Paterson
RDM – Ring
LW – Lacroix (Smart 74')
CAM – Ubiparipović (Mares 51')
RW – Braun (Reinoso 63')
FW – Zayed

Scoring Summary:

IND – Vuković 89'
OTT – Vered 56'

Stats	IND	OTT
Shots	11	12
Shots on Goal	3	2
Fouls	13	13
Corners	4	6
Offsides	6	1
Saves	1	2
Possession	44	56

Indy Eleven 2 : 1 New York Cosmos

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN

Eleven line-up (4-4-2):

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković (Franco 73')
LCB – Janicki
RCB – Falvey ©
RB – Palmer
LM – Lacroix (Smart 63')
LCM – Paterson (Wojcik 76')
RCM – Ring
RM – Mares
FW – Zayed
FW – Braun

Scoring Summary

IND – Zayed 89' (PK), 95+'
NYC – Kranjcar (PK) 51'

Stats	IND	NYC
Shots	12	9
Shots on Goal	4	4
Fouls	10	6
Corners	6	1
Offsides	6	3
Saves	3	2
Possession	46	54

Rayo OKC 1 : 2 Indy Eleven

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Miller Stadium; Yukon, OK

Eleven line-up (4-4-2):

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Janicki
RCB – Falvey ©
RB – Palmer
LM – Ubiparipović (Larrea 75')
LCM – Paterson
RCM – Ring (Lacroix 18')
RM – Gordon
FW – Zayed
FW – Reinoso (Braun 56')

Scoring Summary

IND – Reinoso 7', Vuković 77'
OKC – Michel 26'

Stats	OKC	IND
Shots	12	8
Shots on Goal	2	3
Fouls	6	15
Corners	6	1
Offsides	1	1
Saves	1	1
Possession	65	35

Indy Eleven 1 : 1 FC Edmonton

Saturday, May 7, 2016

Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN

Eleven line-up (4-4-2):

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Janicki
RCB – Falvey ©
RB – Palmer
LM – Ubiparipović (Reinoso 74')
LCM – Paterson (Larrea 62')
RCM – Ring (Mares 62')
RM – Gordon
FW – Zayed
FW – Braun

Scoring Summary

IND – Janicki 22'
FCE – Keegan 37'

Stats	IND	FCE
Shots	14	5
Shots on Goal	3	1
Fouls	8	11
Corners	3	0
Offsides	2	1
Saves	0	2
Possession	48	52

Fort Lauderdale 0 : 0 Indy Eleven

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Lockhart Stadium; Fort Lauderdale, FL

Eleven line-up (4-4-2):

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Janicki
RCB – Falvey ©
RB – Palmer
LM – Mares
LCM – Ubiparipović (Smart 55')
RCM – Larrea
RM – Gordon
FW – Braun (Zayed 66')
FW – Reinoso (Paterson 81')

Scoring Summary

None

Stats	FTL	IND
Shots	15	11
Shots on Goal	6	2
Fouls	13	11
Corners	4	6
Offsides	1	1
Saves	2	6
Possession	55	45

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Indy Eleven 4 : 2 Minnesota United FC

Saturday, May 21, 2016
Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN

Eleven line-up (4-4-2):

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Janicki (Miller 74')
RCB – Falvey ©
RB – Palmer
LM – Gordon
LCM – Mares
RCM – Larrea (Paterson 67')
RM – Smart (Lacroix 77')
FW – Zayed
FW – Braun

Scoring Summary

IND – Zayed 16', Gordon 49', Braun 75',
Paterson 97+'
MNU – Pinho 54', Lowe 69'

Stats	IND	MNU
Shots	11	11
Shots on Goal	5	3
Fouls	11	13
Corners	2	7
Offsides	2	2
Saves	1	1
Possession	38	62

Jacksonville Armada 1 : 1 Indy Eleven

Saturday, May 28, 2016
Community First Park; Jacksonville, FL

Eleven line-up (4-4-2):

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Miller
RCB – Falvey ©
RB – Franco
LM – Gordon (Lacroix 82')
LCM – Mares (Larrea 60')
RCM – Paterson
RM – Smart (Reinoso 60')
FW – Braun
FW – Zayed

Scoring Summary

IND – Braun 73'
JAX – Bahner 30'

