



NASL 2016 POSTSEASON / THE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

#2 Indy Eleven

16W-10D-7L in 2016; 2nd in NASL Combined Season; Spring Season Champion
at

#1 New York Cosmos

21W-5D-7L in 2016, 1st in NASL Combined Season; Fall Season Champion

Sunday, November 13, 2016 – Belson Stadium – Queens, NY – 7:00 p.m. ET

LOCAL TV: None; NATIONAL TV: CBS Sports Network STREAMING VIDEO: None
RADIO: None; STREAMING AUDIO: None

ONLINE UPDATES: [@IndyElevenLive Twitter feed](#); LIVE STATS: [NASL MatchCenter](#)



INDY vs. NEW YORK HISTORY

Overall: 2W-6D-1L

Home: 2W-2D-0L

Away: 0W-4D-1L

2016 Series: 2W-0D-1L

April 16 v NYC	2-1 W
August 31 @ NYC	0-3 L
September 24 v NYC	3-0 W

2015: 0W-3D-0L

April 11, 2015 vs. NYC	1-1 D
July 5, 2015 @ NYC	1-1 D
July 25, 2015 v NYC	1-1 D

2014: 0W-3D-0L

May 24, 2014 @ NYC	1-1 D
August 30, 2014 vs. NYC	2-2 D
October 4, 2014 @ NYC	0-0 D



INDY ELEVEN ROSTER (as of 11/10/2016)

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	Nationality	DoB	Last Club
1	Keith Cardona	GK	6'4"	200	Glen Rock, NJ	USA	11/07/92	FC Leifering (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)
* 82	Nemanja Vuković	DF	6'3"	180	Podgorica, Montenegro	Montenegro	04/13/84	Sacramento Republic FC (USL)
* 91	Omar Gordon	MF	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)

~ = unavailable for selection (rejoined team from loan after NASL roster freeze date)

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
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

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

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	1-0 W / 8,066
Wed., July 13	7:30 pm	vs. Ft. Lauderdale Strikers	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	3-0 W / 6,132
Sat., July 16	8:00 pm	at Minnesota United FC	National Sports Center Stadium – Blaine, MN	0-2 L / 9,460
Sat., July 23	7:30 pm	vs. FC Edmonton	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	1-0 W / 8,119
Sat., July 30	8:00 pm	at Miami FC	FIU Stadium – Miami, FL	1-2 L / 5,076
Wed., Aug. 3	7:30 pm	vs. Jacksonville Armada FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	5-2 W / 8,017
Sat., Aug. 6	7:30 pm	vs. Ottawa Fury FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	1-0 W / 7,760
Sat., Aug. 13	7:30 pm	vs. Rayo OKC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	2-1 W / 7,066
Sat., Aug. 20	7:30 pm	at Carolina RailHawks	WakeMed Soccer Park – Cary, NC	2-3 L / 6,106
Sun., Aug. 28	2:00 pm	at Ottawa Fury FC	TD Place – Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	1-1 D / 6,139
Wed., Aug. 31	7:30 pm	at New York Cosmos	James M. Shuart Stadium – Hempstead, NY	0-3 L / 2,977
Sat., Sep. 3	7:30 pm	vs. Tampa Bay Rowdies	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	1-1 D / 9,098
Sat., Sep. 10	7:00 pm	at Ft. Lauderdale Strikers	Lockhart Stadium – Fort Lauderdale, FL	1-2 L / 2,376
Sat., Sep. 17	7:30 pm	vs. Miami FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	2-1 W / 9,356
Sat., Sep. 24	7:30 pm	vs. New York Cosmos	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	3-0 W / 9,157
Sun., Oct. 2	4:00 pm	at FC Edmonton	Clarke Field – Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	1-2 L / 1,307
* Wed., Oct. 12	7:00 pm	at Jacksonville Armada	Community First Park – Jacksonville, FL	0-0 D / 1,254
Sat., Oct. 15	7:30 pm	vs. Carolina RailHawks	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	3-0 W / 8,649
Wed., Oct 19	7:30 pm	at Tampa Bay Rowdies	Al Lang Stadium – St. Petersburg, FL	3-2 W / 5,348
Sat., Oct. 22	7:30 pm	vs. Puerto Rico FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	3-0 W / 8,916
Sun., Oct. 30	7:00 pm	at Rayo OKC	Miller Stadium – Oklahoma City, OK	1-2 L / 1,043

* Originally scheduled for Oct. 8 (rescheduled due to Hurricane Matthew)

THE CHAMPIONSHIP - 2016 NASL POSTSEASON

Date	Time (ET)	Opponent	Venue	Round	Result
Sat., Nov. 5	3:00 pm	vs. FC Edmonton (#3 seed)	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	Semifinal	1-0 W / ^9,702
Sun., Nov. 13	7:00 pm	at. New York Cosmos (#1 seed)	Belson Stadium – Queens, NY	Final	

^ sellout

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	4th	1-1 D (aet) (3-4 L in PKs)

INDY ELEVEN 2016 SEASON STATISTICS
(REGULAR SEASON + THE CHAMPIONSHIP)

UNF	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	SHT	SOG	C	E
9	FW	Eamon Zayed	32	31	2776	15	6	69	37	2	0
20	FW	Justin Braun	26	24	2111	8	5	51	21	3	0
6	MF	Dylan Mares	29	24	2102	5	7	45	18	2	0
8	MF	Nicki Paterson	27	18	1514	4	3	21	8	5	0
12	DF	Greg Janicki	24	23	2069	4	0	12	7	4	1
82	DF	Nemanja Vuković	32	31	2818	3	3	36	13	2	0
7	MF	Don Smart	23	18	1589	2	3	13	5	2	0
14	FW	Duke Lacroix	24	8	946	2	2	14	8	0	0
24	FW	Jair Reinoso	10	4	408	2	2	7	3	0	0
91	MF	Omar Gordon	23	16	1467	2	1	24	11	1	0
99	FW	Souleymane Youla	13	5	492	2	0	10	6	2	0
10	MF	Siniša Ubiparipović	15	13	912	1	3	5	2	2	0
32	DF	Colin Falvey	24	24	2146	1	0	5	1	4	0
4	MF	Brad Ring	28	23	1977	1	0	6	2	5	0
5	DF	Lovel Palmer	25	20	1795	0	1	4	2	3	1
3	MF	Gerardo Torrado	16	10	1009	0	1	6	3	0	0
18	GK	Jon Busch	30	30	2700	0	0	0	0	1	0
23	DF	Marco Franco	20	15	1408	0	0	3	2	2	0
16	DF	Cory Miller	14	13	1085	0	0	10	2	1	1
33	MF	Gorka Larrea	8	4	436	0	0	0	0	2	0
15	MF	Daniel Keller	7	4	402	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	GK	Keith Cardona	3	3	270	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	DF	Neil Shaffer	2	2	180	0	0	1	0	0	0
19	FW	Wojciech Wojcik	1	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eleven totals			33	33	2970	52	37	345	151	54	4
<i>Opponent totals</i>			<i>33</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>2970</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>348</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>5</i>

GAME-WINNING GOALS: Justin Braun 5, Eamon Zayed 2, Nemanja Vuković 2, Don Smart 2, Dylan Mares 1, Greg Janicki 1, Colin Falvey 1, Nicki Paterson 1, Sinisa Ubiparipovic 1

GAME-WINNING ASSISTS: Dylan Mares 3, Eamon Zayed 2, Sinisa Ubiparipovic 1, Nemanja Vukovic 1, Nicki Paterson 1, Gerardo Torrado 1

