

INDY ELEVEN vs BIRMINGHAM LEGION FC – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022



2022 USL CHAMPIONSHIP REGULAR SEASON – IXI GAME #28

Indy Eleven (8W-14L-5D, 29 pts., 9th in Eastern Conf.)

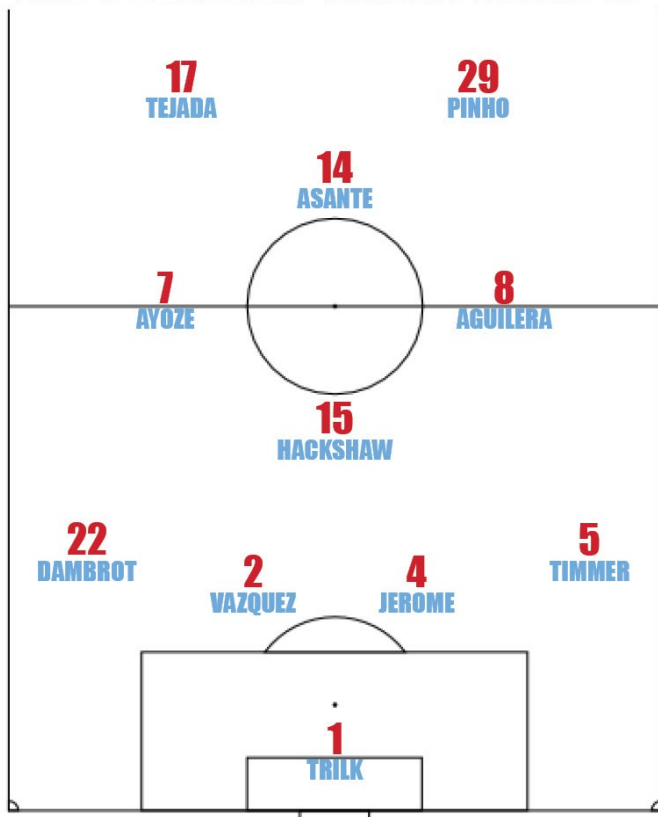
VS.

Birmingham Legion FC (15W-7L-6D, 51 pts., 5th in Eastern Conf.)

Saturday, September 10, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. ET
IUPUI Michael A. Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, Ind.

NATIONAL TV: none LOCAL TV: MyINDY-TV 23 STREAMING VIDEO: [ESPN+](#)
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INDY ELEVEN PROJECTED LINE-UP



USL CHAMPIONSHIP EASTERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

(as of Friday, Sept. 9)

Pos.		P	W	L	T	GD	Pts
1	x - Louisville City FC	28	18	5	5	33	59
2	x - Memphis 901 FC	28	17	7	4	25	55
3	x - Tampa Bay Rowdies	27	16	5	6	30	54
4	x - Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	28	15	7	6	12	51
5	x - Birmingham Legion FC	28	15	7	6	19	51
6	The Miami FC	28	12	8	8	8	44
7	Detroit City FC	27	11	6	10	10	43
8	FC Tulsa	29	10	14	5	-10	35
9	Indy Eleven	27	8	14	5	-11	29
10	Hartford Athletic	28	7	15	6	-11	27
11	Loudoun United FC	27	7	17	3	-22	24
12	e - Charleston Battery	28	5	17	6	-23	21
13	e - Atlanta United 2	30	5	21	4	-45	19
14	e - New York Red Bulls II	28	3	20	5	-39	14

INDY ELEVEN 2022 USL CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON SCHEDULE