Stats	JAX	IND
Shots	14	11
Shots on Goal	6	4
Fouls	11	13
Corners	3	8
Offsides	3	1
Saves	3	5
Possession	49	51

Indy Eleven 2 : 1 Louisville City FC

Wednesday, June 1, 2016
Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN
U.S. Open Cup – 3rd Round

Eleven line-up (4-4-2):

GK – Cardona
LB – Shaffer
LCB – Vuković ©
RCB – Miller
RB – Franco
LM – Lacroix (Larrea 77')
LCM – Mares
RCM – Keller
RM – Smart (Zayed 45')
FW – Reinoso (Braun 41')
FW – Gordon

Scoring Summary

IND – Gordon 58', Zayed 68'
LOU – Hoffman 21'

Stats	IND	LOU
Shots	6	7
Shots on Goal	2	1
Fouls	21	11
Corners	6	10
Offsides	-	-
Saves	0	0
Possession	-	-

The Miami FC 0 : 0 Indy Eleven

Saturday, June 4, 2016
Ocean Bank Field; Miami, FL

Eleven line-up (4-4-2):

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Janicki
RCB – Falvey ©
RB – Franco
LM – Gordon
LCM – Paterson (Lacroix 74')
RCM – Larrea
RM – Mares
FW – Braun
FW – Zayed (Keller 90+')

Scoring Summary

None

Stats	MIA	IND
Shots	11	15
Shots on Goal	3	1
Fouls	11	13
Corners	3	2
Offsides	1	1
Saves	1	3
Possession	58	42

Indy Eleven 4 : 1 Carolina RailHawks

Saturday, June 11, 2016
Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN

Eleven line-up (4-4-2):

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Janicki
RCB – Falvey © (Ubiparipovic 75')
RB – Franco
LM – Gordon
LCM – Paterson (Lacroix 63')
RCM – Larrea (Ring 89')
RM – Mares
FW – Braun
FW – Zayed

Scoring Summary

IND – Zayed 15', 65', 85'; Braun 45+'
CAR – Albadawi 29'

Stats	IND	CAR
Shots	25	8
Shots on Goal	12	2
Fouls	10	7
Corners	5	1
Offsides	7	3
Saves	1	8
Possession	49	51

Chicago Fire SC 1 (4) : (3) 1 Indy Eleven

Wednesday, June 15, 2016
Toyota Park; Bridgeview, IL
U.S. Open Cup – 4th Round

Eleven line-up (4-4-2):

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Janicki
RCB – Falvey
RB – Franco
LM – Lacroix
LCM – Paterson
RCM – Ring
RM – Mares
FW – Braun
FW – Zayed

Scoring Summary

IND – Braun 105'
CAR – Accam 111'

Stats	CHI	IND
Shots	26	14
Shots on Goal	8	4
Fouls	16	14
Corners	8	7
Offsides	2	0
Saves	3	7
Possession	57	43

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Puerto Rico FC 1 : 1 Indy Eleven

Saturday, July 2, 2016

Estadio Loubriel; Bayamon, PR

Eleven line-up (4-4-2):

GK – Busch

LB – Vuković

LCB – Janicki ©

RCB – Miller

RB – Franco

LM – Gordon (Lacroix 55')

LCM – Ring

RCM – Paterson (Youla 79')

RM – Mares (Palmer 81')

FW – Braun

FW – Zayed

Scoring Summary

IND – Youla 92+'

PRFC – Ramos 74'

Stats	PRFC	IND
Shots	8	12
Shots on Goal	2	3
Fouls	18	10
Corners	1	10
Offsides	0	3
Saves	2	1
Possession	39	61

LAST TIME OUT - MORE LATE DRAMA AT PUERTO RICO KEEPS INDY UNDEFEATED:

The season may have transferred from Spring to Fall, but Indy Eleven's ability to score pivotal late goals transferred well, forward Souleymane Youla's 92nd minute tally bringing Puerto Rico FC's Inaugural Game to a 1-1 draw last Saturday. The goal by the Guinean international Youla, making his NASL debut on the evening, offset a 74th minute goal by Hector Ramos that had the 6,474 fans in attendance at the Estadio Juan Ramon Loubriel ready to go home winners following their own team's NASL debut.

