### 2017 NASL Season



# INDY ELEVEN GAME NOTES

### 2016 Spring Season Champions • 2016 NASL Runner-up

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#### **INDY ELEVEN GAME INFORMATION**

INDY ELEVEN (2-1-5 7 pts.; 8<sup>th</sup> in Fall Season) (6-9-9, 27 pts.; 6<sup>th</sup> in NASL - Combined)

at

Jacksonville Armada FC (2-3-4 9 pts; 7<sup>th</sup> in Fall Season) (8-9-8, 33 pts.; 5<sup>th</sup> in NASL - Combined)

Wednesday, September 27, 2017 - 8:00 PM ET Hodges Stadium - Jacksonville, FL

**STREAMING VIDEO:** ESPN3

**ONLINE UPDATES:** <u>@IndyElevenLive Twitter Feed;</u>

LIVE STATS: NASL MatchCenter

#### PROBABLE STARTERS at JAX ARMADA FC:

(4-2-3-1 - R->L)

GK: Busch (18)

DEF: Franco (23) - Falvey (32) - Miller (16) - Vukovic (12)

MID: Ring (4) - Torrado (6)

Paulo Jr (31) - Ubiparipovic (10) - Speas (19)

FWD: Zayed (9)

#### 2017 Schedule

<b>SPRING (</b> March	(Date/Opponent)	Time/Result (ET)
25	San Francisco Deltas	D1:1
April 1 8 22 29	PUERTO RICO FC Puerto Rico FC SAN FRANCISCO DELTAS Jacksonville Armada FC	D3:3 D1:1 D0:0 D1:1
May 6 13 17* 20 27	FC EDMONTON Miami FC Michigan Bucks (USOC) MIAMI FC FC Edmonton	D0:0 L3:2 L1:0 L2:0 L2:1
June 3 10 17 24	San Francisco Deltas JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC NORTH CAROLINA FC North Carolina FC	D2:2 L1:4 W2:0 W1:2
July 4 8 15	New York Cosmos NEW YORK COSMOS JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC	D1:1 W2:1 W2:0
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July 30	FC Edmonton	W1:2
August 5 12 19 26	FC EDMONTON Miami FC New York Cosmos JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FC	L1:3 L1:3 D3:3 L2:3
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29 13 17 23 27 October 1 4 7	North Carolina FC PUERTO RICO FC NEW YORK COSMOS San Francisco Deltas	W 1; U L 2: 0 POSTPONED 7:00 pm
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All dates and times are subject to change.



#### RECOVERY TIME:

September has already been a wild month for "Indiana's Team," with two matches postponed in an already packed five-game month.

With their Sept. 9 game postponed to this midweek clash, Indy Eleven picked up mixed results with a 1-0 win over NCFC on Sept. 13 and a 2-0 loss to FC Edmonton on Sept. 17.

However, with another ten full days of recover time due to Indy's match against PRFC, originally scheduled for Sept. 23, being rescheduled to Wed., Oct. 4, the "Boys in Blue" can go all out in Jacksonville against an opponent in direct competition for a playoff position.

Indy Eleven Player to Watch: MF Ben Speas Jacksonville Armada FC Player to Watch: MF Jack Blake Match-up to Mark: DF Colin Falvey vs FW Ciaran Kilduff

#### **ELEVEN REWIND at FC EDMONTON:**

Indy Eleven dropped an important road contest at the home of FC Edmonton last Sunday, falling 2-0 to the Eddies after goals from Sainey Nyassi and Dustin Corea sealed the win for the hosts.

As the two sides pushed forward looking to break the deadlock, the hosts would get on the board first just after the half hour mark through midfielder Sainey Nyassi. Breaking down the right side, Nyassi snuck in behind the defense to push one to the far post past 'keeper Jon Busch for the game's first goal.

"Indiana's Team" would not take one lying down, though their pursuit of an equalizer might have caught them out in the end when they conceded a penalty in the 77th minute. Attacker Dustin Corea stepped up to the spot and would send "Buschy" the wrong way, doubling his team's lead and helping to secure the three points at the fulltime whistle.