PENALTY KICK ATTEMPTS: Eamon Zayed (2-for-3), Nicki Paterson (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	30	30	2700	27	0.90	74	4	6	15	10	5	12
1	GK	Keith Cardona	3	3	270	6	2.00	7	0	0	1	0	2	0
Eleven Totals			33	33	2970	33	1.00	81	4	6	16	10	7	12
<i>Opponent totals</i>			<i>33</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>2970</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>1.58</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>6</i>

GOALS SCORED BY MINUTE

	1-15'	16-30'	31-45+'	46-60'	61-75'	76-90+'	Total
Indy Eleven	5	9	10	7	6	15	52
Opponent	5	7	2	6	7	6	33

INDY ELEVEN AT NEW YORK COSMOS – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016

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'

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

Indy Eleven 1 : 0 Minnesota United FC

*Saturday, July 9, 2016
Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN*

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

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Janicki ©
RCB – Miller
RB – Palmer – RED CARD (postgame)
LM – Gordon (Lacroix 63')
LCM – Ring
RCM – Paterson (Youla 73')
RM – Mares
FW – Braun (Franco 84')
FW – Zayed

Scoring Summary

IND – Mares 78'
MNU – None

<u>Stats</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>MNU</u>
Shots	7	12
Shots on Goal	4	5
Fouls	17	8
Corners	1	4
Offsides	3	1
Saves	4	3
Possession	58	42

Indy Eleven 3 : 0 Fort Lauderdale

*Wednesday, July 13, 2016
Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN*

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

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Janicki ©
RCB – Miller
RB – Franco
LM – Lacroix
LCM – Ring
RCM – Paterson
RM – Mares (Gordon 73')
FW – Braun (Youla 68')
FW – Zayed

Scoring Summary

IND – Zayed 10', Lacroix 21', Janicki 26'
FTL – None

<u>Stats</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>FTL</u>
Shots	17	9
Shots on Goal	9	1
Fouls	12	15
Corners	7	3
Offsides	6	1
Saves	1	6
Possession	52	48

Minnesota United FC 2 : 0 Indy Eleven

*Saturday, July 16, 2016
NSC Stadium; Blaine, MN*

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

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Janicki ©
RCB – Miller
RB – Palmer
LM – Lacroix (Gordon 13')
LCM – Ring
RCM – Paterson (Torrado 45')
RM – Mares (Youla 72')
FW – Braun
FW – Zayed

Scoring Summary

IND – None
MNU – Ramirez 3' (PK), 6'

<u>Stats</u>	<u>MNU</u>	<u>IND</u>
Shots	11	19
Shots on Goal	5	4
Fouls	21	13
Corners	5	5
Offsides	4	1
Saves	4	3
Possession	37	63

Indy Eleven 1 : 0 FC Edmonton

*Saturday, July 23, 2016
Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN*

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

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Janicki ©
RCB – Miller
RB – Franco
LM – Gordon (Smart 68')
LCM – Ring
RCM – Torrado (Paterson 60')
RM – Mares (Palmer 82')
FW – Braun
FW – Zayed

Scoring Summary

IND – Janicki 13'
FCE – None

<u>Stats</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>FCE</u>
Shots	15	12
Shots on Goal	9	3
Fouls	7	9
Corners	4	2
Offsides	4	0
Saves	3	8
Possession	43	57

Miami FC 2 : 1 Indy Eleven

*Saturday, July 30, 2016
Ocean Bank Stadium; Miami, FL*

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

GK – Cardona
LB – Vuković
LCB – Janicki ©
RCB – Miller
RB – Franco
LM – Gordon (Smart 61')
LCM – Ring (Ubiparipovic 74')
RCM – Torrado (Reinoso 80')
RM – Mares
FW – Braun
FW – Zayed

Scoring Summary

IND – Zayed 89'
FCE – Cvitanich 4', Martinez 85'

<u>Stats</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>IND</u>
Shots	4	20
Shots on Goal	3	5
Fouls	14	10
Corners	5	8
Offsides	0	2
Saves	4	1
Possession	47	53

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Indy Eleven 5 : 2 JAX Armada FC

*Wednesday, August 3, 2016
Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN*

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

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Janicki – RED CARD (89')
RCB – Falvey
RB – Palmer (Franco 62')
LM – Mares
LCM – Paterson
RCM – Ring (Torrado 63')
RM – Smart
FW – Braun (Youla 69')
FW – Zayed

Scoring Summary

IND – Braun 13'; Zayed 16', 58', 65';
Vukovic 36'
JAX – Keita 33', own goal (Falvey) 80'

Stats	IND	JAX
Shots	12	11
Shots on Goal	8	6
Fouls	8	16
Corners	3	2
Offsides	11	2
Saves	5	3
Possession	52	48

Indy Eleven 1 : 0 Ottawa Fury FC

*Saturday, August 6, 2016
Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN*

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

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Miller
RCB – Falvey
RB – Franco (Palmer 76')
LM – Paterson (Mares 64')
LCM – Torrado
RCM – Ring
RM – Smart
FW – Youla (Gordon 64')
FW – Zayed

Scoring Summary

IND – Smart 92+'
OTT – None

Stats	IND	OTT
Shots	24	2
Shots on Goal	12	1
Fouls	15	10
Corners	12	0
Offsides	3	2
Saves	1	10
Possession	47	53

Indy Eleven 2 : 1 Rayo OKC

*Saturday, August 13, 2016
Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN*

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

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Janicki
RCB – Falvey
RB – Palmer
LM – Mares
LCM – Torrado
RCM – Ring
RM – Smart
FW – Youla (Gordon 78')
FW – Zayed (Paterson 92+')

Scoring Summary

IND – Mares 41', Falvey 84'
OKC – Danso 12'

Stats	IND	OKC
Shots	11	7
Shots on Goal	2	2
Fouls	12	8
Corners	4	3
Offsides	3	0
Saves	2	1
Possession	51	49

Carolina RailHawks 3 : 2 Indy Eleven

*Saturday, August 20, 2016
WakeMed Soccer Park; Cary, NC*

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

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Janicki
RCB – Miller
RB – Palmer
LM – Mares (Lacroix 66')
LCM – Torrado
RCM – Ring
RM – Smart (Gordon 66')
FW – Youla (Paterson 79')
FW – Zayed

Scoring Summary

IND – Janicki 20', Zayed 30' (PK)
CAR – Fondy 23', Miller 54', Bravo 95+'
(PK)

Stats	CAR	IND
Shots	17	11
Shots on Goal	5	7
Fouls	12	8
Corners	2	3
Offsides	1	1
Saves	5	2
Possession	62	38

Ottawa Fury FC 1 : 1 Indy Eleven

*Sunday, August 28, 2016
TD Place; Ottawa, Ontario, Canada*

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

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Janicki
RCB – Falvey
RB – Palmer
LM – Mares (Torrado 64')
LCM – Paterson (Youla 67')
RCM – Ring
RM – Smart
FW – Gordon (Lacroix 77')
FW – Zayed

Scoring Summary

IND – Ring 64'
OTT – Stewart 59'

Stats	OTT	IND
Shots	9	5
Shots on Goal	3	1
Fouls	21	11
Corners	4	0
Offsides	1	2
Saves	0	1
Possession	49	51

New York Cosmos 3 : 0 Indy Eleven

*Wednesday, August 31, 2016
Shuart Stadium; Hempstead, NY*

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

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Miller (RED CARD 53')
RCB – Falvey
RB – Palmer
LM – Mares
LCM – Torrado
RCM – Ring (Gordon 45')
RM – Smart (Reinoso 74')
FW – Zayed
FW – Youla (Keller 55')

Scoring Summary

IND – None
NYC – Bover 8'; Arango 17' (PK), 73'

Stats	NYC	IND
Shots	18	14
Shots on Goal	8	4
Fouls	20	15
Corners	1	3
Offsides	4	8
Saves	4	5
Possession	53	47