Indy Eleven enjoyed a rare night with the majority of the ball, but the 61-39 possession advantage came with a toll as a physical Puerto Rico side came out of the gates ready to establish their home ground, eventually committing 18 fouls on the night. Indy would get the better of the chances in the opening half, but Nemanja Vukovic's 9th minute header that hit paydirt was nullified by the offside flag, Eamon Zayed's 33rd minute shot flashed just wide left and Nicki Paterson's 45th minute free kick missed just wide right. PRFC almost knicked one at the death of the half when Ramos tried to redirect on the doorstep, but a sliding tackle by Cory Miller kept it at 0-0 into the break.

After a slow start to the second half by both sides, Indy Eleven looked to establish a rhythm about 20 minutes in when Vukovic, Justin Braun and Greg Janicki all had shots that narrowly missed. Those chances left the door open for a goal against the run of play by Puerto Rico in the 74th minute, when a counter-attack ended with Ramos touching home Kyle Culbertson's cross from the left to set up another Indy Eleven comeback attempt.

Indy would keep the pressure up in the final 10 minutes through a series of seemingly endless set pieces. Vukovic's short ball to Zayed nearly paid dividends in the 87th minute, but the Irishman's sliding shot missed wide. A minute later substitute defender Lovel Palmer crashed the six to get a head on a Vukovic corner that PRFC goalkeeper David Meves smothered on his line.

Puerto Rico would commit one too many fouls in a dangerous position, setting up one last Vukovic service that deservedly paid off. The left back's free kick from five yards outside the corner of the area was placed perfectly to the six, where the substitute Youla headed home with authority to bring things all square and keep Indy undefeated with five wins and six draws in NASL action.

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"MIRACLE AT THE MIKE" GIVES INDY SPRING TITLE, TROPHY CLAIMED SATURDAY:

Dramatic three-goal wins are few and far between, but Indy Eleven's 4-1 win over Carolina on June 11 gave Indy the three standings points, four goals and three-goal winning margin it needed to surpass the New York Cosmos at the top of the table and earn the NASL's Spring title – and The Championship automatic berth in November that comes along with it. Indy Eleven will officially claim its first piece of hardware in club history when NASL Commissioner hands the Spring Season trophy to captain Colin Falvey during pre-game Saturday night vs. Minnesota.

Eamon Zayed opened the scoring in the 16th minute following a cross from left-back Nemanja Vukovic to get things started, but the Railhawks fought back in the 29th minute when Nazmi Albadawi countered with a strike from just outside the area to square the match at one-all. Just before halftime the momentum swung back to Indy as Braun tapped in another Vuko cross to restore the lead.

Indy went all-out for its needed brace in the 2nd half but found little in the way of chances until the 65th minute, when Omar Gordon found Zayed with an aerial ball in the center of the box, which the forward headed hard and low to just beat Railhawks FC 'keeper Akira Fitzgerald. Indy Eleven pressed on and eventually found the magical fourth goal with little time to spare. In the 85th minute, beautiful team play resulted in Duke Lacroix corkscrewing a low ball towards the far post where Zayed was waiting to tap home, putting the finishing touches on the 4-1 victory – and giving the club its first-ever trophy when combined with the rest of the Week 11 results across the NASL.

ELEVEN UPSET LIGA MX CHAMP PACHUCA IN

FRIENDLY: Indy Eleven used an early tally by striker Eamon Zayed, a fantastic goalkeeping display by Keith Cardona and plenty of last-ditch defending to down recently-crowned Liga MX Clausura season champion C.F. Pachuca 1-0 in an international friendly June 26.

It was Zayed putting Indy up just seven minutes in with an opportunistic goal, collecting a clumsily played ball by the Tuzos' center backs and before slotting low and left of Alfonso Blanco to put the home side up 1-0. Another poor back pass by Pachuca sprung Zayed on goal in the 26th minute, but the Irishman hurried his chip past an onrushing Blanco, missing just left of the frame to keep things close.

It was the Eleven's #2 goalkeeper Cardona who would get the full duty between the posts on the day, and he came up big on a handful of occasions, most notably with a kick save on Erick Sanchez's 15-yard blast in the 82nd minute that left the visitors frustrated. The win against Pachuca was the first ever for the team against international friendly competition, and kept Indy undefeated against Liga MX teams when combined with last year's 0-0 midseason draw against Monarcas Morelia, also at Carroll Stadium.

