



# INDY ELEVEN GAME NOTES

2017 NASL Season

2016 Spring Season Champions • 2016 NASL Runner-up

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## INDY ELEVEN GAME INFORMATION

**INDY ELEVEN (1-7-4, 10 pts.; 6<sup>TH</sup> in NASL)**

at

**North Carolina FC (4-3-5, 15 pts.; 5<sup>TH</sup> in NASL)**

Saturday, June 24, 2017 - WakeMed Soccer Park  
Cary, NC - 7:30 pm ET

**LOCAL TV:** MyINDY TV-23

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**ONLINE UPDATES:** [@IndyElevenLive](https://twitter.com/IndyElevenLive) [Twitter Feed](#);

**LIVE STATS:** NASL MatchCenter

**PROBABLE STARTERS at NORTH CAROLINA FC:**

**(4-4-2 - R->L)**

GK: Busch (18)

DEF: Franco (23) - Falvey (32) - Keller (15) - Vukovic (12)

MID: Smart (7) - Ring (4) - Ubiparipovic (10) - Speas (19)

FWD: Zayed (9) - Braun (17)

## 2017 Schedule

Date/Opponent	Time/Result (ET)
<b>SPRING SEASON</b>	
March	
25 San Francisco Deltas	D 1:1
April	
1 PUERTO RICO FC	D 3:3
8 Puerto Rico FC	D 1:1
22 SAN FRANCISCO DELTAS	D 0:0
29 Jacksonville Armada FC	D 1:1
May	
6 FC EDMONTON	D 0:0
13 Miami FC	L 3:2
17* Michigan Bucks	L 1:0
20 MIAMI FC	L 2:0
27 FC Edmonton	L 2:1
June	
3 San Francisco Deltas	D 2:2
10 JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC	L 1:4
17 NORTH CAROLINA FC	W 2:0
24 North Carolina FC	7:30 pm
July	
4 New York Cosmos	7:30 pm
8 NEW YORK COSMOS	7:30 pm
15 JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC	6:30 pm
<b>FALL SEASON</b>	
July	
30 FC Edmonton	4:00 pm
August	
5 FC EDMONTON	7:30 pm
12 Miami FC	7:30 pm
19 New York Cosmos	7:30 pm
26 JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC	7:30 pm
September	
2 SF DELTAS	7:30 pm
9 Jacksonville Armada FC	7:00 pm
13 NORTH CAROLINA FC	7:00 pm
17 FC Edmonton	4:00 pm
23 PUERTO RICO FC	7:30 pm
October	
1 North Carolina FC	4:00 pm
7 NEW YORK COSMOS	7:30 pm
11 San Francisco Deltas	10:30 pm
14 MIAMI FC	3:00 pm
21 Puerto Rico FC	7:30 pm
29 NORTH CAROLINA FC	TBD

Home Games in ALL CAPS

\* = U.S. Open Cup

All dates and times are subject to change.



## TURN OF THE TIDE:

After earning their first win of the season (see below), Indy Eleven heads to Cary, North Carolina for their second game against North Carolina FC in as many weeks.

Indy has yet to win a road match against NCFC, maintaining an 0-0-3 record against the rebranded side dating back to the club's first match in Cary, a tight 2-1 loss in July 2014.

However, after picking up momentum in their win over the weekend and welcoming more members of the squad back from injury, the tide may turn in more ways than one if things can click again in this Spring Season Week 14 matchup.

## ELEVEN REWIND vs NORTH CAROLINA FC:

Indy Eleven earned its all-important first victory of the 2017 season on Saturday, June 17 in a 2-0 win over North Carolina FC in front of front of 8,000+ at Carroll Stadium.

Scoreless heading into the halftime break, "Indiana's Team" was quick to pounce in the second half after not getting off the mark in the opening 45 minutes. Pressing the NCFC backline continuously, the "Boys In Blue" would break through in the 60th minute via the torso (!) of forward Justin Braun. Failing to clear a cross into the center of the box, Braun bundled towards the hanging ball and took a clearance off his torso to see it in the back of the net and open the scoring between the two sides.

As NCFC opened up in search of an equalizer, Indy continued to exploit with pace on the break. Rushing up the right flank, substitute forward David Goldsmith whipped in a ball towards the back post for Braun and midfielder Ben Speas to sprint towards. Using his left foot, Speas powered a control effort into the sidenetting to double the lead and secure all three points for the home side.

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## NASL THIS WEEK - SPRING WEEK 14

**Saturday, June 24 (All times ET)**

Miami FC vs. New York Cosmos 7:30 PM  
**Indy Eleven at North Carolina FC 7:30 PM**  
FC Edmonton vs. San Francisco Deltas 9:00 PM

**Sunday, June 25**

Jacksonville Armada FC vs Puerto Rico FC 6:00 PM

## NASL LAST WEEK - SPRING WEEK 13

**Friday, June 16 (All times ET)**

New York Cosmos vs Puerto Rico FC 4 : 2

**Saturday, June 17**

**Indy Eleven vs North Carolina FC 2 : 0**

Miami FC vs Jacksonville Armada FC 4 : 0

San Francisco Deltas vs FC Edmonton 1 : 0

## ABOUT INDY ELEVEN:

Indy Eleven was launched by Keystone Group CEO Ersal Ozdemir on January 16, 2013, to play in the North American Soccer League, beginning with the 2014 season. Originally born under the Indy Pro Soccer moniker, the club officially adopted its Indy Eleven identity on April 25, 2013, during a ceremony held at the iconic Soldiers and Sailors Monument - 152 years to the day of the initial enlistment of the 11th Indiana Regiment during the Civil War.

Ahead of the 2017 season, Indy Eleven took another historic step towards building professional soccer in Indiana, formally announcing its bid to bring a Major League Soccer expansion franchise to the Hoosier State. Indy Eleven Founder & Owner Ersal Ozdemir delivered the club's official application book to MLS President Mark Abbott at the league's headquarters in New York City on January 31, 2017, which marked the deadline day for prospective ownership groups to submit their expansion bids.