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Indy Eleven 1 : 1 Tampa Bay Rowdies

*Saturday, September 3, 2016
Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN*

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

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Keller
RCB – Falvey
RB – Palmer
LM – Smart
LCM – Paterson (Torrado 62')
RCM – Ring
RM – Lacroix (Mares 83')
FW – Zayed
FW – Gordon (Braun 68')

Scoring Summary

IND – Gordon 34'
TBR – Chavez 28'

Stats	IND	TBR
Shots	13	4
Shots on Goal	3	3
Fouls	12	10
Corners	2	4
Offsides	2	4
Saves	2	2
Possession	42	58

Ft. Lauderdale Strikers 2 : 1 Indy Eleven

*Saturday, September 10, 2016
Central Broward Stadium; Lauderhill, FL*

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

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Keller
RCB – Falvey
RB – Palmer
LM – Gordon (Lacroix 57')
LCM – Torrado
RCM – Ring (Mares 57')
RM – Smart (Paterson 74')
FW – Zayed
FW – Braun

Scoring Summary

IND – Braun 88'
FTL – Paulo Jr. 19', Maicon Santos 67'

Stats	FTL	IND
Shots	14	13
Shots on Goal	4	1
Fouls	14	12
Corners	0	6
Offsides	3	8
Saves	0	2
Possession	43	57

Indy Eleven 2 : 1 The Miami FC

*Saturday, September 17, 2016
Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN*

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

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Miller
RCB – Falvey
RB – Palmer
LM – Mares (Lacroix 59')
DCM – Torrado
ACM – Ubiparipovic (Ring 66')
RM – Smart
FW – Zayed (Keller 84')
FW – Braun

Scoring Summary

IND – Mares 25', Smart 57'
MIA – Rennella 67'

Stats	IND	MIA
Shots	13	14
Shots on Goal	7	3
Fouls	11	11
Corners	1	4
Offsides	1	7
Saves	2	5
Possession	46	54

Indy Eleven 3 : 0 New York Cosmos

*Saturday, September 24, 2016
Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN*

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

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Miller
RCB – Falvey
RB – Franco
LM – Mares
DCM – Torrado
ACM – Ubiparipovic (Ring 61')
RM – Smart (Paterson 81')
FW – Zayed (Lacroix 85')
FW – Braun

Scoring Summary

IND – Braun 32', Zayed 48', Mares 51'
NYC – None

Stats	IND	NYC
Shots	9	8
Shots on Goal	5	2
Fouls	17	11
Corners	4	3
Offsides	2	0
Saves	2	2
Possession	43	57

FC Edmonton 2 : 1 Indy Eleven

*Sunday, October 2, 2016
Clarke Field; Edmonton, Alberta, Canada*

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

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Miller (Palmer 26')
RCB – Falvey
RB – Franco
LM – Mares
DCM – Torrado (Ring 61')
ACM – Ubiparipovic (Gordon 75')
RM – Smart
FW – Zayed
FW – Braun

Scoring Summary

IND – Zayed 53'
FCE – Diakete 80', Fisk 94+'

Stats	FCE	IND
Shots	16	9
Shots on Goal	6	3
Fouls	14	15
Corners	3	3
Offsides	0	1
Saves	2	4
Possession	49	51

Jacksonville Armada 0 : 0 Indy Eleven

*Wednesday, October 12, 2016
Community First Park; Jacksonville, FL*

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

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Palmer (Janicki 74')
RCB – Falvey
RB – Franco
LM – Mares (Lacroix 61')
DCM – Ring
ACM – Ubiparipovic
RM – Smart
FW – Zayed (Youla 79')
FW – Braun

Scoring Summary

IND – None
JAX – None

Stats	JAX	IND
Shots	11	6
Shots on Goal	5	2
Fouls	11	15
Corners	3	5
Offsides	2	0
Saves	2	5
Possession	62	38

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Indy Eleven 3 : 0 Carolina RailHawks

*Saturday, October 15, 2016
Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN*

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

GK – Busch
LB – Vuković
LCB – Palmer
RCB – Falvey
RB – Franco
LM – Mares
DCM – Ring
ACM – Ubiparipovic (Paterson 65')
RM – Smart
FW – Zayed (Lacroix 76')
FW – Braun (Youla 85' - RED CARD 94+')

Scoring Summary

IND – Braun 45', Paterson 77', Youla 90'
CAR – None

<u>Stats</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>CAR</u>
Shots	12	2
Shots on Goal	9	4
Fouls	7	11
Corners	5	9
Offsides	3	0
Saves	4	6
Possession	47	53

Tampa Bay Rowdies 2 : 3 Indy Eleven

*Wednesday, October 19, 2016
Al Lang Stadium; St. Petersburg, FL*

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

GK – Cardona
LB – Shaffer
LCB – Janicki
RCB – Keller
RB – Franco (Palmer 82')
LM – Lacroix
DCM – Paterson
ACM – Ubiparipovic (Ring 45')
RM – Gordon
FW – Zayed
FW – Reinoso (Torrado 65')

Scoring Summary

IND – Lacroix 15', Reinoso 31', Paterson 85'
TBR – Cole 53', 68'

<u>Stats</u>	<u>TBR</u>	<u>IND</u>
Shots	18	10
Shots on Goal	5	4
Fouls	14	13
Corners	6	4
Offsides	3	0
Saves	1	3
Possession	68	32

Indy Eleven 3 : 0 Puerto Rico FC

*Saturday, October 22, 2016
Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN*

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

GK – Busch
LB – Vukovic
LCB – Janicki
RCB – Falvey
RB – Palmer (Franco 35')
LM – Mares
DCM – Ring
ACM – Ubiparipovic (Paterson 60')
RM – Smart (Lacroix 75')
FW – Zayed
FW – Braun

Scoring Summary

IND – Braun 36', Zayed 45', Mares 48+'
PRFC – None

<u>Stats</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>PRFC</u>
Shots	13	3
Shots on Goal	7	0
Fouls	10	13
Corners	5	2
Offsides	0	0
Saves	0	4
Possession	66	34

Rayo OKC 2 : 1 Indy Eleven

*Sunday, October 30, 2016
Miller Stadium; Yukon, OK*

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

GK – Cardona
LB – Shaffer
LCB – Janicki
RCB – Keller
RB – Franco (Vukovic 56')
LM – Gordon
DCM – Paterson
ACM – Lacroix
RM – Smart (Torrado 62')
FW – Reinoso
FW – Youla

Scoring Summary

IND – Paterson 52'
OKC – Velasquez 61', Hernandez 85'

<u>Stats</u>	<u>OKC</u>	<u>IND</u>
Shots	14	13
Shots on Goal	5	2
Fouls	15	6
Corners	3	5
Offsides	0	3
Saves	1	3
Possession	65	35

Indy Eleven 1 : 0 FC Edmonton

*Saturday, November 5, 2016
Carroll Stadium; Indianapolis, IN
The Championship Semifinals*

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

GK – Busch
LB – Vukovic
LCB – Janicki
RCB – Falvey
RB – Franco
LM – Mares
DCM – Ring
ACM – Ubiparipovic (Torrado 75')
RM – Smart (Lacroix 80')
FW – Zayed
FW – Braun

Scoring Summary

IND – Ubiparipovic 63'
FCE – None

<u>Stats</u>	<u>IND</u>	<u>FCE</u>
Shots	12	8
Shots on Goal	4	3
Fouls	14	14
Corners	5	3
Offsides	1	2
Saves	3	3
Possession	56	44

LAST TIME OUT - IND 1 : 0 FCE (NOV. 5): Indy Eleven's first postseason match in club history in The Championship Semifinals against FC Edmonton was everything it was expected to be - tight, hard-nosed and hard fought, with one moment making the difference. Thankfully for Indy Eleven that moment belonged to Sinisa Ubiparipovic, who struck for his first goal of the season in the 63rd minute to lift the Boys in Blue to a 1-0 victory in front of a sellout crowd of 9,702 fans last Saturday at IUPUI's Carroll Stadium.