INDY KNOCKED OUT OF OPEN CUP BY – CHICAGO IN PKs:

Indy Eleven took a Major League Soccer squad into added extra time of a Fourth Round Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup tie for the second time in three seasons, but would ultimately bow out to Chicago Fire SC 3-4 in penalty kicks following a 1-1 draw after the extra 30 minute session at Toyota Park on June 15.

It was the “Men in Red” enjoying the best chances through the scoreless 90 minutes of regulation, but Chicago’s speedy attackers were missing the final touch when they weren’t testing Indy goalkeeper Jon Busch, who made 7 stops on the night. At the end of the first 15 minute session of added extra time Justin Braun would put the visitors on top with a splendid left-footed finish, giving Indy’s sizeable traveling contingent hope of advancing to the Round of 16. However, after missing several good looks throughout, Ghanaian striker David Accam would finally hit home for Fire SC, dekeing two defenders before finishing far post past Busch in the 111th minute, setting the stage for PKs.

Indy Eleven would go up 2-0 initially in penalties thanks to makes by Nicki Paterson and Eamon Zayed and a first chance miss from Kennedy Igboananike. However, Chicago ‘keeper Matt Lampson would save Indy’s next chances by Nemanja Vukovic and Daniel Keller, and Accam would polish off the fourth and final kick for Chicago to push the MLS’ers through to the final 16 team bracket.

ELEVEN UNDEFEATED THROUGH 11 (OR 13):

“Point accumulation” has been a theme of head coach Tim Hankinson’s throughout the early portion of his tenure in the “Circle City.” The concept not only got the “Boys in Blue” to the top of the NASL Spring Season table, but it has also paid off with the team’s longest unbeaten streak in the club’s two-and-a-half season history, now at 11 games (4W-7D-0L) to start the season. Indy’s 4-1 win on June 11 over Carolina broke the tie for the longest undefeated run in team annals in league competition, the previous 9-game club record (4-5-0) stretching across the 2014-15 seasons. Prior to this year, the squad’s previous single-season best unbeaten runs were a pair of five-gamers that ended the 2014 Fall campaign and stretched across the 2015 Spring and Fall Seasons.

Despite Chicago Fire SC downing Indy Eleven in penalties in U.S. Open Cup play on June 15, the match officially goes into the record books as a 1-1 draw, which means Indiana’s Team can still boast an undefeated record in all 13 of its games in official competitions in 2016. And while it doesn’t count officially, if you want to throw the team’s 1-0 exhibition win over Liga MX champion C.F. Pachuca onto the undefeated compilation as well, we won’t stop you.

MEXICAN INTERNATIONAL MIDFIELDER GERARDO TORRADO ELIGIBLE TO DEBUT

SATURDAY: Indy Eleven surprised many in the soccer world on June 8 when it announced the signing of Mexican international midfielder Gerardo Torrado at a press conference in Los Angeles. The 37-year-old Torrado is the second-most capped player in Mexican National Team history (146) and spent the last 11 of his 19 professional seasons with Liga MX giant Cruz Azul – the last 10 as its captain. Torrado made his unofficial debut with a 62-minute appearance in the June 26 friendly vs. Pachuca. “El “Borrego” was not eligible to suit up last Saturday at Puerto Rico, but with Monday’s opening of the transfer window he will be available for selection for head coach Tim Hankinson this weekend against Minnesota.

GUINEAN INTERNATIONAL YOULA MAKES MEMORABLE DEBUT:

Another player with international experience did make his NASL debut last Saturday in Puerto Rico – and forward Souleymane Youla made it a memorable one. The 34-year-old Guinean international made his 11-minute appearance off the bench count, as his first shot in NASL play, a six-yard header off of Nemanja Vukovic’s 92nd minute free kick, allowed Indy to steal a point at the death at Puerto Rico FC – and kept the “Boys in Blue” undefeated on the season.