*** Match dates & times are subject to change***

Date	Time (ET)	Opponent	Venue	Result/Broadcast
Sat. March 12	6:00 pm	Loudoun United FC	Segra Field – Leesburg, VA	L 0-1 Recap
Sat. March 19	7:30 pm	Tampa Bay Rowdies	Al Lang Stadium – St. Petersburg, FL	L 0-2 Recap
Sat. March 26	7:30 pm	Louisville City FC	Lynn Family Stadium – Louisville, KY	D 1-1 Recap
Sat. April 2	7:00 pm	LA Galaxy II	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	D 1-1 Recap
Sat. April 9	8:30 pm	Rio Grande Valley FC	H-E-B Park – Edinburg, TX	W 2-1 Recap
Sat. April 16	7:00 pm	Atlanta United FC 2	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	W 2-1 Recap
Sun. April 24	5:30 pm	Orange County SC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	W 3-1 Recap
Sat. April 30	7:00 pm	Hartford Athletic	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	W 1-0 Recap
Sat. May 14	8:00 pm	Memphis 901 FC	AutoZone Park – Memphis, TN	L 1-2 Recap
Sat. May 21	7:00 pm	New York Red Bulls II	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	W 2-0 Recap
Sat. May 28	4:00 pm	New Mexico United	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	L 1-2 Recap
Sat. June 4	7:00 pm	Charleston Battery	Patriots Point Soccer Complex -- Mount Pleasant, SC	W 4-3 Recap
Wed. June 8	7:00 pm	The Miami FC	Riccardo Silva Stadium – Miami, FL	D 1-1 Recap
Sat. June 18	9:00 pm	Colorado Springs FC	Weidner Field – Colorado Springs, CO	L 3-4 Recap
Sat. June 25	10:00 pm	San Diego Loyal SC	Torero Stadium – San Diego, CA	L 0-5 Recap
Sat. July 2	7:30 pm	The Miami FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	L 0-1 Recap
Wed. July 6	7:00 pm	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	Highmark Stadium – Pittsburgh, PA	L 0-1 Recap
Sat. July 9	7:00 pm	Detroit City FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	L 0-1 Recap
Fri. July 15	7:00 pm	New York Red Bulls II	MSU Soccer Park – Montclair, NJ	L 0-1 Recap
Sat. July 23	7:00 pm	Memphis 901 FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	D 1-1 Recap
Sat. July 30	7:00 pm	Tampa Bay Rowdies	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	L 1-3 Recap
Sat. Aug. 6	7:00 pm	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	L 0-2 Recap
Sat. Aug. 13	7:00 pm	Hartford Athletic	Dillon Stadium – Hartford, CT	L 1-2 Recap
Sat. Aug. 20	8:30 pm	FC Tulsa	ONEOK Field – Tulsa, OK	L 0-1 Recap
Sat. Aug. 27	7:00 pm	San Antonio FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	W 1-0 Recap
Wed. Aug. 31	7:00 pm	Louisville City FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	W 2-1 Recap
Sat. Sept. 3	7:30 pm	Detroit City FC	Keyworth Stadium – Hamtramck, MI	D 0-0 Recap
Sat. Sept. 10	7:00 pm	Birmingham Legion FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	ESPN+/WNDY
Sat. Sept. 17	10:00 pm	Monterey Bay FC	Cardinale Stadium – Seaside, CA	ESPN+
Sun. Sept. 25	5:00 pm	Loudoun United FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	ESPN+/WNDY
Wed. Sept. 28	7:30 pm	Atlanta United FC 2	Fifth Third Bank Stadium – Kennesaw, GA	ESPN+
Sat. Oct. 1	7:00 pm	FC Tulsa	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	ESPN+/WNDY
Sat. Oct. 8	7:00 pm	Charleston Battery	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	ESPN+/WNDY
Wed. Oct. 12	7:30 pm	Birmingham Legion FC	Protective Stadium – Birmingham, AL	ESPN+

INDY ELEVEN 2022 LAMAR HUNT U.S. OPEN CUP FIXTURES

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Date	Time (ET)	Opponent	Venue	Result/Broadcast
Tues. April 5	7:30 pm	St. Louis CITY FC (MLS NEXT Pro)	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN Second Round	L 0-2 Recap

INDY ELEVEN 2022 USL CHAMPIONSHIP REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS
8W-14L-5D (29 pts., -11 GD, 9th place in Eastern Conference as of 09/07/22)