Indy Eleven's aim is to create a team that is representative of Indiana and creates strong emotional connections with its fans. Those connections - embodied in the team's symbolic name, crest and colors - will be made with Indiana's youth and adult soccer community and the active young adult urban and ethnic populations.

## SERIES HISTORY

### 2017

June 24	North Carolina vs. Indy Eleven	7:30 PM ET	
June 17	Indy Eleven	2:0	North Carolina FC

### 2016

Oct 15	Indy Eleven	3:0	North Carolina FC
Aug 20	North Carolina FC	3:2	Indy Eleven
June 11	Indy Eleven	4:1	North Carolina FC

### 2015

Oct 30	North Carolina FC	3:1	Indy Eleven
July 11	Indy Eleven	2:1	North Carolina FC
Apr 25	Indy Eleven	1:1	North Carolina FC

### 2014

Sept 27	Indy Eleven	0:1	North Carolina FC
July 12	North Carolina FC	1:2	Indy Eleven
Apr 12	Indy Eleven	1:1	North Carolina

**Overall** (5-2-3)

**Home** (4-2-1)

**Away** (1-0-2)



## HEAD COACH TIM HANKINSON

After a successful 2016 season that featured the “Boys in Blue” capturing their first trophy in club history with the Spring Season championship, Indy Eleven is proud to have head coach Tim Hankinson return for the 2017 campaign.

“A year ago we brought Tim Hankinson aboard to provide leadership on the team side of the club and improved results on the field, and he certainly checked both of those boxes,” Indy Eleven owner Ersal Ozdemir said. “The Indy Eleven family is excited to continue working with Coach Hankinson as he helps the team towards more success in 2017.”

Hankinson led a remarkable turnaround for Indiana's Team in 2016, starting his tenure with a 13-game unbeaten streak that included capturing the NASL Spring Season title, the first title in the team's three-year history.

Indy Eleven went unbeaten in its 19 home games in official competition in Hankinson's first year at the helm (16W-3D-0L), including a 1-0 win over FC Edmonton in The Championship Semifinal on Nov. 5 in the team's postseason debut, played in front of a sold-out crowd at Carroll Stadium.

“A fire was lit with how the 2016 season ended in The Championship Final, and that will serve as a burning motivation for what will come in 2017,” Hankinson said. “Continuity is important, so I am looking forward to keeping the core of last year's squad and building on the foundation of success it achieved. At the same time we do need to grow tactically and add new faces that will bolster our play on the field and the tremendous relationship we've built with our fans.”

Hankinson was named the 2016 NASL Coach of the Year and leads the “Boys in Blue” into the 2017 season having kept 13 players from the squad that reached The Championship Final.



## ASSISTANT COACH TREVOR JAMES

Indy Eleven announced the addition of experienced assistant coach Trevor James to the technical staff on March 23, 2017.

The native of Norwich, England, also brings coaching experience from his native country, as James has fulfilled various roles with Ipswich Town (youth academy coach), Colchester United (reserve team manager), and Cambridge United (first team coach and chief scout) in England's League One prior to his time in MLS. James, who holds “A” coaching licenses from both the U.S. Soccer Federation and UEFA, played professionally for teams in England, Norway, and the United States before retiring in 1985.

James has nearly a decade of technical staff experience inside the ranks of MLS, most recently serving as the Director of Scouting for Chicago Fire SC from 2014-15. Stops prior to Chicago included an assistant coaching stint with Portland Timbers FC during their expansion season in 2011 and dual roles as an assistant coach and Director of Player Development for the LA Galaxy's successful academy system between 2006-10.

“I am extremely excited to be joining Tim Hankinson's staff at Indy Eleven. Tim's reputation and experiences in US professional soccer combined with Indy Eleven's status as the flagship franchise in the NASL made for an easy decision when I received Tim's call,” said James. “I have always been impressed and intrigued by Indianapolis' sporting culture and the vibrancy of the city. I would like to thank Tim Hankinson, Jeff Belskus and Ersal Ozdemir for their efforts in bringing me to the club. I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with the players, staff, and management of Indy Eleven to continue the efforts to bring championships to this city and its amazing fans.”

“Trevor James brings a vast range of Major League Soccer and international experience as a coach and scouting director,” said Indy Eleven head coach Tim Hankinson. “I look forward to him strengthening our staff and assisting in the building of another winning team for 2017.”

## **BUILDING THEIR STREAK:**

Working their way to a home unbeaten streak that spanned into 20+ games, Indy Eleven saw their hard work end at the feet of Miami FC on May 20. After suffering a second straight home loss against Jacksonville Armada FC on June 10, Indy returned to winning ways in the 2-0 win over North Carolina FC.

The previous streak (22), which began in October 2015 and ran until May 2017, set the NASL Modern Era record previously held by the New York Cosmos. The "Boys In Blue" will get their chance to begin again against the Cosmos on Saturday, July 8, one week before the Spring Season finale, also at home, against Jacksonville Armada FC on Saturday, July 15.

## **WORKING BACK TO FITNESS:**

Losing Gerardo Torrado and Kwame Watson-Siriboe on back-to-back weeks, Indy Eleven's fight for fitness got a boost with the return of forward Justin Braun, who missed three weeks with a calf problem, and a substitute appearance by Craig Henderson, who had not featured since the April 29 away trip to Jacksonville Armada FC.

As Indy continues its road to recovery, midfielders Sinisa Ubiparipovic, Adrian Ables, and Don Smart, and forward Eamon Zayed all recently returned to action. The partnership of Eamon Zayed and Justin Braun was also active again for the first time since earning their second clean sheet in a 0-0 draw with FC Edmonton on May 6.

## **NUMBERS ON THE BOARD:**

Returning over half the roster that made the 2016 Championship Final, Indy's veterans are reaching new heights in appearances with plenty of landmarks to note.

Though missing since the beginning of June, midfielder Gerardo Torrado earned his "silver" card with 25 league appearances since joining ahead of the 2016 Fall Season. "6" has tallied one assist in over 1800 minutes while remaining a rock in the midfield.