Youla, who signed with Indy Eleven just three days after Torrado on June 11, made his club debut with a second half appearance in the squad’s U.S. Open Cup match-up at Chicago Fire SC on June 15, entering the match in the 69th minute and playing the final 51 minutes of the Cup tie. The well-traveled Youla has spent most of his 17 seasons playing for top division teams in Belgium, Turkey and France, including such notable clubs as Anderlecht (Belgium), Lille (France) and Besiktas (Turkey). Youla, as he prefers to be called, most recently played the last two seasons for Hungarian First Division side Budapest Honved FC. The 34-year-old forward also made 33 appearances for his native Guinea at the senior level, scoring 11 goals from 2004-2009.

INJURY REPORT: Indy Eleven’s midseason “break” was anything but, however it did allow some of the “Boys in Blue” to return to full health, such as MF **Don Smart** (L LCL sprain), MF **Brad Ring** (R MCL sprain) and MF **Sinisa Ubiparipovic** (L hip). On the negative side of the report, three players – captain DF **Colin Falvey** (R hamstring), FW **Jair Reinoso** (L leg injury) and **Neil Shaffer** (R adductor) were all out of consideration for last Saturday’s trip to Puerto Rico FC and will again be forced to sit out this weekend against Minnesota United FC.

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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 Puerto Rico FC will kick off with its Inaugural Game on Saturday night.

Being one of the relatively new kids on the block, Indy Eleven has only had the opportunity to face four expansion sides – its “Class of 2014” mate, Ottawa Fury FC; 2015’s lone newcomer, Jacksonville Armada FC; and Rayo OKC and The Miami FC during the recently-concluded Spring Season. The first two meetings were ones to forget as Ottawa (4-2) and Jacksonville (1-0) took the opening encounters in their series, but Indiana’s Team was victorious 2-1 at Rayo OKC and fought to a 0-0 draw at Miami earlier this month.

In a quirk of the schedule, Indy Eleven will begin all three of its series against expansion teams in 2016 on the road.

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	W 2-1
at Miami FC	June 4, 2016	D 0-0
at Puerto Rico FC	July 2, 2016	D 1-1

DOING IT WITH DEFENSE: Indy Eleven had been as steady as it could be in regards to its defensive unit to start the season, as coach Tim Hankinson rolled out the same back five in its first seven games – goalkeeper Jon Busch and defenders Nemanja Vuković (LB), Greg Janicki (LCB), captain Colin Falvey (RCB) and Lovel Palmer (RB). However, all good things must come to an end, as injuries have allowed Marco Franco and Cory Miller to collect starts (for Palmer, Janicki and now Falvey) since late May.

While the personnel might have changed, the results did not. Indy Eleven has allowed just one goal or less in 12 of its 13 games across all competitions in 2016, including three shutouts in NASL action. The team’s nine goals conceded is tied for the second fewest in the NASL alongside New York, the duo sitting just one behind FC Edmonton’s eight concessions. With GK Jon Busch manning every minute in net, his resulting 0.82 GAA is the third-best across the NASL after 11 games behind only NYC’s Jimmy Maurer (0.67) and FCE’s Matt VanOekel (0.73).

INCREASINGLY AWESOME IN ATTACK: Indy Eleven’s offense was up and down throughout the course of the Spring Season, but it has been red-hot in its last two outings at home. Indy would set the mark for the most goals in an NASL game in club history by putting four on Minnesota in a 4-2 win on May 21, and it equaled that output in dramatic fashion its next time at “The Mike” on June 11 in the Spring Season-clinching 4-1 win over Carolina. Thanks in large part to those offensive onslaughts, Indy Eleven is third in the NASL in scoring with 16 goals, one behind New York and five behind Minnesota, who became the first team to hit five goals this season just last weekend in a 5-1 thumping of Carolina.

Saturday’s meeting will also mark a showdown between the NASL’s top two scorers, Indy Eleven’s Eamon Zayed (6) and the man who passed him with a hat trick last weekend, Minnesota’s Christian Ramirez (8).

Here’s the breakdown of Indy Eleven’s offensive output during the 2016 NASL season:

0 goals: 3 times (4/02 @TBR, 5/14 @ FTL, 6/04 @ MIA)
1 goal: 4 times (4/09 v OTT, 5/07 v FCE, 5/28 @ JAX, 7/02 @ PRFC)
2 goals: 2 times (4/16 v NYC, 4/30 @ OKC)
3 goals: none
4 goals: 2 times (5/21 v MNU, 6/11 v CAR)

Home: 12 goals in 5 games (2.40 avg)

Away: 4 goals in 6 games (0.75 avg)

DEATH, TAXES, “VUKO” ON TEAM OF THE

WEEK: For the seventh time in 11 games, Indy Eleven left back Nemanja Vukovic has made the NASL Team of the Week, expanding his lead as the most-such recognized player in the NASL in 2016. See below for the full list of NASL Award winners for the “Boys in Blue” in 2016 ...