The game began with tremendous energy, both teams gleefully pushing the pace and players into the final third during a hectic opening 20 minutes. Indy would get the earliest chances, Don Smart's 2nd minute shot being stopped by Matt VanOekel and Justin Braun's header minutes later missing high. In the 14th minute Edmonton had a golden chance on a Sainey Nyassi header from 8 yards out that appeared to skim the top of the crossbar.

The chances would thin out from there, but Indy would have the better of looks heading towards halftime, with Marco Franco's poke of a loose ball in the area that was batted out by VanOekel in the 39th minute the best of the lot. Shortly after it appeared that a head-to-head clash between Indy Eleven's Colin Falvey and FCE's Tomi Ameobi might force the Indy captain from the game, but after a lengthy delay to get his head wrapped and jersey changed, Falvey would get back on the field to finish out the first half.

The second half would tighten up, but Indy would still be the attacking aggressor, chances by Smart and Braun again going wanting. But Ubiparipovic would break the deadlock with a spectacular effort in the 63rd minute, running onto Dylan Mares' layoff at the top off the area and uncorking a quick blast that sailed past VanOekel and into the upper right corner to push Indy ahead.

From there it was the Indy Eleven defense the day, but Edmonton was not without its chances. In the 68th minute Nik Ledgerwood got his head to Amoebi's headed pass, only to push his attempt wide. The Eddies' last quality chance came in the 85th minute when Amoebi was somehow free to rise and meet Shawn Nicklaw's cross uncontested from the top of the six, but Busch shuffled across his line and stayed in front, ushering the header wide and out for a corner kick, preserving his fourth consecutive shutout - and Indy Eleven's advancement to The Championship Final.

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LAST TIME vs. NYC | IND 3 : 0 NYC (SEPT. 24): Indy Eleven got revenge for its worst loss of the season in impressive fashion, downing the New York Cosmos 3-0 in a dominant performance in front of 9,157 fans at IUPUI's Carroll Stadium. Eamon Zayed, Justin Braun and Dylan Mares all notched a goal and assist in the victory for the "Boys in Blue," which canceled out a loss via a similar scoreline at the Cosmos three-and-half weeks earlier. The victory pushed Indy Eleven's home unbeaten streak to 16 games dating back to last October, drawing even with the Cosmos for the longest such active streak in the NASL.

The early energy from both squads was fitting for a game ripe with postseason implications, but it was Indy's direct play and high pressure that would start to take over the proceedings shortly into the contest, resulting in three strong chances in the opening 10 minutes.

Zayed - Indy's hero in its first meeting at Carroll Stadium against New York back in April - nearly got the opener at the half hour mark, but his shot from 20 yards drifted just high. However, the Irishman contributed to the opening tally just two minutes later, nodding Don Smart's cross from the right endline across the face of goal for Braun to finish up, giving the Eleven a hard-earned 1-0 lead.

That would be the last dangerous chance of a first half that saw Indy Eleven outshoot the Cosmos 7-1, but the home side's efficiency would pick up - and put the game away - in the opening minutes of the second half.

Mares would first play provider in the 48th minute, sending a low ball through the six that Zayed pounded home from the doorstep to double the advantage and tally his 13th goal of the season. Just three minutes later Mares would get one of his own, accepting Braun's square ball from the left on a counter before blasting a low shot just inside the right post from 20 yards out, all but putting things out of reach with 40 minutes to play.

Indy's constant pressure resulted in very few chances of any note from the run of play for New York, but it also resulted in more fouls - and more set pieces. The first shot on goal for the Cosmos came in the 57th minute when Juan Arango's well-driven free kick from 35 yards out snuck through traffic, but Indy netminder Jon Busch read it all the way and pounced on the ball for his first save of the evening. With the "Boys in Blue" able to effectively kill the game from there on out Busch would only be tested once more on the evening, stepping off his line quickly to bat away substitute Jairo Arrieta's header in the 87th minute. The shutout was the eighth this season for Busch and Indy Eleven, and the first in eight games dating back to a 1-0 win over Ottawa on Aug. 6.

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2016 SERIES MEETING #2 |
NEW YORK 3 : 0 INDY (AUG 31)

Indy Eleven's chance to pull even with the New York Cosmos atop the NASL standings went the way of the home side instead on Wednesday, as New York dominated the proceedings from the get-go in a 3-0 win at Shuart Stadium on the Hofstra University campus.

Although Indy's Souleymane Youla got off the game's first good look three minutes in, it was all Cosmos in the first half. Forward Jairo Arrieta did the heavy lifting on New York's eighth minute opener by drawing three Indy defenders at the top of the area before flicking a short pass to Ruben Bover, who took one touch before firing a low shot that squeezed between a diving Jon Busch and the right post.

The Cosmos' second came in the 17th minute, created a minute earlier when Danny Szetela went down in the area after absorbing contact on a Nemanja Vukovic challenge. Juan Arango would take the ensuing spot kick, sending Busch the wrong way and finishing into the right side of goal to double the lead at 2-0. Busch did well to keep the score right there just before the half hour mark by stopping Arrieta on back-to-back shots, first stoning the Costa Rican with a kick save on his effort near the spot before stopping a chipped follow up on the doorstep.

Indy Eleven would finally get some good looks down the stretch of the first half, a free kick from 30 yards in the 43rd minute by Vukovic looking dangerous but missing just wide right. The final play of the half saw captain Colin Falvey intercept a pass at the midfield stripe and carry all the way to the 18 before squaring for Souleymane Youla, whose low shot was sent right to Cosmos' keeper Jimmy Maurer .

Indy Eleven came out of the locker room at halftime the aggressor, but the tide would turn in the 53rd minute when Cory Miller was shown a straight red card, his last-defender tackle that ended Arango's run ending the Indy center back's night early.

The play also resulted in a point to the penalty spot, but Arango's second PK attempt of the night soared over frame, keeping Indy Eleven within arm's reach. Arango would also be denied on another Busch kick save in the 65th minute and missed on a header in the 70th that he pushed just inches left. However, the Cosmos midfielder's second tally would finally come in the 73rd minute, this time his header off a Bover cross skipping past Busch and into the left side of goal to lift the score to 3-0.

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2016 SERIES MEETING #1 |
INDY 2 : 1 NEW YORK (APR. 16)

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 51st 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 88th 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.

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DESPITE TEAM'S FIRST NASL FINAL, INDY HAS CHAMPIONSHIP CALIBER: While the Indy Eleven organization has qualified for The Championship Final for the first time, that doesn't mean the roster is without experience in the NASL's ultimate match - or the trophy-lifting category in American soccer circles:

- Defender **Greg Janicki** lifted the Soccer Bowl Trophy as a member of the 2014 San Antonio Scorpions (defeated Fort Lauderdale 2-1)
- The trio of **Colin Falvey, Sinisa Ubiparipovic & Nicki Paterson** helped lead Ottawa Fury FC to last year's NASL Final, which they lost to New York in a 2-3 nail-biter at Shuart Stadium
- **Justin Braun and Nemanja Vukovic** were driving forces behind Sacramento Republic FC's 2014 USL championship team (defeating Neil Shaffer's Harrisburg City Islanders in the final)
- **Falvey** was also part of the Charleston Battery's 2010 & '12 USL title-winning squads - the latter of which also included **Paterson**

HANKINSON NAMED NASL COACH OF THE YEAR: Indy Eleven's sideline boss Tim Hankinson earned the NASL's Coach of the Year Award on Thursday. The 61-year-old Hankinson garnered the honor for his turnaround of Indiana's Team, helping lift the side to the Spring Season championship, an unbeaten season at its home of Carroll Stadium and its first postseason berth in The Championship.