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#### NASL THIS WEEK - FALL WEEK 11

Wednesday, September 27 (All times ET)	
Jacksonville Armada FC vs <b>Indy Eleven</b>	8:00 PM
Sunday, October 1	
FC Edmonton vs San Francisco Deltas	4:00 PM
North Carolina FC vs <b>Indy Eleven</b>	4:00 PM
New York Cosmos vs Puerto Rico FC	5:00 PM
Miami FC vs Jacksonville Armada FC	6:00 PM

#### NASL THIS WEEK - FALL WEEK 10

Saturday, September 23	
New York Cosmos vs North Carolina FC	0:2
San Francisco Deltas vs FC Edmonton	2:1
Sunday, September 24 Jacksonville Armada FC vs Miami FC	
Jacksonville Armada FC vs Miami FC	0:3

#### **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**

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<b>2016</b> Oct 12 Aug 3 May 28	Jacksonville Armada FC Indy Eleven Jacksonville Armada FC	0:0 5:2 1:1	Indy Eleven Jacksonville Armada FC Indy Eleven
<b>2015</b> Oct 3 Sept 5 May 9	Jacksonville Armada FC Indy Eleven Jacksonville Armada FC	1:1 3:0 1:0	Indy Eleven Jacksonville Armada FC Indy Eleven
Overall	(3-4-3)		



## 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-OL), 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 Ipswitch 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."

#### **INDY ELEVEN ADDS ATTACKER PAULO JUNIOR:**

Finishing the 2016 season with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers, Indy Eleven added skillful attacker Paulo Junior last week as they look to finish the Fall Season strong in search of a playoff position.

The Brazilian comes to Indy Eleven after stints with Ottawa Fury FC and the Fort Lauderdale Strikers after beginning his career in Brazil's Serie C. The 28-year-old's poise and decision-making on the ball will spritz up the Indy attack.

#### APPEARANCE NO. 500 FOR GK JON BUSCH:

Indy Eleven goalkeeper Jon Busch appeared in his 500th game across all competitions in Indy Eleven's 3-1 loss at Miami FC on August 12.

"Buschy," who signed with Indy Eleven ahead of the 2016 season, extends his illustrious 20+ year career having won the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup and two MLS Supporters' Shileds (Columbus, San Jose) and has found himself on the MLS Best XI (2008) and named as the MLS Goalkeeper of the Year (2008).

#### 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. "G" has tallied two goals and one assist in over 2000 minutes while remaining a rock in the midfield.

Goalkeeper Jon Busch appeared in his 40th league game in Indy's 2-0 win over NCFC on June 17, as did defender Nemanja Vukovic. "Buschy" is just five appearances shy of overtaking former 'keeper Kristian Nicht for the most all-time by a goalkeeper (49), 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 saw 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 94 league games played (51 starts) while Brad Ring leads in minutes played on 83 league appearances and 71 starts. Not far behind is near original Marco Franco, who has been as consistent as they come with 74 games played and 69 starts.

However, midfielder Sinisa Ubiparipovic leads in all-time NASL regular season appearances (94; 76 starts) between his time with the Montreal Impact, Minnesota United, Ottawa Fury FC, and Indy Eleven.

#### **KEEPING KELLER:**

Defender 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 diminshed slightly in his seven appearances and four starts that saw him on the field for just over 400 minutes.

#### **DEFENDER CORY MILLER BACK ON THE PITCH:**

After an 11-month absence from the field of play, defender Cory Miller returned for a full 90 minutes in Indy Eleven's 2-0 loss against the San Francisco Deltas in Fall Season Week 5.

Suffering a season-ending injury in October 2016, Miller's extensive rehabilitation process saw him signed to the roster in mid-August, having spent part of the 2014 season with the "Boys in Blue," and all of the 2015 and 2016 seasons.

#### 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 seven 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 five goals so far, two behind Braun, while they have both chipped in assists (two for Z, four for Braun) to move them ahead in that category as well.