Goalkeeper Jon Busch appeared in his 40th league game in Indy's 2-0 win over NCF on June 17, as did defender Nemanja Vukovic. "Buschy" is just eight appearances shy of overtaking former 'keeper Kristian Nicht for the most all-time by a goalkeeper, having already taken the clean sheet record with a combined 14 (11 in '16; 3 in '17) compared to Nicht's seven total. Meanwhile, "Vuko's" 40th league appearance sees him contribute three goals and five assists over that span while racking up over 3,500 minutes in the process. Both players earned a spot on the NASL Team of the Week for Spring Season Week 13.

For the "Indy originals," their numbers continue to climb. Don Smart tops the all-time appearance charts with 80 league games played (42 starts) while Brad Ring leads in minutes played (5,201) on 71 league appearances and 59 starts. Not far behind is near original Marco Franco, who has been as consistent as they come with 62 games played and 57 starts, totalling 5,123 minutes.

However, midfielder Sinisa Ubiparipovic leads in all-time NASL appearances (87; 71 starts) between his time with the Montreal Impact, Ottawa Fury FC, and Indy Eleven.

## **KEEPING KELLER:**

Midfielder Daniel Keller has played a unique role for "Indiana's Team" since joining in 2015. Used as the team's swiss army knife, the Carmel, Indiana native has been deployed in four different positions this season (left-back, centerback, defensive midfielder, center midfielder) to help cover for fellow "Boys In Blue" during the team's extensive injury stretch.

In 2015, Keller earned 16 league appearances and 11 starts while racking up 1000 minutes in the process. Under head coach Tim Hankinson in 2016, Keller saw his role diminished slightly in his seven appearances and four starts that saw him on the field for just over 400 minutes. However, nearly through the total of the 2017 Spring Season, the former University of Louisville standout has featured 11 times in league play with nine starts that saw him feature for 823 minutes. The midfielder is well on his way to breaking his own appearance record, and with the variety in skillset that he provides, he will likely get there by the end of the Fall Season.

## **FORWARDS FIGHTING:**

Forwards Justin Braun and Eamon Zayed have been the focal point of the Indy Eleven attack since their arrival at the beginning of the 2016 season. Last year, Zayed's 15 goals saw him finish runner-up for the NASL Golden Boot but allowed him to smash the club's goalscoring record with ease. Meanwhile, Braun's eight goals moved him into tied for third all-time, a spot he has since eclipsed with his five goals so far in 2017.

Now the pair will compete with and against each other for the top spot on the scoring charts as the year progresses. Zayed has marked two goals so far, three behind Braun, while they have both chipped in assists (one for Z, three for Braun) to move them ahead in that category as well.

### **Indy Eleven Career Scoring Leaders (NASL play only)**

**17 - EAMON ZAYED (2016-17)**

**13 - JUSTIN BRAUN (2016-17)**

10 - Dylan Mares (2014-16)

8 - Kleberson (2014-15)

**7 - DON SMART (2014-17)**

### **Indy Eleven Career Assist Leaders (NASL play only)**

13 - Dylan Mares (2014-16)

**10 - DON SMART (2014-17)**

**8 - JUSTIN BRAUN (2016-17)**

**7 - EAMON ZAYED (2016-17)**

**5 - NEMANJA VUKOVIC (2016-17)**

## **OPENING THEIR ACCOUNT:**

Joining a growing list of goalscorers in the 2017 season, Indy Eleven defender Lovel Palmer and midfielder Brad Ring made it three players in two weeks to score their first goal of the year.

Midfielder Jason Plumhoff scored Indy's lone goal in a 2-1 loss to FC Edmonton on May 27 for his first of the year, and the duo of Palmer and Ring scored the two for the "Boys in Blue" in a 2-2 draw with San Francisco on June 3.

Along the same lines, forward David Goldsmith earned the first assist of his career on midfielder Ben Speas's late goal against North Carolina FC.

## **ELEVEN OUSTED IN OPEN CUP SECOND ROUND:**

In the Second Round of the 2017 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, Indy Eleven fell to the Michigan Bucks, 1-0, on May 17.

A tight fight with the USL PDL side Bucks, Indy created a number of opportunities in front of goal but could not capitalize. Testing 'keeper Drew Sheperd with a number of high balls into the box, the team were unable to find an answer to Francis Atuahene's 35th minute strike.

## **CLEANING UP AT THE BACK:**

Indy Eleven earned their third clean sheet of the season in their 2-0 win over North Carolina FC in Spring Season Week 13.

Working their way towards last year's tally of 11 total clean sheets, Indy's first two of the year came in the season-opening 0-0 draw at San Francisco and in a 0-0 stalemate with FC Edmonton in Week 6.

## **TIGHT AT THE TOP:**

Indy Eleven forward Justin Braun sits T-3 in the league in goal scored (4) but is T-2 in league play in assists (3) through Spring Season Week 11.

Braun's last goal came in Indy's 2-0 win over North Carolina FC, opening the scoring in the 60th minute off a deflected clearance. However, the forward trails Miami FC forward Vincenzo Rennella (7) on the year.

## **DEFENDER COLIN FALVEY NAMED TO NASL TEAM OF THE MONTH FOR MAY:**

Starting in all four league matches during May, Indy Eleven defender Colin Falvey earned a spot on the NASL Team of the Month.

Helping the team to secure one clean sheet, Falvey excelled in winning 13/14 tackles and 29/43 duels, and collecting 13 interceptions, justifying the captain's selection.

## **FORWARD JUSTIN BRAUN NAMED NASL PLAYER OF THE MONTH IN APRIL:**

Justin Braun has been a man on fire for Indy Eleven in the opening seven weeks of the season. In April, the forward registered a total tally of three goals and two assists. This is the first time Braun has received this honor.

## **MILDSTONE FOR RING:**

Captaining his side in the 3-3 draw vs. Puerto Rico FC on April 1, Indy Eleven midfielder Brad Ring earned the 50th start of his career with the "Boys in Blue" in his fourth year with the club.