NASL Player of the Month

FW Eamon Zayed (June)

NASL Player of the Week

FW Eamon Zayed (Spring 3 & 11)

NASL Team of the Week

DF Nemanja Vuković (Spring 2, 3, 5, 8, 10 & 11, Fall 1)

MF Dylan Mares (Spring 3)

FW Eamon Zayed (Spring 3 & 11)

FW Jair Reinoso (Spring 5)

MF Sinisa Ubiparipovic (Spring 5)

DF Greg Janicki (Spring 6)

GK Jon Busch (Spring 7)

FW Justin Braun (Spring 8 & 9)

DF Colin Falvey (Spring 11)

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ZAYED IN GOLDEN BOOT HUNT: Not only did Eamon Zayed's hat trick on June 11 against Carolina help Indy Eleven reach the top of the NASL table, but it also boosted him to the top spot on the league's Golden Boot goal-scoring chart ... temporarily, that is. The Irish-raised Libyan international's fourth, fifth and sixth goals put him one ahead of Minnesota's Christian Ramirez and Rayo OKC captain Michel at the time, but Ramirez's own hat trick last weekend vs. Carolina allowed the 2014 NASL leading scorer to claim the top spot.

See below for a quick snapshot of "Boys in Blue" among the Top 10 in various NASL statistical categories in 2016:

GOALS: Eamon Zayed (6, 2nd), Justin Braun (3, T-10th)

ASSISTS: Nemanja Vukovic (3, T-3rd)

SHOTS: Eamon Zayed (24, T-3rd)

CROSSES: Nicki Paterson (42, T-8th)

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE (min. 400 minutes): Jon Busch (0.82, 3rd)

SAVES: Jon Busch (24, 6th)

WINS: Jon Busch (4, T-4th)

SHUTOUTS: Jon Busch (3, T-5th)

LONG AND WINDING ROAD: With its 2-1 win at Rayo OKC on April 30, draws in its four Spring Season trips to Florida and last weekend's 1-1 draw at Puerto Rico FC, Indy Eleven has earned points from all six of its away contests in 2016, the only team in the NASL to accomplish the feat. The results have pushed Indy Eleven's all-time away record to 7W-14D-13L (36 GF / 55 GA).

OVER THE HUMP AT HOME: After going winless in its first 12 home games at Carroll Stadium in 2014, Indy Eleven has since gone 11W-6D-5L in its last 22 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). Indy is in the top spots again with a 8,801 average, with Minnesota – where the teams will finish off their home-and-home Fall Season series next week – close behind at 8,653.

All-time home record (2014-16): 11W-10D-12L (51 GF / 47 GA)

2016 Home record: 3W-1D-0L (12 GF / 5 GA)

2015 Home record: 6W-4D-5L (23 GF / 20 GA)

2014 Home record: 2W-5D-7L (16 GF / 22 GA)

INDY STARTING TO HELP OUT: It took Indy Eleven until its fourth game to register an assist, but the "Boys in Blue" have helped out on 10 of its last 13 tallies – including all four of the goals versus Carolina pivotal to its Spring Season hoisting effort. The 10 helpers have come from eight different players, with Nemanja Vukovic's pair against the RailHawks and last weekend's service on Souleymane Youla's late equalizer pushing him into a tie for third place in the league with three assists – and making him the only member of the "Boys in Blue" with multiple assists on the season.