#	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	S	SoG	Y	R
29	FW	Stefano Pinho	25	17	1,606	9	3	42	15	4	0
29	FW	Manuel Arteaga	16	12	1,213	5	2	42	20	6	1
8	MF	Raul Aguilera	24	21	1,669	3	1	14	5	8	1
13	FW	Aris Briggs	12	2	285	2	1	6	3	2	0
10	MF	Jonas Fjeldberg	16	11	920	2	0	18	6	3	0
7	MF	Ayoze	18	12	972	2	0	7	3	3	0
27	MF	Nicky Law	18	13	1,235	1	4	12	3	2	0
14	FW	Solomon Asante	18	14	1,371	1	3	26	11	3	0
17	DF	Noah Powder	13	10	851	1	1	12	6	3	0
22	DF	Robby Dambrot	6	4	322	1	0	4	2	2	0
5	DF	Jared Timmer	26	24	2,098	0	1	6	1	2	0
4	DF	Mechack Jerome	24	23	2,005	0	1	4	0	1	0
44	DF	Alex McQueen	19	14	1,216	0	1	3	1	2	1
25	MF	Bryam Rebellon	14	10	866	0	1	9	2	2	0
17	FW	Juan Tejada	8	7	627	0	1	6	1	3	0
23	MF	Justin Ingram	26	20	1,781	0	0	15	6	4	0
15	MF	Neveal Hackshaw	20	15	1,531	0	0	10	0	7	0
3	DF	A.J. Cochran	21	17	1,467	0	0	6	1	5	0
6	MF	Sam Brown	21	16	1,374	0	0	3	1	8	0
2	DF	Jesus Vazquez	7	6	620	0	0	2	1	2	0
32	FW	Wilfredo Rivera	6	1	130	0	0	0	0	2	0
19	FW	Rodney Michael	8	1	100	0	0	2	1	1	0
20	DF	Karl Quimette	2	1	91	0	0	1	0	0	0
28	FW	Palmer Ault	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
37	DF	Ecris Revolorio	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	MF	Aiden Benitez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	FW	Luca Iaccino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	MF	Diego Sanchez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	MF	Alann Torres	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	DF	Bryce Warhaft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eleven totals			27	27	2430	28	20	250	89	77	3
Opponent totals			27	27	2430	39	23	314	126	68	1

GAME-WINNING GOALS: Stefano Pinho 3 (4/09 @ RGV, 4/24 v OC, 8/31 v LOU), Manuel Arteaga 1 (6/04 @ CHS), Ayoze 1 (4/30 v HFD), Aris Briggs 1 (4/16 v ATL), Robby Dambrot 1 (08/27 v SA)

GAME-WINNING ASSISTS: Manuel Arteaga 1 (4/24 v OC), Aris Briggs 1 (4/09 @ RGV), Juan Tejada 1 (08/27 v SA) Nicky Law 1 (4/16 v ATL)

PENALTY KICKS TAKEN: Ayoze 1/1 (8/13 @ HFD, goal, 47+'), Pinho 1/1 (8/31 v LOU, goal, 78')

INDY ELEVEN INDIVIDUAL GOALKEEPING

#	POS	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MIN	SF	SAV	GA	SV%	GAA	SO	Y	R
12	GK	Elliot Panicco	10	10	900	35	25	10	71.4	1.00	2	0	0
1	GK	Tim Trilk	11	10	958	50	37	13	74.0	1.22	2	2	0
0	GK	Sean Lewis	4	4	360	26	18	8	69.2	2.00	0	0	0
12	GK	Bryan Meredith	3	3	212	13	5	8	38.5	3.40	0	0	0
24	GK	Hayden Vostal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0	0
26	GK	Tor Saunders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0	0
24	GK	Alex Svetanoff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0	0
Eleven totals			27	27	2430	124	85	39	68.5	1.44	4	2	0

PENALTIES STOPPED/FACED: Panicco 1/1 (3/12 @ LDN, Hopkins 78', saved), Meredith 0/1 (6/18 @ COS, Barry 45+1', goal), Trilk 1/1 (6/25 @ SD, Vassell 46+', missed); Lewis 0/2 (7/30 vs TBR, Dos Santos 32', goal; 7/30 v TBR, Fernandes 96+', goal)