Ring started 10 of 12 games in the inaugural 2014 season, scoring one goal in that span. Ring then saw significantly more of the field and started 38 of 48 games between the 2015 & 2016 seasons, racking up over 3300 minutes in the process.

## **FAMILIAR FACES:**

Much like at the beginning of the 2016 season, Indy Eleven head coach Tim Hankinson kept just over half of the previous year's squad - including 13 in 2017 from the team that reached The Championship Final.

Goalkeepers Jon Busch and Keith Cardona return after manning the sticks in goal. A back line that combined with the 'keepers for a club record 11 clean sheets in one year, defenders Marco Franco, Colin Falvey, Lovel Palmer, and Nemanja Vukovic also made their way back. In the midfield, Indy Eleven "originals" Brad Ring and Don Smart return, as do Daniel Keller, former Mexico international Gerardo Torrado, and Sinisa Ubiparipovic. In the forward spots, the duo that combined for 23 goals and 11 assists in the Combined Season is back in Eamon Zayed and Justin Braun.

## **INDY EXTENDS OPTION ON MIDFIELDER JASON PLUMHOFF:**

After signing a short-term contract in May, Indy Eleven has exercised an option on midfielder Jason Plumhoff that keeps him on "Indiana's Team" through the duration of the Spring Season. Featuring in four matches during the month, Plumhoff scored one goal in one start and ended up registering just over 100 minutes.

## **FAMILIAR SIGNING:**

A new member of the Indy Eleven squad will be a recognizable one in the form of ex-Minnesota United FC midfielder Ben Speas.

The 26-year-old midfielder featured 26 times for the Loons (17 starts) and scored four goals while adding three assists in 2016. Prior to his move to Minnesota, Speas spent four years with the Columbus Crew as a Home-Grown Player. Inking his original deal in 2012, Speas developed in the Columbus Crew Academy not far from his home of Stow, Ohio.

## **ELEVEN ADD REINFORCEMENTS IN WATSON-SIRIBOE AND MANNING:**

Indy Eleven bolstered its defense with additions of defenders Kwame Watson-Siriboe and Anthony Manning in the months of February and March.

Manning comes off the back of a stint with the Portland Timbers and Timbers II in 2015 and 2016, where he featured in over 15 games on loan for the second side between the two seasons. Last year, Manning registered a full 90 minutes twice.

Watson-Siriboe's experience also extends from the MLS, where he spent the first six years of his professional career splitting time with Chicago Fire SC (2010-12), Real Salt Lake (2012-14) and New York City FC (2015). Most recently, the UCONN product returned home to Southern California to suit up with USL side Orange County SC.

## NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL CRAIG HENDERSON BROUGHT INTO THE FOLD:

Indy Eleven welcomes Kiwi international Craig Henderson into the midfield for 2017. The midfielder man has represented the "All Whites" twice in international competition in his seven-year professional career.

Having spent all four years at Dartmouth College from 2006-2009, the 29-year-old returns to the States after stints in Sweden and Norway, where he spent time at Stabaek Fotball Club under the direction of former United States Men's National Team head coach Bob Bradley. Henderson secured his move to Indy in February.

## TREVOR JAMES ADDED TO STAFF:

Indy Eleven saw the ranks of its technical staff grow on March 23 with the addition of Trevor James as an assistant coach. The 58-year-old native of Norwich, England continues his 10+ year career in American soccer circles having spent time with Chicago Fire SC, Portland Timbers FC, & the LA Galaxy.

James made his move to America after filling various roles with Ipswich Town (youth academy), Colchester United (reserve team) and Cambridge United (first team coach/chief scout). James rounds out a technical staff that includes Hankinson and assistant coach Jon Busch.

## NEW HOOSIERS HELPING:

Two of Indy Eleven's most recent additions and members of last fall's 2016 Indiana Hoosiers squad, midfielder Tanner Thompson and goalkeeper Christian Lomeli make their professional debut as members of Indiana's Team.

Thompson signs with Indy Eleven after four years at Indiana University in Bloomington, where he helped the Hoosiers to four straight NCAA Tournament appearances and a Conference Tournament Championship in 2013. As a senior, the native of Loomis, CA was named an NSCAA First-Team All-American and the Big Ten Midfielder of the Year along with First-Team All-Big Ten honors. The national standout chipped in eight goals and three assists in 2016.

Lomeli also ended his college career at Indiana University after spending the first two years with IUPUI, featuring in 12 matches including eight starts. For the Hoosiers, Lomeli posted four shut-outs in seven appearances (seven starts) and boasted an impressive 0.53 goals-against average. In addition, Lomeli earned Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week for Nov. 1 and made three crucial saves in a 1-0 win over No. 23 Akron in the NCAA Tournament.

Thompson & Lomeli are two of three members of the Eleven roster with ties to the eight-time NCAA championship-winning program based out of Bloomington:

**Brad Ring:** 2005-08

**Tanner Thompson:** 2013

**Christian Lomeli:** 2013

## OFFSEASON MAKEOVER:

Indy Eleven head coach Tim Hankinson returns for the 2017 season .. and repeating a similar process from his inaugural year in charge, the roster was nearly split down the middle between returning players (13) and newcomers (7):

### Returning (13)

GK Jon Busch  
GK Keith Cardona  
DF Colin Falvey  
DF Lovel Palmer  
DF Nemanja Vukovic  
DF Marco Franco  
MF Brad Ring  
MF Daniel Keller  
MF Sinisa Ubiparipovic  
MF Don Smart  
MF Gerardo Torrado  
FW Eamon Zayed  
FW Justin Braun

### Newcomers (8)

GK Christian Lomeli  
DF Anthony Manning  
MF Adrian Ables  
DF Kwame Watson-Siriboe  
MF Craig Henderson  
MF Tanner Thompson  
MF Ben Speas  
FW David Goldsmith

## INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN:

While the Indy Eleven brass did plenty to back up its claim as "Indiana's Team" on the roster side, it also balanced out the other half of its motto - "The World's Game" - by stocking its roster with talent from across the globe. It starts with the return of internationals Lovel Palmer, Don Smart, Eamon Zayed, Sinisa Ubiparipovic, Gerardo Torrado, Nemanja Vukovic, and Colin Falvey, and the addition of extra international talent in the offseason now adds to the list.