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

22 - EAMON ZAYED (2016-17)

-7 GOALS (2017)

15 - JUSTIN BRAUN (2016-17)

-7 GOALS (2017)

10 - Dylan Mares (2014-16)

9 - DON SMART (2014-17)

8 - Kleberson (2014-15)

#### Indv Eleven Career Assist Leaders (NASL play only)

13 - Dylan Mares (2014-16)

10 - DON SMART (2014-17)

10 - JUSTIN BRAUN (2016-17)

-5 ASSISTS (2017)

9 - EAMON ZAYED (2016-17)

-3 ASSISTS (2017)

6 - NEMANJA VUKOVIC (2016-17)

4 - BEN SPEAS (2017)

#### **OPENING THEIR ACCOUNT:**

Joining a growing list of goalscorers in the 2017 season, Indy Eleven defender Lovel Palmer and midfielder Brad Ring scored Indy's two in a 2-2 draw at San Francisco for their first goals of the year after midfielder Tanner Thompson did the same in the 2017 opener at SFD.

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 along the same lines, forward David Goldsmith earned the first assist of his career on midfielder Ben Speas's late goal against NCFC.

Meanwhile, midfielder Don Smart also got on the board for the first time in 2017 with his penalty against the New York Cosmos on July 8, and defender Nemanja Vukovic and midfielder Craig Henderson did the same in the 2-0 win over Jacksonville Armada FC on July 15.

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

Indy Eleven earned their fourth clean sheet of the season in their 2-0 win over Jacksonville Armada FC in Spring Season Week 17.

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.

### FORWARD JUSTIN BRAUN NAMED TO NASL TEAM OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE:

Scoring twice while tallying one assist in a four-game span, forward Justin Braun was named to the NASL Team of the Month for June.

Braun joins defender Colin Falvey as the only other member of "Indiana's Team" to earn the honor in 2017.

### 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.

#### **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 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 shutouts 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

#### **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. The return of int'ls 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 \*\*

MF Don Smart - Jamaica

- \* MF Gerardo Torrado Mexico
- ^ MF Sinisa Ubiparipovic Bosnia & Herzegovina
- \* DF Nemanja Vukovic Montenegro
- \* FW Eamon Zayed Ireland
- \* Paulo Junior Brazil \*\*
- \* Designated as international players on roster
- \*\* New in 2017
- ^ holds U.S. Green Card (does not count towards int'l roster allocation)

#### **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:

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Returning (13)	Newcomers (9)
GK Jon Busch	GK Christian Lomeli
GK Keith Cardona	DF Anthony Manning
DF Colin Falvey	MF Adrian Ables
DFCory Miller	DF Kwame Watson-Siriboe
DF Nemanja Vukovic	MF Craig Henderson
DF Marco Franco	MF Tanner Thompson
MF Brad Ring	MF Ben Speas
MF Daniel Keller	FW David Goldsmith
MF Sinisa Ubiparipovic	FW Paulo Junior
MF Don Smart	
MF Gerardo Torrado	
FW Eamon Zayed	
FW Justin Braun	

### **INDY-VIDUAL ACCOLADES IN 2017:**

NASL Team of the Week (Fall)

Ben Speas (Week 5) Gerardo Torrado (Week 4) Eamon Zayed (Week 1, 4, 8) Don Smart (Week 1)

#### **Spring**

Nemanja Vukovic (Week 13, 14, 16, 17) Justin Braun (Week 2, 14, 16) Don Smart (Week 16) Marco Franco (Week 14) Gerardo Torrado (Week 6) Tanner Thompson (Week 1)

Jon Busch (Week 13, 14, 15, 17) Brad Ring (Week 11,14, 17) Daniel Keller (Week 1, 7, 13, 15) Ben Speas (Week 1, 2, 13) Colin Falvey (Week 5,11) Lovel Palmer (Week 6)

#### **NASL Player of the Month**

Justin Braun (April)

#### **NASL Player of the Week**

Justin Braun (Week 2 - Spring) Nemanja Vukovic (Week 17 - Spring) Gerardo Torrado (Week 4 - Fall)

#### **NASL Play of the Month**

Ben Speas (April)