FLAIR FOR THE DRAMATIC: Indy Eleven has scored 10 of its 16 goals in league play – and earned 10 of its 19 standings points – courtesy of finishes in the final 20 minutes of matches. Indy Eleven's 7-0 advantage in goals across the final 15 minutes of games has made all the difference in the world for "Indiana's Team":

Indy Eleven goals in 2016 (standings points gained):

4/09 v OTT – **88'** (Vuković, tied game 1-1) **+1**

4/16 v NYC – **89'** (Zayed, tied game 1-1) **+1**

4/16 v NYC – **95+'** (Zayed, won game 2-1) **+2**

4/30 @ OKC – **7'** (Reinoso, gave lead 1-0) **+1**

4/30 @ OKC – **77'** (Vuković, won game 2-1) **+2**

5/07 v FCE – **22'** (Janicki, gave Indy lead 1-0) **+1**

5/21 v MNU – **16'** (Zayed, gave Indy lead 1-0)

5/21 v MNU – **49'** (Gordon, gave Indy lead 2-0) **+1**

5/21 v MNU – **75'** (Braun, gave Indy 3-2 lead) **+2**

5/21 v MNU – **97+'** (Paterson, gave Indy 4-2 lead)

5/28 @ JAX – **73'** (Braun, tied game 1-1) **+1**

6/11 v CAR – **15'** (Zayed, gave Indy 1-0 lead) **+1**

6/11 v CAR – **45+'** (Braun, gave Indy 2-1 lead) **+2**

6/11 v CAR – **65'** (Zayed, gave Indy 3-1 lead)

6/11 v CAR – **85'** (Zayed, gave Indy 4-1 lead, Spring title)

7/09 @ PRFC – **92+'** (Youla, tied game 1-1) **+1**

ZAYED NOTCHES INDY'S FIRST NASL

HAT TRICK: Eamon Zayed became the first Indy Eleven player to score multiple goals in 2016 with his brace against New York on April 16, but the Irish-born, Libyan international one-upped himself on June 11 by scoring the first hat trick for the "Boys in Blue" 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, Zayed became the first to do the honor against NASL competition in the team's 67th league game. 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:

Hat Tricks:

Eamon Zayed: 6/11/16 v CAR (4-1 W)

Braces:

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: 4/16/16 vs. NYC (2-1 W)

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"WOJ" GOES ON LOAN: Indy Eleven announced May 18 that forward Wojciech Wojcik would be loaned to OKC Energy FC. The 23-year-old striker will stay in Oklahoma City for the rest of the USL side's 2016 season through September and report back to Indianapolis for the remainder of the Eleven's NASL campaign. Wojcik had made one appearance off the bench for Indy in 2016, this after he started 13 of 21 appearances during his first season with the club in 2015.

"Woj" has made an immediate impact in the Sooner State alongside his former Indy teammate DF Kyle Hyland, tying for the team lead with a pair of goals in just six appearances (337 minutes). Wojciech has worked his way into the OKC starting lineup in each of its last four games.

ARE YOU EXPERIENCED? The common thread with Indy Eleven's batch of 14 newcomers in 2016 can be summed up in one word – experience. Eleven of the 14 new "Boys in Blue" – including this week's additions of Gerardo Torrado (37) and Souleymane Youla (34) – 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. With the additions of Torrado and Youla this week, Indy Eleven boasts the oldest roster in the NASL. Goalkeeper Jon Busch, now in his 20th 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 youngster at 22.

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.

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

- MF 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, MF Dylan Mares, was born in South Bend, called Zionsville home and played 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

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. The roster to begin the season was split nearly down the middle between returning players (10) and newcomers (12) – 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. With the late-Spring Season addition of Gerardo Torrado and Souleymane Youla, the roster now includes 14 new "Boys in Blue" in 2016 ...

<u>Returning (10)</u>	<u>Newcomers (14)</u>
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
	FW Souleymane Youla
	MF Gerardo Torrado

FOREIGN EXCHANGE: The remake of Indy Eleven's roster this offseason included a complete turnover of the team's designated international roster slots. All seven of the team's international slots (* on the following list) have been filled with newcomers with this week's addition of Souleymane Youla (Gerardo Torrado will not count against the list until the FIFA transfer window opens on July 4). An additional three players that were foreign-born have American citizenship (marked with ^) ...

- * 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 **Gerardo Torrado** - Mexico
- ^ MF **Don Smart** – Jamaica/USA
- ^ MF **Sinisa Ubiparipovic** – Bosnia & Herzegovina
- * DF **Nemanja Vukovic** – Montenegro
- * FW **Souleymane Youla** – Guinea/Turkey
- * FW **Eamon Zayed** – Ireland/Libya

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 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.