Sports Medicine

INJURY UPDATE: 09/07/22

OUT: FW Manuel Arteaga (R knee), FW Aris Briggs (shin), DF A.J. Cochran (hamstring), GK Bryan Meredith (R finger)

QUESTIONABLE: GK Sean Lewis (L hamstring)

UNAVAILABLE PLAYERS

SUSPENDED:

None

*** Jesus Vazquez will receive a one-game suspension from the USL Championship due to caution accumulation (8th caution of season) should he see a yellow card in Saturday's match*

NATIONAL TEAM DUTY: none

MATCH OFFICIALS:

Referee: Jeremy Scheer

Assistant Referee: Ben Pilgrim

Assistant Referee: Mike Nickerson

Fourth Official: Youssef Elmessoussi

ELEVEN LOOKS TO CONTINUE RECENT ROLL AGAINST LEGION FC:

Indy Eleven will carry a three-game unbeaten streak back into Carroll Stadium on Saturday, when it welcomes yet another team in playoff position in Birmingham Legion FC.

While it would take a minor mathematical miracle for the Boys in Blue to qualify for the postseason at this point, what they can certainly do is play spoiler to a few teams over their remaining seven games, starting with a Birmingham side it will face twice in the closing five weeks of play. Legion FC is currently mired in a four-team pack of second- through fifth-place teams in the East separated by just four points, making every point vital towards potential home-field advantages as long as possible in the postseason – which BHM qualified for midweek.

Indy's focus will continue on building momentum across the final third of the season that began with a seven-point week few saw coming against conference leaders San Antonio FC (1-0 W) and Louisville City FC (2-1 W) and, most recently, new rival Detroit City FC (0-0 draw) last Saturday.

It has been defense that has carried the day for Mark Lowry's side as of late, with its two shutouts last week equaling the squad's total across its first 24 outings. To be fair, the Eleven's defense has been solid throughout the 2022 campaign despite the lack of clean sheets, allowing multiple goals in 9 of its 27 matches – and just thrice in its last 11 games. Defense has also been the calling card of Birmingham, their 26 concessions tied for the 4th least across the league. That said, with the only three teams above Legion FC in that category being the last three teams Indy has played, finding ways to break down a stingy opposition will be nothing new for the Eleven.

Which brings about just how much firepower can Indy throw at Legion FC on Saturday? A third game in eight days last weekend at Detroit resulted in an understandable game plan that saw Indy grind the proceedings down to preserve heavy legs, which did produce a shutout but also only five shots throughout. However, a nine-shot, six-on-target effort against Louisville last Wednesday is the more likely result with the batteries recharged on a full week of preparation.

While they hang their hat on defense, Birmingham is no slouch in attack, either. The Alabama side ranks seventh in USLC on 45 goals scored, led by USLC veteran Enzo Martinez's 11 tallies and seven from Juan Agudelo and Prosper Kasim. In goal for Legion FC is perhaps the name the Brickyard Battalion has shouted the most in club history, as Matt Van Oekel (0.85 GAA, T-2nd in USLC with 11 shutouts) has guarded the goals at Carroll Stadium across the span of for now three teams across seven seasons (Minnesota United FC in 2014, FC Edmonton in 2015-16, and Birmingham since 2019).

#INDvBHM FAMILIAR FACES: Only one member of Saturday's combatants has familiarity in the other's colors, and that's Legion FC defender Alex Crognale, who had a six-game cup of coffee with Indiana's Team while on loan from MLS side Columbus Crew to start the 2019 season.

ONE IS THE (L)ONELIEST NUMBER: As mentioned above, what Indy Eleven has lacked in shutouts, it has made up for with games in which it's conceded only once. Indy's 14 such occasions tie it for the second most one-goal concession games in 2022 alongside New Mexico United, with only Tampa Bay's 17 times exceeding them. The Eleven have gone 4-6-4 in those 14 games, with a solid 3W-1L-3D start through a 1-1 draw at Miami FC on June 8 being followed by a hard-luck 1W-5L-1D mark since.