\* DF Colin Falvey - Ireland

\* FW David Goldsmith - England \*\*

\* MF Craig Henderson - New Zealand \*\*

^ DF Lovel Palmer - Jamaica

MF Don Smart - Jamaica

\* MF Gerardo Torrado - Mexico

^ MF Sinisa Ubiparipovic - Bosnia & Herzegovina

\* DF Nemanja Vukovic - Montenegro

\* FW Eamon Zayed - Ireland

\* Designated as international players on roster

\*\* New in 2017

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

## INDY-VIDUAL ACCOLADES IN 2017:

### NASL Team of the Week

Ben Speas (Week 1, 2, 13)

Jon Busch (Week 13)

Colin Falvey (Week 5, 11)

Gerardo Torrado (Week 6)

Justin Braun (Week 2)

Daniel Keller (Week 1, 7, 13)

Nemanja Vukovic (Week 13)

Brad Ring (Week 11)

Lovel Palmer (Week 6)

Tanner Thompson (Week 1)

### NASL Player of the Month

Justin Braun (April)

### NASL Play of the Month

Ben Speas (April)

### NASL Player of the Week

Justin Braun (Week 2)

### NASL Play of the Week

Ben Speas (Week 2)

### NASL Team of the Month

Colin Falvey (May)

## BY THE NUMBERS - 2017 INDY ELEVEN STATS

NO	NAME	POS	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	SH	Y	R
20	JUSTIN BRAUN	FW	10	10	899	5	3	25	1	0
19	BEN SPEAS	MF	8	7	662	2	1	11	0	0
9	EAMON ZAYED	FW	9	7	663	2	1	18	2	0
5	LOVEL PALMER	DF	9	8	622	1	0	5	2	1
91	JASON PLUMHOFF	DF	6	1	131	1	0	4	0	0
4	BRAD RING	MF	11	11	926	1	0	9	3	1
14	TANNER THOMPSON	MF	8	6	458	1	0	9	2	0
33	ADRIAN ABLES	MF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	COLIN FALVEY	DF	10	10	882	0	0	4	1	0
23	MARCO FRANCO	DF	10	10	899	0	0	0	1	0
20	DAVID GOLDSMITH	FW	6	1	152	0	1	5	1	0
8	CRAIG HENDERSON	MF	6	3	286	0	0	2	1	0
15	DANIEL KELLER	MF	11	9	823	0	0	0	1	0
13	ANTHONY MANNING	DF	4	0	81	0	0	0	0	0
7	DON SMART	MF	6	5	397	0	1	4	1	0
6	GERARDO TORRADO	MF	9	9	810	0	0	6	3	0
10	SINISA UBIPARIPOVIC	MF	8	6	547	0	1	4	0	0
12	NEMANJA VUKOVIC	DF	9	9	810	0	2	15	1	0
3	KWAME WATSON-SIRIBOE	DF	9	7	660	0	0	5	1	0

**GAME-WINNING GOALS:** None

**GAME-WINNING ASSISTS:** None

**PENALTY KICKS:** None

### INDY ELEVEN INDIVIDUAL GOALKEEPING

NO	NAME	POS	GP	GS	MIN	GA	GAA	SOG	SV	SO	W-D-L
18	JON BUSCH	GK	11	11	990	18	1.64	47	29	3	1-6-4
1	KEITH CARDONA	GK	1	1	90	1	1.00	4	3	0	0-1-0
30	CHRISTIAN LOMELI	GK	0	0	0	-	---	-	-	-	---