After joining the squad last December, Hankinson got to work immediately, eventually mixing in 14 new players with 10 holdovers to craft Indy Eleven into one of the NASL's most consistent and dangerous teams in his first year in Indianapolis. Hankinson's ultimate reward comes Sunday, when the Manhattan native will look to guide the Boys in Blue to Indy Eleven's first NASL Championship in club history.

INJURY REPORT ... ALL HANDS ON DECK: Hankinson has worked hard throughout the Fall Season to ensure his full roster will be raring and ready to go for the postseason, and he will have his wish as 22 of the 23 available players will be at or close enough to full health for The Championship Final on Sunday at New York. The only concern might have been for captain Colin Falvey due to a sizeable cut created when he clashed heads with Tomi Amoebi late in the first half last Saturday vs. Edmonton ... but considering the Indy skipper got stitched up and soldiered through the rest of that match there will be no doubt as to his availability on Sunday night.

MILLER OUT FOR SEASON FOLLOWING ANKLE SURGERY: The only player on the roster unavailable due to injury on Sunday will be center back Cory Miller, who underwent season-ending surgery on Oct. 10 to repair damage in his right ankle suffered on Oct. 2 at FC Edmonton. After gaining just one start in 10 Spring Season opportunities, Miller had filled in more than admirably during the Fall, starting 12 of the team's 17 contests in tandem with Colin Falvey or Janicki at center back.

GORDON GETS THE CALL FROM JAMAICA: Midfielder Omar Gordon will hope to play Sunday ... but for the Jamaican National Team rather than Indy Eleven. The 24-year-old Gordon earlier this week earned his second call-up in as many months for Caribbean Futbol Union Caribbean Cup action, and he'll look to take on Suriname in a Third Round contest at the National Stadium in Kingston. Gordon earned his second appearance for Jamaica's senior team on Oct. 11 against Guyana, entering with 10 minutes remaining in regulation and playing through 30 minutes of extra added time to help the Reggae Boyz' to a 4-2 comeback win.

The call-up has a bit of irony, as this will be the second final of the year missed by Gordon, who reported to Indy Eleven in mid-April on the eve of Montego Bay United's eventual championship in the Jamaican Premier League.

INDY SHOWS FIGHT ON ROAD IN OCTOBER: While Indy Eleven's 2016 road record of 2W-7D-7L (14 GF/22 GA) might not turn any heads, if the old mantra of "earn a point on the road" is true then Indiana's Team was successful more often than not as it gained points in nine of its 16 away affairs.

Indy actually showed increased signs of life away from Carroll Stadium during its four road games in the final month of the season in October:

- Stopped a 12-game away winless streak with a gritty 3-2 comeback win at Tampa Bay
- Held second half leads in two losses at FC Edmonton and Rayo OKC (both 1-2 defeats)
- Notched its first away clean sheet of the Fall Season in a 0-0 draw at Jacksonville

After its loss in the regular season finale at Rayo OKC on Oct. 30, Indy's all-time road record now sits at 8W-16D-20L (46 GF/74 GA).

ELEVEN FINISHES HOME SEASON UNDEFEATED: Dominance at home has been the overriding theme of the 2016 season for Indy Eleven, and that carried over into the postseason with a 1-0 win over FC Edmonton last Saturday.

With a third straight 3-0 win at home in its regular season finale at Carroll Stadium on Oct. 22 vs. Puerto Rico, Indy Eleven finished its regular season home slate undefeated at 13W-3D-0L, posting an impressive +26 goal differential (37 GF/11 GA) along the way en route to claiming 42 of a possible 48 points at Carroll Stadium this season.

The Boys in Blue really hit their home stride down the stretch, finishing the regular season with a four-game winning streak that saw them outscore the opposition 11-1, scoring multiple goals each time out and earning clean sheets in the last three. When coupled with its postseason win, the squad ended the year at "The Mike" with a 387-shutout streak at "The Mike" (Miami FC's Enzo Rennella was the last opposing to score, 67' on Sept. 17).

Indy Eleven's home undefeated streak actually stands at 18 games when dating back to last season, tied for the second-longest such streak in the NASL's Modern Era alongside the 2014-15 New York Cosmos and 2012-14 Carolina RailHawks. New York actually broke its own record on Oct. 22 by pushing its current home unbeaten run to 19 games. Indy Eleven's last home loss came over a year ago on Oct. 10, 2015 (1-2 L vs. San Antonio).

All-time home record (2014-16): 21W-12D-12L (76 GF / 53 GA)
2016 Home record: 13W-3D-0L (37 GF / 11 GA)
2015 Home record: 6W-4D-5L (23 GF / 20 GA)
2014 Home record: 2W-5D-7L (16 GF / 22 GA)

THERE WILL BE GOALS: Last weekend's 1-0 win over FC Edmonton might have seemed high scoring for the stingy Eddies, but it was just the second time in Indy's last 10 outings in which both teams didn't combine for at least three goals ... which is just about the average for Indy Eleven games through the Fall Season:

Spring: 2.30 combined goals/game (15 GF/8 GA in 10 games)
Fall: 2.77 combined goals/game (36/25 in 22 games)

If the 2016 season is any indication, Sunday's final will have three goals in it, as both Indy Eleven and New York claimed a 3-0 result at home and combined for another three in a 2-1 Indy win back in April.

Indy Eleven has been shut out just twice in its last 17 games, while compiling six clean sheets itself in that stretch. Indiana's Team had gone 18 games without a 0-0 draw - that is until its Oct. 12 stalemate at Jacksonville (its previous scoreless result was back on June 4 at The Miami FC).

LACROIX LANDS GOAL OF THE YEAR: And speaking of goals, Indy Eleven midfielder Duke Lacroix saw his "nutmeg and near post" effort from Oct. 19 at Tampa Bay voted by fans as the 2016 NASL Goal of the Year on Tuesday. The second-year pro out of the university of Pennsylvania wooed the voting audience with a superb individual effort that started the scoring in the 3-2 win, the play beginning at the midfield stripe and seeing Lacroix beat three defenders with his lightning-fast pace - including the last with a nutmeg at the top of the area - before placing a cool, low finish inside the near post to beat Matt Pickens..

BOYS IN BLUE HEAD INTO POSTSEASON WITH "UNCLE MO": With Indy Eleven's seeding and opponent in The Championship known for weeks, head coach Tim Hankinson's most important task for the Fall Season was to ensure his roster was set for the postseason and peaking at the right time - and that's exactly where the squad finds itself heading into The Championship Final. Since snapping its season-long five-game winless streak in mid-September, Indy Eleven has gone 6W-1D-2L in its last nine games leading into Sunday's final, with the 3-0 win over New York at Carrol Stadium on Sept. 24 marking the second game in the stretch.

TAKING THE LEAD: While Indy Eleven has made a name for itself in 2016 with a slew of comebacks, the Boys in Blue have actually been out on their front foot plenty as well, going 14W-1D-2L when scoring first - including last Saturday's playoff win over FC Edmonton.

Indy has moved the scoreboard first in eight of its last nine matches, the lone exception being its 0-0 draw at Jacksonville on Oct. 12.

DEFENSE RIGHTING THE SHIP: After a bit of a midseason lull in the defensive department, Indy Eleven cranked up the heat on the opposition as the season wound down. Indy Eleven allowed just one goal or less in 12 of its first 13 contests, and while the "Boys in Blue" conceded multiple tallies in six of 11 games to follow it has done so just three times in its last nine outings - although two of those occasions came on the road while coach Tim Hankinson rotated his backline to allow for some rest leading up to the postseason. In those last nine games, Indy Eleven has also posted five shutouts, including four straight for goalkeeper Jon Busch, who carries a season - best 360-minute shutout streak into Sunday's game.