That 40% win percentage jives with the team's record in its 16 games decided by one goal, in which the Eleven have collected 6 wins and 10 losses (38%). Again, a 3W-1L record to start the season was offset by an agonizing 1W-9L run that began on May 14 at Memphis 901 FC. The close-game pendulum finally swung in Indy's direction last week, when Indy notched one-goal wins over both San Antonio FC (1-0) and LouCity FC (2-1).

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LAST TIME OUT – DET 0 : 0 IND (SAT, SEPT 3):

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Indy Eleven moved its undefeated streak to three games after a scrappy 0-0 draw against its newest rival, Detroit City FC, on the road this evening. The result marked the second shutout in the last three games for Indiana's Team and goalkeeper Tim Trilk, who needed to make just a pair of saves thanks to a thorough defensive effort by the Boys in Blue throughout the 90 minutes at Keyworth Stadium.

Scoring Summary:

None

Indy Eleven lineup (4-4-2): Tim Trilk; Robby Dambrot, Jesus Vazquez, Mechack Jerome, Jared Timmer; Ayoze (captain), Sam Brown, Justin Ingram, Wilfredo Rivera (Stefano Pinho 58'); Juan Tejada Rodney Michael (Samuel Asante 45')

IND substitutes: Sean Lewis (GK), Ecris Revolorio, Diego Sanchez

Detroit City FC (3-4-3): Nathan Steinwascher; Michael Bryant, Stephen Carroll (captain), Matthew Lewis; Deklan Wynne, Maxi Rodriguez, Brad Dunwell, Rhys Williams (Richard Foster 79'); Antoine Hoppenot, Conner Ruiz, Pato Botello Faz (Yazeed Matthews 79')

DET Substitutes: Ryan Shellow (GK), Dominic Gasso, Cy Goddard, Bosh Tanyi, Francis Atuahene

TRILK STANDING TALL: Goalkeeper Tim Trilk has put together a solid first season with Indy Eleven, highlighted by a three-game undefeated run last week that saw him post his first two shutouts in an Eleven uniform. A six-save effort on Aug. 27 versus San Antonio FC started the run, followed by three more stops and a busy night controlling his area in a 2-1 victory over Louisville on Aug. 31. Last Saturday saw Trilk make a pair of timely saves that helped Indy capture a gritty 0-0 draw in hostile territory at Detroit City FC.

The third-year pro has registered a 74.0% save percentage and 1.22 goals against average in his 11 appearances, all but one coming as a starter. When omitting his four concessions on June 25 after coming off the bench to replace an injured Bryan Meredith in the 32nd minute at San Diego, the Rockford, Ill.-native's numbers are even more impressive, including 78.6 save percentage and 0.90 GAA (9 GA in 10 matches) figures that would rank amongst the league's best.

Trilk is one of now seven 'keepers who have been on Indy's roster in 2022, along with Sean Lewis, Meredith, original starter Elliot Panicco, Academy products Hayden Vostal and Alex Svetanoff, and loanee Tor Saunders.

COMEBACK AROUND: Indy's 2-1 win on Aug. 31 over LouCity FC marked its second comeback victory of 2022, joining a 3-1 win over Orange County SC on April 24, also at Carroll Stadium. The latter win against OCSC marked Indy's first come-from-behind win since the Eleven's 2-1 triumph over LouCity FC last May 29 at Lynn Family Stadium. Of Indy Eleven's 56 victories in USLC regular season play since the start of the 2018 campaign, the win over LCFC was the eighth accomplished in comeback fashion – while the triumph over Orange County was the third such won by multiple goals. The only time Indy Eleven overcame a multiple goal deficit was on March 7, 2020, at Memphis 901 FC, when the Eleven put four straight past Tim Howard to storm back from an 0-2 hole within the first 15 minutes to post an emphatic win 4-2.