## 2017 REGULAR SEASON STATS

GOALS	1	2	TOTAL
IND	5	9	14
OPP	11	8	19

ASSISTS	1	2	TOTAL
IND	1	5	6
OPP	7	5	12

FOULS CONCEDED	1	2	TOTAL
IND	58	62	120
OPP	48	73	121

CAUTIONS	1	2	TOTAL
IND	8	16	24
OPP	1	12	13

OFFSIDES	1	2	TOTAL
IND	13	17	30
OPP	8	8	16

SHOTS	1	2	TOTAL
IND	43	74	117
OPP	76	85	161

SOG	1	2	TOTAL
IND	18	27	45
OPP	26	23	49

CORNERS	1	2	TOTAL
IND	28	34	62
OPP	29	24	53

EJECTIONS	1	2	TOTAL
IND	1	1	2
OPP	0	1	1





## INDY ELEVEN ROSTER (as of 06/09/17)

#	Name	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN	NATIONALITY	DoB	LAST CLUB
1	Keith Cardona	GK	6'4	200	Glen Rock, NJ	USA	11/07/92	FC Liefering (Austria/2)
3	Kwame Watson-Siriboe	DF	6'3	196	Chino Hills, CA	USA	11/03/86	Orange County SC (USL)
4	Brad Ring	MF	5'10	165	Rockford, IL	USA	04/07/87	Portland Timbers (MLS)
5 ^	Lovel Palmer	DF	5'10	170	Mandeville, JAM	Jamaica/USA	08/30/84	Chicago Fire SC (MLS)
6 *	Gerardo Torrado	MF	5'9	161	Mexico City, MEX	Mexico	04/30/79	Cruz Azul (Mexico/1)
7	Don Smart	MF	5'9	155	Kingston, JAM	Jamaica/USA	12/02/87	RVA FC (NPSL)
8 *	Craig Henderson	MF	5'10	165	Lower Hutt, NZ	New Zealand	06/24/87	GAIS (Sweden/2)
9 *	Eamon Zayed	FW	6'2	200	Dublin, IRE	Ireland	10/04/83	Sabah FA (Malaysia/1)
10 ^	Sinisa Ubiparipovic	MF	5'9	163	Cleveland, OH	Bosnia & Herz./USA	08/25/83	Ottawa Fury FC (NASL)
12 *	Nemanja Vukovic	DF	6'3	180	Podgorica, MON	Montenegro	04/13/84	Sacramento Republic FC (USL)
13	Anthony Manning	DF	6'4	200	Mesquite, TX	USA	09/04/92	Portland Timbers (MLS)
14	Tanner Thompson	MF	5'7	150	Loomis, CA	USA	08/11/94	Indiana University (NCAA)
15	Daniel Keller	MF	6'0	165	Carmel, IN	USA	02/07/92	Univ. of Louisville (NCAA)
17	Justin Braun	FW	6'2	195	Salt Lake City, UT	USA	03/31/87	Sacramento Republic FC (USL)
18	Jon Busch	GK	5'10	165	Queens, NY	USA	08/18/76	Chicago Fire SC (MLS)
19	Ben Speas	MF	5'8	170	Stow, OH	USA	01/17/91	Minnesota United FC (NASL)
20 *	David Goldsmith	FW	5'9	155	Bristol, ENG	England	09/20/93	Butler University (NCAA)
23	Marco Franco	DF	5'11	155	Chino Hills, CA	USA	10/06/91	Chicago Fire SC (MLS)
30	Christian Lomeli	GK	5'9	155	Crown Point, IN	USA	04/10/94	Indiana University (NCAA)
32 *	Colin Falvey	DF	6'1	185	Cork City, IRE	Ireland	06/20/85	Ottawa Fury FC (NASL)
33	Adrian Ables	MF	6'0	175	Midwest City, OK	USA	03/03/94	Rayo OKC (NASL)
91	Jason Plumhoff	DF	6'0	155	Ellicott City, MD	USA	08/09/91	Jacksonville Armada FC (NASL)

\* = international roster slot

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

• = currently on loan

**Head Coach:** Tim Hankinson

**Assistant Coach:** Trevor James

**Assistant Coach/Director of Goalkeeping:** Jon Busch

**Head Athletic Trainer:** Brian Gerlach

**Team Operations Manager:** Blair Said

**Team Physician:** Dr. Daniel Kraft

### Pronunciation Guide

Justin Braun	BRAWN
Keith Cardona	car-DOUGH-nah
Colin Falvey	FALL-vee
Christian Lomeli	lo-MELL-ee
Lovel Palmer	luh-VELL
Gerardo Torrado	heh-RAHR-doe tore-RAH-doe
Sinisa Ubiparipovic	sin-EE-sha 00-be-pare-ee-poe-vich
Nemanja Vukovic	neh-MAHN-yah VOO-kah-vich
Kwame Watson-Siriboe	SEAR-uh-bow
Eamon Zayed	AYE-mon ZYED





**MF**

**#33**

## ADRIAN ABLES

**2017 NASL SEASON:** -

**2016 SEASON:** 1 GP / 0 GS - 4 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

**LAST MATCH:** -

Ables joins Indy Eleven off the back of a brief stint with Rayo OKC, where he made one appearance through the 2016 season. The midfielder was a four-year feature at DePauw University (Greencastle, IN), and tallied 18 goals and 17 assists in 75 total appearances. As a senior, Ables started 18 of 19 contests and was featured on the All-NCAC Second Team.



**FW**

**#17**

## JUSTIN BRAUN

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 10 GP / 10 GS - 899 min. | 5 G | 3 A | 25 SH | 1 YC

**2016 SEASON:** 25 GP / 23 GS - 2021 min. | 8 G | 5 A | 52 SH | 3 YC

**LAST MATCH:** vs NCFC - 89 min. | 1 G | 0 A | 3 SH | 0 YC

Braun arrived in the Circle City by way of Sacramento Republic FC ahead of the 2016 season. For the "Boys in Blue," Braun's impressive scoring record saw him score in the 4-1 W over Carolina on 6/11 to help secure the 2016 Spring Season Championship and against Chicago Fire SC in the Fourth Round of the 2016 U.S. Open Cup. With his goal against Jacksonville Armada FC in 2017 Spring Week 6, Braun moved into second on the all-time Indy Eleven scoring charts (11).



**GK**

**#18**

## JON BUSCH

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 11 GP / 11 GS - 990 min. | 18 GA | 1.64 GAA | 47 SOG | 29 SV | 3 SO | 2 YC

**2016 SEASON:** 29 GP / 29 GS - 2610 min. | 27 GA | 0.93 GAA | 70 SV | 11 SO | 2 YC

**LAST MATCH:** vs NCFC - 90 min. | 0 GA | 5 SH | 5 SV | 0 YC

Busch jumped from Chicago to Indianapolis in 2016, joining Indy Eleven after an incredible 10+ years in Major League Soccer. "Buschy," as he's known in the squad, leads Indy Eleven's all-time ranks in saves (70), wins (14), and shutouts (11) - all in league play - and had eight games with four+ saves in 2016. The vet also serves as both an assistant and Indy's Director of Goalkeeping.



GK

#1

## KEITH CARDONA

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 1 GP / 1 GS - 90 min. | 1 GA | 1.00 GAA | 4 SOG | 3 SV | 0 SO | 0 YC

**2016 SEASON:** 3 GP / 3 GS - 270 min. | 6 GA | 2.00 GAA | 0 SV | 0 SO | 0 YC

**LAST MATCH:** at PRFC - 90 min. | 1 GA | 4 SH | 3 SV

Cardona has sported an Indy Eleven shirt since 2015 and appeared in three league matches for "Indiana's Team" in 2016. The New Jersey native featured once in the Spring Season (2-1 L @ MIA) and twice in the Fall Season (3-2 W @ TBR; 2-1 L @ OKC). In addition, Cardona racked up one U.S. Open Cup appearance, helping Indy Eleven past Louisville City FC (USL) in the Third Round of the competition.