Indy Eleven's 33 goals allowed in 32 games was the third lowest in NASL's Combined Season, behind only the ridiculous pace set by Edmonton (21) and closer to New York (29). Indy Eleven and Busch ended the campaign with 11 clean sheets, good for the third most in the league for clubs and goalkeepers, respectively.

FAMILIAR FACES: While none of the players on the Eleven and Cosmos rosters have suited up alongside each other on an NASL playing field, that doesn't mean there won't be plenty of handshakes during pre-game warm-ups on Sunday, as several were teammates during stints in Major League Soccer through the years:

GK Jon Busch – Played with Danny Szetela for Columbus Crew SC (2004-06)

DF Greg Janicki – Played with Danny Szetela for D.C. United (2009)

DF Lovel Palmer – Played with Hunter Freeman in Houston (2011) ... and was traded from Houston to Portland in exchange for Adam Moffat in July 2011

MF Sinisa Ubiparipović – Played with Hunter Freeman (2007) and Carlos Mendes (2007-10) for the New York Red Bulls

DF Nemanja Vuković – Played with Carlos Mendes and Jairo Arrieta for Columbus Crew SC in 2012

INDY CRUSHES CLUB RECORDS FOR WINS, POINTS: How big has Indy Eleven's turnaround been this year? Indy's Oct. 22nd win over Puerto Rico FC was its 15th win this season - one more than the 14 wins amassed in 57 games across the 2014 & '15 campaigns combined. Indy Eleven set its new single-season points record just 18 games into its 2016 campaign, eclipsing its previous high of 33 (in 2015) with a 2-1 win over Rayo OKC on Aug. 13 that landed Indiana's Team on 34 points.

2016: 15W-10D-7L, 55 pts. (2nd/12 on Combined table)
2015: 8W-9D-13L, 33 pts. (9th/11 on Combined table)
2014: 6W-9D-12L, 27 pts. (9th/10 on Combined table)

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EAMON ZAYED GIVETH ... The “Boys in Blue” have been getting scoresheet contributions from across the field, with 11 different players recording assists on goals tallied by 13 players, Gerardo Torrado the latest to add himself to the helper list on Oct. 19 at Tampa Bay.

Assist binges across the Fall Season by Eamon Zayed and Dylan Mares have found the duo sharing the team lead in the category with six helpers apiece in regular season play - although Mares has the trump card after his game-winning assist in The Championship Semifinals last Saturday against FC Edmonton (the duo finished in a tie for fourth across the NASL). The six assists for Mares and Zayed have also set a new single-season club record in the category, which Mares set last year with five.

Nicki Paterson and Nemanja Vukovic are the only players on the squad to notch two assists in a game this season (Paterson on July 13 vs. FTL, Vukovic on June 11 vs. CAR), and each have three helpers on the season to date along with Don Smart.

Mares’ latest assists also padded his lead in the career category for Indiana’s Team ...

Indy Eleven Career Assist Leaders (NASL regular season play only)

13 – Dylan Mares (2014-16)
9 – Don Smart (2014-16)
6 – Eamon Zayed (2016)
5 – Justin Braun (2016)
4 – Mike Ambersley (2014)
3 – Nicki Paterson (2016), Nemanja Vukovic (2016), Duke Lacroix (2015-16), Sinisa Ubiparipovic (2016) & Victor Pineda (2014-15)
2 – Eight players tied (inc. Keller, Wojcik & Reinoso)

... AND EAMON ZAYED PUTTETH AWAY: Eamon Zayed is also the team’s runaway leader with 15 goals, with Justin Braun’s 8 and Dylan Mares’ 5 tallies next closest. Zayed ended the regular season tied for 2nd place across the league in scoring alongside New York’s Juan Arango, the duo finishing three behind Christian Ramirez of Minnesota (18).

Check out the other “Boys in Blue” that finished the regular season in the Top 10 in various NASL statistical categories:

GOALS: Eamon Zayed (15, 2nd), Justin Braun (8, T-8th)
ASSISTS: Eamon Zayed (6, T-4th), Dylan Mares (6, T-4th) & Justin Braun (5, T-9th)
SHOTS: Eamon Zayed (69, 3rd), Justin Braun (47, T-7th)
CROSSES: Nemanja Vukovic (141, 5th)
GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE (min. 1,200 minutes): Jon Busch (0.93, 3rd)
SAVES: Jon Busch (70, T-5th)
WINS: Jon Busch (14, 3rd)
SHUTOUTS: Jon Busch (11, 3rd)

ZAYED SCORING CLIMBING THE CHART: After tying Kleberson for Indy Eleven’s single-season and career goal-scoring records with his 8th goal of the season on July 30 at Miami, Eamon Zayed claimed the marks on his own in style the following game. The Irishman shattered the records with his second hat trick of the season three days later on Aug. 3 against Jacksonville and now sits at 15 (for the record, his USOC goal on June 1 vs. Louisville will not count towards the below records, just regular season tallies).

Indy Eleven Career Scoring Leaders (NASL play only)

15 – Eamon Zayed (2016)
10 – Dylan Mares (2014-16)
8 – Justin Braun (2016) & Kleberson (2014-15)
7 – Don Smart (2014-16)
6 – Mike Ambersley (2014)
5 – Brian Brown (2015), Erick Norales (2014-15) & Victor Pineda (2014-15)
4 – Greg Janicki (2015-16), Duke Lacroix (2015-16) & Nicki Paterson (2016)
3 – Five players (including **Ring & Vukovic**)

Single-Season Scoring Leaders (NASL only)

15 – Eamon Zayed (2016)
8 – **Justin Braun (2016) & Kleberson (2014)**
6 – Mike Ambersley (2014)
5 – Dylan Mares (2015, 2016) & Brian Brown (2015)
4 – Greg Janicki (2016) & Nicki Paterson (2016)

SIGNS FROM SINISA: When Indy Eleven’s flank-heavy attack got stale during the late summer, head coach Tim Hankinson decided to shift his midfield into a diamond shape from its usual “flat-four” ranks. However, the move was only half about shape - it was also an effort to get playmaker Sinisa Ubiparipovic back on the field and in a spot that plays to his strengths.

During Indy Eleven’s first 14 Fall Season contests, “Ubi” saw just 16 minutes of action (July 30 at Miami), but the 33-year-old midfielder started seven of Indy’s last eight games (rested last Sunday at OKC) - his first starts since May 14 - atop the midfield diamond, helping dictate play from the middle of the park and unlocking the team’s full attacking potential.

Sinisa’s been finding his stride, getting “hockey assists” in back-to-back games against New York and FC Edmonton and notching an actual assist in two of his last three games - both on Justin Braun game-winners against Carolina and Puerto Rico FC. The move never paid off better than it did last Saturday, when Ubiparipovic blasted a 20-yard shot into the upper right corner for the game-winner against FC Edmonton - his first goal of the season for Indy Eleven.

After fighting nagging hip and knee injuries early on, Ubiparipovic now has three assists and that all-important tally in 912 minutes of action this season (15 GP, 13 GS, 16 chances created).

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FINAL COULD COME DOWN TO “WINNING TIME” DRAMA: Indy Eleven knows drama, as Indiana’s Team saw seven of its NASL-best 15 goals scored past the 75th minute stand as game-winners in 2016. Those 15 goals past the 75th minute were the most in the NASL, one more than New York’s haul during “winning time.” Indy has owned the last 15-minutes (plus stoppage time) of games, outscoring the opposition 15-6 in that pivotal stretch. When extended further, Indy has scored 32% of its goals (17 of 52) – and earned 24 of 55 standings points and a little thing called the Spring Season title – courtesy of finishes past the 70th minute of games.