PINHO PERFORMANCE EARNS PLAYER OF THE WEEK:

Forward Stefano Pinho's red-hot start to 2022 – seven goals and three assists in the team's first 14 games – cooled off since his last finish in a 1-1 draw at The Miami FC on June 8, which marked his third straight game with a goal. While he maintained his team scoring lead in the category over the course of the summer, an injury in June and back-and-forth between the first XI and the substitute's bench since then left Pinho's finishing form diminished – until Aug. 31 against Louisville, when he bagged his second brace of the season (to go along with April 10 in a 2-1 win at RGV Toros FC) during a five-shot outburst to boost Indy to a massive 2-1 win. The performance earned Pinho the USL Championship's Player of the Week presented by Konami eFootball honor for Week 26 with 42% of the media vote going his way.

Pinho's now nine goals has him back in the Eastern Conference's top-10 in scoring (T-8th) and T-17th across the league. Pinho's bounce back season started during an April Player-of-the-Month nominated performance that saw him record three goals and two assists in five appearances, posting a league-best +3.33 goals added mark over the month as he notched 18 shots and four key passes over the month.

IXI ON THE TEAM OF THE WEEK: Eight Indy Eleven players have been named to the USL Championship Team of the Week on 11 occasions in 2022, this after Pinho's second PotW performance for a Boy in Blue in 2022, following Manuel Arteaga star turn in Week 13. Pinho's three weekly placements now puts him alone on top amongst nods for the Boys in Blue this season.

Elliot Panicco – Week 3

Stefano Pinho – Week 5 (bench), Week 7 & Week 26 (Player of the Week)

Mechack Jerome – Week 5 (bench)

Nicky Law – Week 6

Manuel Arteaga – ** Week 13 (Player of the Week) & Week 15 (bench)

Solomon Asante – Week 14 (bench)

Robby Dambrot – Week 25 (bench)

Tim Trilk – Week 25 (bench)

AYOZE CONTINUES TO CLIMB CLUB'S CAPS

RECORD: With his start at Hartford Athletic on Aug. 13, Ayoze officially became the club's "king of caps", his 116th appearance in official competitions breaking his tie atop the category with Brad Ring. The Spanish maestro's now 119 performances after his 90-minute stint last Saturday at Detroit include 113 USLC regular season appearances (breaking another club mark, surpassing Karl Ouimette), 4 USLC playoff (again tied with Ouimette as well as Matt Watson), and 2 U.S. Open Cup games.

The newly minted American citizen (along with his wife, Tamara, following their United States naturalization ceremony on Aug. 24) also claimed the club's top spot for career starts as his own last Saturday, his 102nd first XI placement surpassing the mark Ouimette set earlier this season on April 5 in the squad's U.S. Open Cup tilt against St Louis CITY 2. Ayoze was long ago crowned the club's leader in assists, as his 21 helpers outpace second place Dylan Mares by six in the category.

Indy Eleven marks the third team for which Ayoze has registered 100 appearances for, stacking on top of during his standout 19-year pro career, stacking on his time with CD Tenerife in his native Spain (104) and the New York Cosmos (135). In all, Ayoze has logged 393 appearances during an impressive 19-year professional career.

Here's Indy Eleven's "Century Club" shortlist in official competition as it currently stands:

- Ayoze (2018-current): 119 caps
- Brad Ring (2014-2018): 115
- Karl Ouimette (2018-current/loaned): 108
- Don Smart: (2014-17): 101

ELEVEN ON THE CHARTS, TOGETHER: In the team statistical categories across the 27-team league ...

- Goals Scored: 28 (26th)
- Goals Conceded: 39 (12th fewest)
- Shots: 250 (27th)
- Conversion Rate: 14% (T-15th)
- Passing Accuracy: 77% (T-17th)
- Fouls Conceded: 390 (T-9th)
- Cautions: 77 (5th)
- Ejections: 3 (T-17th)

ELEVEN ON THE CHARTS, SOLO EDITION:

- Thanks to a brace against Louisville on Aug. 31, Stefano Pinho stands T-18th on the league's Golden Boot chart on 9 goals (T-9th in the Eastern Conf.).
- Pinho's 37 shots for the year (not incl. blocked shots), has places him T-32nd in the league (T-16th in East)
- Goalkeeper Sean Lewis' 58 saves on the season between Indy (18) and Tulsa (40) rank him T-12th leaguewide.