DF

#32

## COLIN FALVEY

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 10 GP / 10 GS - 882 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 4 SH | 1 YC

**2016 SEASON:** 23 GP / 23 GS - 2056 min. | 1 G | 0 A | 5 SH | 1 YC

**LAST MATCH:** vs NCFC - 90 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

Named the Indy Eleven captain upon his arrival in 2016, the Irish defender has been a mainstay in the starting XI - finishing in the top five in minutes played and appearances. His lone goal of the year, a knock-in from close range in the 84th minute, came in a 2-1 win over Rayo OKC at "The Mike" in August.



DF

#23

## MARCO FRANCO

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 10 GP / 10 GS - 899 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 1 YC

**2016 SEASON:** 19 GP / 14 GS - 1307 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 3 SH | 2 YC

**LAST MATCH:** vs NCFC - 90 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

Franco split time at right back with Lovel Palmer in 2016, but started 8 of the last 9 games in 2016, including all 120 minutes of The Championship Final against New York in November. Franco was a major feature in the 2015 season, leading the club in games played (27) and minutes played (2377).

**FW****#20**

## DAVID GOLDSMITH

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 6 GP / 1 GS - 152 min. | 0 G | 1 A | 5 SH | 1 YC**2016 SEASON:** -**LAST MATCH:** vs NCFC - 9 min. | 0 G | 1 A | 1 SH | 0 YC

A skilled forward whose talent is beyond his age, Goldsmith signed for Indy Eleven ahead of the 2017 season after four successful years as a Bulldog at Butler University. The native of Bristol, England was named the 2016 Big East Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year, and was also named to the 2016 All-Big East First Team. Helping lead the Bulldogs to the 2016 Big East Championship, Goldsmith was named a 2016 MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalist, given to the best player in college soccer.

**MF****#8**

## CRAIG HENDERSON

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 6 GP / 3 GS - 286 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 2 SH | 1 YC**2016 SEASON:** -**LAST MATCH:** vs NCFC - 9 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

The lone New Zealand international in Indy Eleven history, Henderson signed for head coach Tim Hankinson's side after spending time with Swedish second division side GAIS. Internationally, the midfielder appeared twice for the New Zealand MNT and helped the NZ U-23 MNT qualify for the '08 Beijing Olympics, where he started all three matches during the group stages of the Summer Games.

**MF****#15**

## DANIEL KELLER

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 11 GP / 9 GS - 823 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 1 YC**2016 SEASON:** 7 GP / 4 GS - 402 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC**LAST MATCH:** vs NCFC - 90 min.. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

A local player out of Carmel, IN, Daniel Keller came to Indy Eleven off a successful four-year career at the University of Louisville. The Brebeuf Jesuit Prep School (HS) product was drafted in the third round of the 2015 MLS SuperDraft (62nd overall) by the L.A. Galaxy, and signed for Indy Eleven on May 11, 2015.



**GK**

**#30**

## CHRISTIAN LOMELI

**2017 NASL SEASON:** -

**2016 SEASON:** -

**LAST MATCH:** -

After splitting four years at IUPUI and at Indiana University, Christian Lomeli signed his first professional contract with Indy Eleven, joining the team as the club's third goalkeeper behind Jon Busch and Keith Cardona. A promising talent, Lomeli showed his stuff between the pipes in his senior year at IU, making three saves in a 1-0 win over No.23 Akron in the NCAA Tournament.



**DF**

**#13**

## ANTHONY MANNING

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 4 GP / 0 GS - 81 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

**2016 SEASON:** -

**LAST MATCH:** at SFD - 24 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

A four-year standout at Saint Louis University, Anthony Manning joined the professional ranks in 2015 and split time between the Portland Timbers and Timbers II in 2015 and 2016. Manning was named the 2014 Atlantic 10 Conference Defensive Player of the Year, one of many conference accolades he earned as a Billiken, and comes to Indy Eleven off the back of two appearances with Timbers II.



**DF**

**#5**

## LOVEL PALMER

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 9 GP / 8 GS - 622 min. | 1 G | 0 A | 5 SH | 2 YC | 1 RC

**2016 SEASON:** 25 GP / 20 GS - 1795 min. | 0 G | 1 A | 5 SH | 4 YC

**LAST MATCH:** vs JAX - 45 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC | 1 RC

Lovel Palmer joined Indy Eleven ahead of the 2016 season and has established himself as a pulverizing defender around the league. Palmer's MLS days began with the Houston Dynamo and extended to the Portland Timbers and Real Salt Lake before ending with the Chicago Fire in 2014 and 2015. Palmer split time with Marco Franco at right back in 2016 before moving to a central role under head coach Tim Hankinson in 2017.

**DF****#91**

## JASON PLUMHOFF

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 6 GP / 1 GS - 131 min. | 1 G | 0 A | 4 SH | 0 YC**2016 SEASON:** -**LAST MATCH:** vs NCFC - 1 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

Jason Plumhoff signed with Indy Eleven ahead of their Spring Season Week 7 clash with FC Edmonton on May 6. Plumhoff earned his stripes playing in the Bayern Munich youth system before ultimately moving to the States to attend La Salle University. He landed his first professional deal with the Harrisburg City Islanders (USL) in 2015 before jumping to NASL side FC Edmonton the following year. In late 2016, Plumhoff was dealt to Jacksonville Armada FC before being loaned to Saint Louis FC (USL), where he last saw action.

**MF****#4**

## BRAD RING

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 11 GP / 11 GS - 926 min. | 1 G | 0 A | 9 SH | 3 YC | 1 RC**2016 SEASON:** 27 GP / 22 GS - 1887 min. | 1 G | 0 A | 14 SH | 6 YC**LAST MATCH:** vs NCFC - 90 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 1 YC

One of two Indy Eleven “originals,” Brad Ring has been with the club since it’s first match in 2014. A former MLS veteran with the San Jose Earthquakes (2009-2013) and Portland Timbers (2013), Ring was connected with fellow Hoosier and Portland head coach Caleb Porter out west before making the return to the midwest having signed with Indy. Ring has tallied at least one goal every year for Indy Eleven, now in his fourth year with the team.