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)
4/16 v NYC – 95+’ (Zayed, GWG gave Indy 2-1 lead) +3
4/30 @ OKC – 7’ (Reinoso, gave lead 1-0)
4/30 @ OKC – 77’ (Vuković, GWG gave Indy 2-1 lead) +3
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)
5/21 v MNU – 75’ (Braun, GWG gave Indy 3-2 lead) +3
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)
6/11 v CAR – 45+’ (Braun, GWG gave Indy 2-1 lead) +3
6/11 v CAR – 65’ (Zayed, gave Indy 3-1 lead)
6/11 v CAR – 85’ (Zayed, gave Indy 4-1 lead & Spring title)
7/02 @ PRFC – 92+’ (Youla, tied game 1-1) +1
7/09 v MNU – 78’ (Mares, GWG gave Indy 1-0 lead) +3
7/13 v FTL – 10’ (Zayed, GWG gave Indy 1-0 lead) +3
7/13 v FTL – 21’ (Lacroix, gave Indy 2-0 lead)
7/13 v FTL – 26’ (Janicki, gave Indy 3-0 lead)
7/23 v FCE – 13’ (Janicki, GWG gave Indy 1-0 lead) +3
7/30 @ MIA – 89’ (Zayed, drew Indy to within 1-2)
8/03 v JAX – 13’ (Braun, gave Indy 1-0 lead)
8/03 v JAX – 16’ (Zayed, gave Indy 2-0 lead)
8/03 v JAX – 36’ (Vukovic, GWG gave Indy 3-1 lead) +3
8/03 v JAX – 58’ (Zayed, gave Indy 4-1 lead)
8/03 v JAX – 65’ (Zayed, gave Indy 5-1 lead)
8/06 v OTT – 92+’ (Smart, gave Indy 1-0 win) +3
8/13 v OKC – 41’ (Mares, tied game 1-1)
8/13 v OKC – 84’ (Falvey, gave Indy 2-1 win) +3
8/20 @ CAR – 20’ (Janicki, gave Indy 1-0 lead)
8/20 @ CAR – 30’ (Zayed, gave Indy 2-1 lead)
8/27 @ OTT – 64’ (Ring, tied game 1-1) +1
9/03 v TBR – 34’ (Gordon, tied game 1-1) +1
9/10 @ FTL – 88’ (Braun, drew Indy to within 1-2)
9/17 v MIA – 25’ (Mares, gave Indy 1-0 lead)
9/17 v MIA – 57’ (Smart, gave Indy 2-0 lead) +3
9/24 v NYC - 32’ (Braun, gave Indy 1-0 lead) +3
9/24 v NYC - 48’ (Zayed, gave Indy 2-0 lead)
9/24 v NYC - 51’ (Mares, gave Indy 3-0 lead)
10/02 @ FCE - 53’ (Zayed, gave Indy 1-0 lead)
10/15 v CAR - 45’ (Braun, gave Indy 1-0 lead) +3
10/15 v CAR - 77’ (Paterson, gave Indy 2-0 lead)
10/15 v CAR - 90’ (Youla, gave Indy 3-0 lead)
10/19 @ TBR - 15’ (Lacroix, gave Indy 1-0 lead)
10/19 @ TBR - 31’ (Reinoso, gave Indy 2-0 lead)
10/19 @ TBR - 85’ (Paterson, gave Indy 3-2 win) +3
10/22 v PRFC - 36’ (Braun, gave Indy 1-0 lead) +3
10/22 v PRFC - 45’ (Zayed, gave Indy 2-0 lead)
10/22 v PRFC - 48+’ (Mares, gave Indy 3-0 lead)
10/30 @ OKC - 52’ (Paterson, gave Indy 1-0 lead)
11/05 v FCE - 63’ (Ubiparipovic, gave Indy 1-0 win) +ADVANCE

AWESOME ATTACK INCLUDES RECORD PERFORMANCE: “Indiana’s Team” finished second in the NASL in regular season scoring with 51 goals, behind only New York, who ran away with the category with 59.

When Indy’s attack is on, it is really on, as evidenced by the fact the Eleven has notched three of the NASL’s ten performances in 2016 featuring 4+ goals and five additional 3-goal outbursts, including each of its last three home outings of the season ...

6-goal Games:

August 27 – New York 6 : 1 Carolina

5-goal Games:

August 3 – Indy Eleven 5 : 2 Jacksonville

July 2 – Minnesota 5 : 1 Carolina

4-goal Games:

Oct. 22 - New York 4 : 0 Miami

Oct. 15 – Jacksonville 2 : 4 New York

Sept. 24 – Fort Lauderdale 1 : 4 Tampa Bay

August 6 – Minnesota 0 : 4 Puerto Rico FC

July 9 – Carolina 4 : 1 Tampa Bay

June 11 – Indy Eleven 4 : 1 Carolina

May 21 – Indy Eleven 4 : 2 Minnesota

The five-goal output on Aug. 3 vs. JAX marked the most goals for Indy in a regular season game in its now 88-game history.

Indy Eleven’s +18 goal differential finished second behind only New York’s +30 ledger in regular season play (Rayo OKC was next closest at +6).

Indy’s 2-3 loss at Carolina on Aug. 20 marked its first loss when scoring multiple goals, the Eleven’s mark in such games now standing at 12W-0D-1L (3W-10D-5L when scoring once or no goals).

The breakdown of Indy’s record by goals scored in 2016:

0 goals: 6 times, 0W-4D-2L

1 goal: 14 times, 4W-6D-4L

2 goals: 5 times, 4W-0D-1L

3 goals: 5 times, 5W-0D-0L

4 goals: 2 times, 2W-0D-0L

5 goals: 1 time, 1W-0D-0L

Home: 38 goals in 17 games (2.24 avg)

Away: 14 goals in 16 games (0.88 avg)

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BRAUN IS BACK: Forward Justin Braun made up for lost time due to injury, as the Salt Lake City native has tallied four goals and three assists in his last eight appearances:

Sept. 10 at FTL - goal (93')
Sept. 17 v MIA - GW assist (Mares, 25')
Sept. 24 v NYC - GW goal (32') & assist (Mares, 51')
Oct. 15 v CAR - GW (45')
Oct. 22 v PRFC - GWG (36') & assist (Mares, 48+')

Despite missing five of six August affairs due to a right MCL sprain, Braun still sits second on the squad in goals (8) and third in assists (5). Braun is also the runaway leader on the squad with five game-winning goals in 2016.

INDY-VIDUAL ACCOLADES IN 2016:

NASL Player of the Month

FW Eamon Zayed (June)

NASL Player of the Week

FW Eamon Zayed (Spring 3 & 11, Fall Week 6)

NASL Team of the Week

GK Jon Busch (Spring 7, Fall 2 & 16)
DF Colin Falvey (Spring 11 & Fall 7)
DF Marco Franco (Fall Week 13 & 16)
DF Greg Janicki (Spring 6 & Fall 4)
DF Nemanja Vuković (Spring 2, 3, 5, 8, 10 & 11; Fall 1, 3 & 6)
MF Duke Lacroix (Fall Week 17)
MF Dylan Mares (Spring 3 & Fall 2 & 13)
MF Brad Ring (Fall Week 9)
MF Don Smart (Fall 6 & 12)
MF Sinisa Ubiparipovic (Spring 5)
FW Justin Braun (Spring 8 & 9, Fall 13 & 17)
FW Jair Reinoso (Spring 5)
FW Eamon Zayed (Spring 3 & 11, Fall 6)

AT THE "BIG 4-0," BUSCH LEADS EXPERIENCED SQUAD: The common thread with Indy Eleven's batch of 13 newcomers in 2016 can be summed up in one word – experience. Eleven of the 13 new "Boys in Blue" are at least 30 years of age, 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 Gerardo Torrado (37) and Souleymane Youla (34) in June, Indy Eleven now boasts the most experienced roster in the NASL. Goalkeeper Jon Busch, now in his 20th professional season in American soccer circles, serves as the oldest of the group now at 40 years of age after celebrating his birthday on Aug. 18, while second-year forward Duke Lacroix is the youngster at 23.