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 25W-18D-18L in 61 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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#20 – JUSTIN BRAUN FWD 6-2 195 lbs. 03/31/87 Salt Lake City, UT

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.

2016 Honors: NASL Team of the Week (Spring Weeks 8 & 9)

#18 – JON BUSCH GK 5-10 165 lbs. 08/18/76 Queens, NY

Veteran goalkeeper to enter his 20th 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.

2016 Honors: NASL Team of the Week (Spring Week 7)

#1 – KEITH CARDONA GK 6-4 200 lbs. 11/07/92 Glen Rock, NJ

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)

#32 – COLIN FALVEY DEF 6-1 185 lbs. 06/20/85 Cork City, Ireland

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)

2016 Honors: NASL Team of the Week (Spring Week 11)

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

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 (13th overall) in 2014 MLS SuperDraft by the Fire ... Rounded out standout 4-year career at UC-Irvine by being named Big West 2013 Defender of the Year

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Chicago Fire SC (2014)

#91 – OMAR GORDON FWD 5-9 171 lbs. 10/08/91 Montego Bay, Jamaica

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 2nd 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)

2016 Honors: NASL Team of the Week (Spring Week 6)

#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 3rd round (62nd overall) in 2015 MLS SuperDraft by defending MLS Cup champion LA Galaxy ... Scored 6 goals and added 4 assists in 74 appearances with University of Louisville from 2011-14, 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.

2016 Honors: NASL Team of the Week (Spring Week 5), NASL Play of the Week (Spring Week 5)

#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-3rd on squad with 3 goals, 2nd with 3 assists and T-2nd with 25 appearances (10 starts) ... Is Indy Eleven's all-time regular season leader in appearances (52) and ranks 2nd 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)

#3 – GERARDO TORRADO MID 5-9 161 lbs. 04/30/79 Mexico City, Mexico

Legendary Mexican international surprised many in North American soccer circles by ending lengthy tenure with Cruz Azul and signing with Indy Eleven on 06/08/16 ... 37-year-old defensive midfielder made unofficial Indy Eleven debut with starting nod (62 minutes) in exhibition play vs. Mexico's CF Pachuca on 6/28 ... Spent last 10 of his 11 seasons (2005-2016) with Liga MX powerhouse Cruz Azul as the side's captain, helping the squad to the 2014 CONCACAF Champions League and 2013 Copa MX titles in addition to four Liga MX finals appearances ... Began 20-year pro career with Mexico's UNAM Pumas (1997-2000) before spending five years in four clubs in Spain's top divisions (Tenerife, Polo Ejido, Sevilla and Racing Santander) ... His 146 caps with Mexico made him tied for second-most capped player in El Tri's history alongside Pavel Pardo ... Appeared in 11 of Mexico's 12 matches across 2002, 2006 & 2010 FIFA World Cups, starting 10 games, scoring once (2002 Group Stage, game-winner in 2-1 triumph over Ecuador) and serving as vice-captain during the 2010 tournament.

#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-3rd 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)

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#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, 5, 8, 10 & 11, Fall Week 1)

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

Sent on loan to USL's OKC Energy FC for remainder of their 2016 USL season on May 18 ... Finished 2015 season with 2 goals and 2 assists in 21 appearances, the latter tied for 5th 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.

#99 – SOULEYMANE YOULA FWD 5-11 170 lbs. 11/29/81 Conakry, Guinea

Joined Indy Eleven on 06/11/16, having most recently played for Hungarian First Division side Budapest Honved FC across 2014-16 (14 goals in 55 appearances) ... Made Indy debut is Lamar Hunt USOC 4th Round fixture @ CHI on 6/15 (59 min. off the bench in 1-1 D, 3-4 loss in PKs) ... Well-traveled striker spent most of his 17 seasons playing for top division teams in Belgium (Anderlecht, Lokeren, Sint-Niklaas, Tournai), Turkey (Besiktas, Genclerbirligi, Eskisehirspor, Denizlispor) and France (Lille, Metz, Amiens) ... 34-year-old forward also made 33 appearances for his native Guinea at the senior level, scoring 11 goals from 2004-2009.

#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 Player of the Week (Spring Week 3 & 11), NASL Team of the Week (Spring Week 3 & 11), NASL Play of the Week (Spring Week 3)