**MF****#7**

## DON SMART

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 6 GP / 5 GS - 397 min. | 0 G | 1 A | 4 SH | 1 YC**2016 SEASON:** 22 GP / 17 GS - 1509 min. | 2 G | 3 A | 14 SH | 3 YC**LAST MATCH:** vs NCFC - 90 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 1 YC

The second of two Indy Eleven “originals,” Don Smart began his professional career with USL PRO side F.C. New York (2011) before moving to USL PDL club Fredericksburg Hotspur (2012) and NPSL club RVA F.C. A wide midfielder, Smart was in the thick of the attacking action a significant amount last year, netting the game winner against Ottawa Fury FC near the death of the match and providing multiple crucial assists for “Indiana’s Team.”



MF

#19

## BEN SPEAS

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 8 GP / 7 GS - 662 min. | 2 G | 1 A | 11 SH | 0 YC

**2016 SEASON:** -

**LAST MATCH:** vs JAX - 90 min. | 1 G | 0 A | 3 SH | 0 YC

Midfielder Ben Speas signed with Indy Eleven ahead of the 2017 season after his time with former NASL club Minnesota United FC came to an end. Speas spent four years with the Columbus Crew (2012-15) to jump start his career having won a national championship at both the University of Akron and the University of North Carolina in his collegiate days. Additionally, Speas was part of the USMNT U17, U18, & U20 national teams.



MF

#14

## TANNER THOMPSON

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 8 GP / 6 GS - 458 min. | 1 G | 0 A | 9 SH | 2 YC

**2016 SEASON:** -

**LAST MATCH:** vs JAX - 45 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

Another Indiana University product, Tanner Thompson inked his deal with Indy Eleven after four successful years in Bloomington as a Hoosier. During his time, Thompson helped the Hoosiers to four straight NCAA Tournament appearances, won a Conference Tournament Championship in 2013, and was named a 2016 NSCAA First Team All-American, a First Team All-Big Ten midfielder, and the Big Ten Midfielder of the Year as a senior. Thompson was drafted by Minnesota United FC ahead of the season but was released, then signing with Indy, and went on to score an all-important goal against the San Francisco Deltas on his debut.



MF

#6

## GERARDO TORRADO

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 9 GP / 9 GS - 810 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 6 SH | 3 YC

**2016 SEASON:** 16 GP / 10 GS - 1009 min. | 0 G | 1 A | 7 SH | 3 YC

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 90 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 1 SH | 1 YC

A Mexico National Team legend, Gerardo Torrado arrived in Indianapolis after 12 years with Cruz Azul (2005-16) in Liga MX (MEX) and 15 years with the Mexico NT (1999-2013). Torrado is the second most capped international (146) in Mexico soccer history, and appeared in 11 of 12 matches across the 2002, 2006, and 2010 FIFA World Cups. In addition, Torrado served as the team's vice-captain during the 2010 tournament. Arriving ahead of the Fall Season, Torrado excelled in his first stint with Indy Eleven, creating more chances than any of his teammates in the 16 games in which he featured.





**MF**

**#10**

## **SINISA UBIPARIPOVIC**

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 8 GP / 6 GS - 547 min. | 0 G | 1 A | 4 SH | 0 YC

**2016 SEASON:** 14 GP / 12 GS - 837 min. | 0 G | 3 A | 6 SH | 2 YC

**LAST MATCH:** vs NCFC - 81 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

After spending the 2014 and 2015 seasons with Ottawa Fury FC (NASL), Ubiparipovic switched allegiances to Indy Eleven before the start of the 2016 season alongside defender Colin Falvey and former Indy midfielder Nicki Paterson. "Ubi" also racked up MLS experience with the New York Red Bulls and Montreal Impact, and lifted the 2015 Fall Championship trophy with Fury FC before ultimately falling short in The 2015 Championship Final.



**DF**

**#12**

## **NEMANJA VUKOVIC**

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 9 GP / 9 GS - 810 min. | 0 G | 2 A | 15 SH | 1 YC

**2016 SEASON:** 31 GP / 30 GS - 2728 min. | 3 G | 3 A | 48 SH | 3 YC

**LAST MATCH:** vs NCFC - 90 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 3 SH | 0 YC

Nemanja Vukovic joined forward Justin Braun in Indianapolis after help Sacramento Republic FC (USL) to a 2014 USL PRO Championship, the same year "Vuko" was named the 2014 USL Defender of the Year. The Montenegrin began his professional career in his home country with Second League side FK Kom, and made his first move to the States in 2012 when he signed with the Columbus Crew. In 2016, Vukovic set an Indy Eleven club record for most Team of the Week appearances (9).



**DF**

**#3**

## **KWAME WATSON-SIRIBOE**

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 9 GP / 7 GS - 660 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 5 SH | 1 YC

**2016 SEASON:** -

**LAST MATCH:** at SFD - 90 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

Watson-Siriboe brought his extensive American soccer experience to Indy ahead of the 2017 season, most recently featuring for Orange County SC. A four-year player at the University of Connecticut, Watson-Siriboe spent his first six professional seasons with Chicago Fire SC (2010-12), Real Salt Lake (2012-14), and New York City FC (2015) before his move out west. Watson-Siriboe's Indy connections run deeper than surface level, having crossed paths with Jon Busch and Lovel Palmer in his prior playing days.





**FW**

**#9**

## **EAMON ZAYED**

**2017 NASL SEASON:** 9 GP / 7 GS - 663 min. | 2 G | 1 A | 18 SH | 2 YC

**2016 SEASON:** 31 GP / 30 GS - 2686 min. | 15 G | 6 A | 70 SH | 2 YC

**LAST MATCH:** vs NCFC - 81 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 1 SH | 0 YC

A natural goalscorer, Eamon Zayed signed with Indy ahead of the 2016 season and set both the single-season and all-time scoring charts alight with his 15 goals on the year. Zayed began his pro career with Bray Wanderers AC in 2002 before staying in Europe with various clubs in Ireland until 2011. In 2012, Zayed moved to Persepolis and earned Goal.com's World Player of the Week for his 10-minute hat-trick for Persepolis. A Libyan national, Zayed has featured eight times for his country and scored one goal.