VUKOVIC, BUSCH & ZAYED INDY'S "IRONMEN": When it comes to consistency, head coach Tim Hankinson has been able to lean on a steady stable of formidable veterans to log big minutes in 2016. A handful of members of the team's "Over-30 Gang" are at the top of the team's "Ironman" categories of games played, games started and minutes played ... and the new, lone member of the team's "Over-40 Gang," Jon Busch (who turned the big 4-0 on August 18) ain't far behind.

Depending on your particular credentials for the title of team "Ironman" you could go with either Nemanja Vukovic or Eamon Zayed, each of whom finished the regular season atop the squad in appearances (31) and starts (30). However, with his 34-minute cameo off the bench in the finale at Rayo OKC on Oct. 30, Vukovic may have won the tiebreaker of minutes played, beating out Zayed by 32 minutes in the category. The following tallies also include Indy Eleven's postseason debut last Saturday vs. FCE:

Games Played:

32 – Eamon Zayed, Nemanja Vukovic
30 – Jon Busch
29 – Dylan Mares
28 – Brad Ring
27 – Nicki Paterson

Games Started:

31 – Nemanja Vukovic, Eamon Zayed
30 – Jon Busch
24 – Justin Braun, Colin Falvey, Dylan Mares
23 – Brad Ring, Greg Janicki

Minutes Played:

Vukovic (2,818), Zayed (2,786), Busch (2,700), Falvey (2,146), Braun (2,111), Mares (2,102)

HANKINSON AT THE HELM: Indy Eleven's offseason began in earnest last 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 34W-20D-22L in 76 regular season games in the NASL, the first 44 of which came with San Antonio from 2012-13 (19W-10D-15L).

TORRADO TAKES THE PITCH: Newcomer Gerardo Torrado has settled into his new role in the middle of the Indy Eleven midfield, starting 10 of his 16 appearances since making an impressive NASL debut via a second-half substitute stint at Minnesota on July 16. Torrado earned his first assist for Indy on Oct. 19, as his savvy cross-field pass found a wide open Nicki Paterson for a late game-winner that stopped the team's road woes.

When healthy, the 37-year-old has displayed the organizing, passing and tackling abilities that made him one of the most impactful signings in the NASL's modern era. The June 8 signing of Torrado was a landmark one for the NASL and Indy Eleven, as the midfielder's credentials include being the second-most capped player in Mexican National Team history (162), 11 games played across three FIFA World Cup appearances (2002, 2006 & 2010) and an 11-year stint with Mexican club powerhouse Cruz Azul – the last 10 of which he served as captain. A notable moment for the league came on Aug. 20, when Torrado lined up against longtime "El Tri" teammate Omar Bravo for all 90 minutes at Carolina.

"El Borrego" was ineligible for league play until the transfer window opened on July 4, and a visit to Mexico to sort out visa paperwork left him unavailable for games on July 9 (vs. MNU) and July 13 (vs. FTL). He made his unofficial debut on June 26 with a 62-minute runout against Liga MX champs Pachuca in an international friendly.

ZAYED WEARING TWO HATS: 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. Not one to settle, the man who earned the "Mr. Hat Trick" moniker during his days in Iran registered a second three-goal effort of the season on August 3 against Jacksonville, giving him two of the NASL's three hat trick to this point in 2016 (MNU's Christian Ramirez on July 2 vs. CAR was the other).

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.

Hat Tricks:

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

Eamon Zayed: 8/03/16 v JAX (5-2 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)

"WOJ" LOAN ENDS IN OKC: Forward Wojciech Wojcik recently completed his lengthy loan stint with OKC Energy FC, although since he remained with the USL side past the NASL's roster-freeze date, the 24-year-old striker will not be eligible to suit up for Indy Eleven again in 2016. "Woj" was one of Energy FC's co-leading scorers with four goals in 23 regular season appearances (1,334 minutes) and also made two appearances (23 minutes total) in OKC's pair of USL playoff games. Wojcik made one appearance off the bench for Indy in 2016 against New York during the Spring Season, this after he started 13 of 21 games during his first year with the club.

"MIRACLE AT THE MIKE" GIVES INDY SPRING TITLE: Dramatic three-goal wins are few and far between, but Indy Eleven's memorable 4-1 triumph 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 collected the Spring Season trophy from NASL Commissioner Bill Peterson prior to last Saturday's 1-0 win over Minnesota at Carroll Stadium, and the NASL is expected to announce the date and time of Indy's first-ever appearance in The Championship, set to take place the weekend of Nov. 4-6, in the coming weeks. The surprise result at "The Mike" included the club's first-ever hat trick in NASL play by Eamon Zayed (15', 65' 85') and Justin Braun's third goal in four league matches to close out a memorable Spring.

START WITH A STREAK: A 3-0 win over Fort Lauderdale on July 13 allowed Indy Eleven to re-write the NASL record book, its 13th straight game without a defeat to start the season (6W-7D-0L) equaling the longest regular season undefeated streak in the league's modern history alongside the 2011 Carolina RailHawks and 2013-14 New York Cosmos. The "Boys in Blue" saw that run halted three days later with its 0-2 loss at Minnesota United FC.

If you want to get picky, Indy Eleven actually went 15 competitive games without a defeat to start 2016 when counting its two Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup contests (even its penalty kick defeat at the Chicago Fire in the Fourth Round technically went down as a 1-1 draw). 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 compilation as well, we won't stop you.

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 and summer departure of Gorka Larrea, the roster now includes 13 new "Boys in Blue" ...

<u>Returning (10)</u>	<u>Newcomers (13)</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 Nicki Paterson
MF Brad Ring	MF Sinisa Ubiparipović
MF Don Smart	MF Gerardo Torrado
FW Duke Lacroix	FW Justin Braun
FW Wojciech Wojcik	FW Jair Reinoso
	FW Eamon Zayed
	FW Omar Gordon
	FW Souleymane Youla

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

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. All seven of the team's international slots (* on the following list) have been filled, most recently via the acquisitions of Souleymane Youla and Gerardo Torrado. An additional three players that were foreign-born have American citizenship (marked with ^) ...

- * DF **Colin Falvey** – Ireland
- * FW **Omar Gordon** – Jamaica
- ^ 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.

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 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 Round of 16.

INDY UPSETS 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. Cardona got the full shift between the posts, and he came up big on a handful of occasions, most notably a kick save on Erick Sanchez’s 15-yard blast in the 82nd minute.

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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 & Fall Week 13)

#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 & Fall Weeks 2 & 16)

#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 Leifering (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 & Fall Week 7)

#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)

2016 Honors: NASL Team of the Week (Fall Weeks 13 & 16)

#91 – OMAR GORDON **MID** **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 & Fall Week 4)

#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)

#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)

2016 Honors: NASL Team of the Week (Spring Week 3 & Fall Weeks 2 & 13)

#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.

#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.

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#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)

2016 Honors: NASL Team of the Week (Fall Week 9), NASL Play of the Week (Spring Week 5)

#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)

2016 Honors: NASL Team of the Week (Fall Week 6 & 12)

#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)

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

#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 Weeks 1, 3 & 6)

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#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** **Conarky, 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, Fall Week 6), NASL Team of the Week (Spring Week 3 & 11, Fall Week 6), NASL Play of the Week (Spring Week 3)