#### NASL Play of the Week

Ben Speas (Week 2 - Spring) Nemanja Vukovic (Week 2 - Spring) Eamon Zaved (Week 8 - Fall)

#### **NASL Team of the Month**

Justin Braun (June) Jon Busch (July) Colin Falvey (May) Marco Franco (July) Nemanja Vukovic (July)

### **BY THE NUMBERS - 2017 INDY ELEVEN STATS**

NO	NAME	POS	GP	GS	MIN	G	Α	SH	γ	R
20	JUSTIN BRAUN	FW	16	14	1293	7	5	37	2	0
9	EAMON ZAYED	FW	21	19	1678	7	3	49	3	0
19	BEN SPEAS	MF	50	18	1644	4	4	30	1	0
50	DAVID GOLDSMITH	FW	18	7	731	2	2	25	5	0
6	GERARDO TORRADO	MF	17	17	1397	2	0	11	8	0
12	NEMANJA VUKOVIC	DF	50	20	1800	2	3	34	1	0
8	CRAIG HENDERSON	MF	13	4	429	1	0	7	1	0
4	BRAD RING	MF	23	23	2006	1	1	17	5	1
7	DON SMART	MF	16	14	1204	1	2	18	5	0
14	TANNER THOMPSON	MF	15	8	716	1	0	12	2	0
33	ADRIAN ABLES	MF	3	0	44	0	0	1	0	0
32	COLIN FALVEY	DF	21	21	1847	0	0	8	5	0
23	MARCO FRANCO	DF	22	22	1973	0	3	2	5	0
31	PAULO JUNIOR	FW	2	2	171	0	0	0	0	0
15	DANIEL KELLER	MF	50	18	1627	0	0	2	5	0
13	ANTHONY MANNING	DF	5	0	87	0	0	0	0	0
16	CORY MILLER	DF	3	3	270	0	0	1	0	0
10	SINISA UBIPARIPOVIC	MF	15	11	967	0	1	5	0	0
3	KWAME WATSON-SIRIBOE	DF	12	8	752	0	0	6	5	0

#### **GAME-WINNING GOALS:**

Justin Braun (60' vs NCFC); Eamon Zayed (23' at NCFC); Justin Braun (75' vs NYC); Nemanja Vukovic (48' vs JAX); Eamon Zayed (41' vs FCE); Eamon Zayed (90' vs NCFC) GAME-WINNING ASSISTS:

Justin Braun (23' at NCFC); Nemanja Vukovic (75' vs NYC); Brad Ring (48' vs JAX); Ben Speas (41' v FCE); Marco Franco (90' vs NCFC) **PENALTY KICKS:** 

Don Smart (17' vs NYC)

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1	KEITH CARDONA	GK	1	1	90	1	1.00	4	3	0	0-1-0
30	CHRISTIAN LOMELT	GK	N	Π	N	-		-	-	-	

### **2017 REGULAR SEASON STATS**

GOALS	1	2	TOTAL	<u>Shots</u>	1	2	TOTAL
IND	13	18	31	IND	111	151	262
OPP	18	21	39	OPP	179	221	400
ASSISTS	1	2	TOTAL	SOG	1	2	TOTAL
IND	6	13	19	IND	45	58	103
OPP	12	11	23	OPP	57	72	122
FOULS CONCEDED	1	2	TOTAL	OFFSIDES	1	2	TOTAL
IND	101	132	233	IND	33	34	69
OPP	115	156	271	OPP	20	14	35
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CAUTIONS	1	2	TOTAL	<b>EJECTIONS</b>	1	2	TOTAL
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### **INDY ELEVEN ROSTER (as of 09/09/17)**

#	Name	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN	NATIONALITY	DoB	LAST CLUB
1	Keith Cardona	GK	6'4	500	Glen Rock, NJ	USA	11/07/92	FC Leifering (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)
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	500	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	500	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)
16	Cory Miller	DF	6'2	185	Zionsville, IN	USA	07/22/88	Olivet Nazarene Univ. (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)
31 *	Paulo Junior	MF	5'6	155	Teresina, BRA	Brazil	01/23/89	Ft Lauderdale Strikers (NASL)
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)