DAMBROT MAKING DIFFERENCE: Head Coach Mark Lowry's roster makeover continued on August 2 with the signing of defender Robby Dambrot. The 27-year-old defender most recently put in five appearances (3 starts, 1 goal) with Pittsburgh across the first half of the 2022 season. Prior to that, Dambrot began his pro career in the USL Championship with 33 appearances for Loudoun United after signing with the D.C. United affiliate in August of 2019.

Dambrot made his debut with the Boys in Blue on Aug. 6 via a 7-minute cameo at the end of the squad's 0-2 defeat to his former Riverhounds SC side. Dambrot earned his first start on Aug. 13 at Hartford Athletic, playing 58 minutes and earning the penalty kick that led to Indy Eleven's tally in the 1-2 defeat with a nifty show of footwork inside the area that led to Modou Jadama's lunging challenge. Dambrot went a step further to open his Eleven scoring account on Aug. 27, courtesy of a nifty all-around play in the 40th minute that helped Indy seal a 1-0 win over San Antonio.

ELEVEN SIGN VAZQUEZ TO NEW DEAL: Indy Eleven announced on Aug 18 it had acquired defender Jesus Vazquez via transfer from fellow USL Championship club Rio Grande Valley FC and signed the center back to a new contract. The transaction followed the cancellation of the prior loan agreement between the clubs that had initially brought Vazquez to the Circle City on July 25. Since joining the squad, Vazquez has played every minute of the three matches he has been eligible for, starting with his debut on July 30 against the Tampa Bay Rowdies.

JEROME JOINS TIMMER IN 2,000-MINUTE CLUB: When it comes to seeing the field in 2022, defender Jared Timmer has been setting the pace for Indiana's Team – but he's got plenty of competition. The former Butler Bulldog became the first player to cross the 2,000-minute threshold for Indiana's Team on Aug. 27 against Louisville, and center back Mechack Jerome surpassed the mark with his latest 90-minute outing last Saturday at Detroit. Here's how the squad's "Ironman" stats currently shake out:

Games Played:

26 – Justin Ingram, Jared Timmer
25 – Stefano Pinho
24 – Raul Aguilera, Mechack Jerome

Games Started:

24 – Jared Timmer
23 – Mechack Jerome
21 – Raul Aguilera

Minutes Played:

Jared Timmer (2,098)
Mechack Jerome (2,005)
Justin Ingram (1,781)
Raul Aguilera (1,669)

FINALLY, YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT (TO THE SPOT):

When Robby Dambrot earned a penalty kick on Aug. 13 at Hartford – which Ayoze finished in first half stoppage time – it marked the first point to the spot in its first 22 games in 2022. When it rains it pours, as the Boys in Blue earned another penalty on Aug. 31 against Louisville, with a takedown of Juan Tejada by two defenders in the 77th minute leading to Stefano Pinho's game-winning PK.

Meanwhile, the penalties taken against Indy by Tampa Bay on July 30 were the fourth and fifth taken by the opposition in 2022 – and marked the first game during Indy Eleven's USL Championship era dating back to 2018 in which the squad conceded two penalty kick opportunities in a game. A quartet of Indy goalkeepers have seen three of the five attempts converted past them ...

Elliot Panicco: 3/12 @ LDN, Hopkins 78', saved
Bryan Meredith: 6/18 @ COS, Barry 45+1', goal
Tim Trilk: 6/25 @ SD, Vassell 46+', missed
Sean Lewis: 7/30 vs TBR, Dos Santos 32', goal
Lewis: 7/30 v TBR, Fernandes 96+', goal

The most penalties conceded in a single season by Indy came in 2018, when Owain Fon Williams saved two of the eight PK's he faced. The squad allowed two penalties in both 2019 & 2020 and three in 2021.

SCORELESS, WINLESS STREAKS SNAPPED: Indy's 1-0 win over league-leading San Antonio FC on Aug. 27 at Carroll Stadium helped the Boys in Blue snap a 12-game winless streak (0-10-2) that was its longest in USL Championship play and matched the longest in club history during the regular season, equaling a run during its NASL era that included the final game of 2016 and the first 11 games in 2017.