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

• = currently on loan

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

**Head Athletic Trainer:** Brian Gerlach **Team Operations Manager:** Blair Said **Team Physician:** Dr. Daniel Kraft

#### **Pronunciation Guide**

**BRAWN** Justin Braun Keith Cardona car-DOUGH-nah Colin Falvey FALL-vee Christian Lomeli Io-MELL-ee 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

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



### MF ADRIAN ABLES

#33

**2016 SEASON:** 1 GP / O GS - 4 min. | O G | O A | O SH | O YC **LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 9 min. | O G | O A | 1 SH | O YC

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 JUSTIN BRAUN

#17

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

**LAST MATCH:** vs JAX - 16 min. | 0 G | 1 A | 0 SH | 1 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 Jon Busch

#18

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

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 90 min. | 2 GA | 6 SH | 4 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 **KEITH CARDONA**

**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 | 0 YC

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.



## COLIN FALVEY

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

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



# MARCO FRANCO

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

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

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## FW DAVID GOLDSMITH

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2016 SEASON: -

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 45 min. | 0 G | 0 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 CRAIG HENDERSON

2016 SEASON: -

**LAST MATCH:** at MIA - 32 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 PAULO JUNIOR

2016 SEASON: -

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 81 min | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC

Paulo Junior joined Indy Eleven in the middle of the Fall Season, signing on the line for the "Boys in Blue" on September 9. A crafty attacker with loads of skill, the Brazilian last featured for former NASL side the Fort Lauderdale Strikers after making the switch from USL side Ottawa Fury FC in 2016. Paulo Junior was a member of Brazilian youth sides Flamengo and Ituano before beginning his professional career with the latter in the Campeonato Brasileiro Serie C in 2008.



# DANIEL KELLER

#15

**2016 SEASON:** 7 GP / 4 GS - 402 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 YC **LAST MATCH:** vs JAX - 90 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 1 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.



## ANTHONY MANNING

#13

2016 SEASON: -

**LAST MATCH:** at NCFC - 6 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.



# CORY MILLER

#16

**2016 SEASON:** 14 GP / 13 GS - 1085 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 11 SH | 1 YC | 1 RC

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

A native of Zionsville, Indiana, Miller graduated from Zionsville High School in 2006 and starred at NAIA side Olivet Nazarene University in Chicago, IL from 2006-09. He would go on to be the university's first-ever professional player after signing on with the Carolina Railhawks (North Carolina FC) in 2011. After a stint with USL PRO League's Los Angeles Blues during the 2012-13 seasons, Miller was then signed for "Indiana's Team" on August 28, 2014, and played a big role down the stretch in starting the team's final nine contests of the inaugural campaign. Since then, Miller has appeared over 40 times and rejoined in August 2017.



### MF **BRAD RING**

**2016 SEASON:** 27 GP / 22 GS - 1887 min. | 1 G | 0 A | 14 SH | 6 YC

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 90 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 2 SH | 0 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 DON SMART

**2016 SEASON:** 22 GP / 17 GS - 1509 min. | 2 G | 3 A | 14 SH | 3 YC

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 90 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 SH | 0 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 BEN SPEAS

**2016 SEASON: -**

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 29 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 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 champion-ship 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.

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**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 45 min. | O G | O A | O SH | O 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 scored an all-important goal against the San Francisco Deltas on his debut.



## MF GERARDO TORRADO

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

**LAST MATCH:** vs NCFC - 65 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 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 SINISA UBIPARIPOVIC

**2016 SEASON:** 14 GP / 12 GS - 837 min. | 0 G | 3 A | 6 SH | 2 YC **LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 61 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 NEMANJA VUKOVIC

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

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 90 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 0 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).



## KWAME WATSON-SIRIBOE

2016 SEASON: -

**LAST MATCH:** vs JAX - 58 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 1 SH | 1 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 **EAMON ZAYED**

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

**LAST MATCH:** at FCE - 90 min. | 0 G | 0 A | 3 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.