- The 12-game drought was twice as lengthy as the longest previous winless stretches during the Eleven's USLC era (Sept.-Oct of 2021 and last two games of last season/first four games of 2022)
- Included in the run was a six-game losing streak that marked the longest in the club's nine-year history (started with 3-4 loss on June 18 at Colorado Springs, snapped via a 1-1 draw with Memphis on July 23).
- Also within the winless drought was a club record scoreless streak of 459 minutes, which started with kickoff on June 25 at San Diego and ended with Solomon Asante's 9th minute tally on July 23 vs. Memphis 901 FC. The longest previous scoring drought in USL play was a 341-minute stretch in 2019 (Kelly 13' @ NY on Apr. 28 through Pasher 84' on May 18 vs. CHS).
- The 2-1 win over LouCity on Aug. 31 snapped a streak of 11 games without scoring multiple goals (last occurrence on June 18 in 3-4 loss at Colorado Springs)

FIRST SCORE STREAK SNAPPED: Scoring first had been a favorable sign for Indiana's Team over the past two years, but its 1-3 defeat to Tampa Bay on July 30 snapped a 25-game unbeaten streak in games that saw the Boys in Blue scratch the scoreboard first. That run started on July 11, 2020, when Tyler Pasher scored the opener in a 2-0 win over St. Louis FC at Lucas Oil Stadium.

The last time Indy suffered a loss when scoring first was in the 2019 Eastern Conference Final, a painful 3-1 setback to Louisville City FC in added extra time on Nov. 9, 2019. You have to go all the way back to April 28, 2019, to find the last occasion in regular season play, when Dane Kelly's 13th minute tally was negated by New York Red Bulls II goals in the 60' & 69' in a 1-2 road defeat.

After holding on for a 1-0 win on Aug. 27 over San Antonio FC courtesy of Robby Dambrot's 40th minute goal, Indiana's Team will hope that game begins another successful streak after starting on the right foot.

21 MAKE DEBUTS IN '22: Of the now 25 new members added to the Indy Eleven roster at some point in 2022, 21 have debuted with the club. Robby Dambrot became the latest newbie, putting in the final 7 minutes of the squad's match on Aug. 6 vs. Pittsburgh at Carroll Stadium, just four days after joining the squad from the Riverhounds. Season Lewis and Juan Tejada saw their first time for Indiana's Team on July 23 in 90-minute stints versus Memphis 901 FC, while Jesus Vazquez (start, full 90 minutes) and Wilfredo Rivera (26 minutes off the bench) first featured on July 30 against Tampa Bay.

Fourteen players did so in the season opener at Loudoun United FC on March 12, and for Justin Ingram and Palmer Ault, their time at Segra Field in the opener marked their pro soccer debuts as well. Another player making his pro debut this year was USL Academy signing Ecris Revolorio, who joined the roster in August 2021 but did not see the field for the first team until June 4 at Charleston. Goalkeeper Tim Trilk is the other new Boy in Blue to see the field, making his first start in official competition on April 6 in U.S. Open Cup play and his league debut on May 28 against New Mexico United.

Two of those newcomers – Mechack Jerome and Bryam Rebellon – brought plenty of familiarity with Lowry after playing for the sideline boss in both Jacksonville and El Paso, while Lewis also suited up in Jacksonville. In addition, Raul Aguilera was a player in Orlando City SC's Academy set-up under Lowry, bridging a seven-year gap between stints under the new Eleven coach.

The three players currently on the roster with a chance to make their debut include three USL Academy players signings – Vostal, Luca Iaccino & Diego Sanchez – and loaned-out goalkeeper Tor Saunders.

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INDY ADDS ACADEMY GOALKEEPER, RELEASES FOUR FROM CONTRACTS: August 18 also saw five moves on the Academy player front, highlighted by the signing of goalkeeper Hayden Vostal, a recent Indiana Fire Pro Academy addition who made a fast appearance on the Eleven's 18-man roster on Aug. 20 at Tulsa. The 6'3" netminder from Geneva, Ill., was one of just two sophomores named to the 125-player United Soccer Coaches All-Central Region Team following his standout season at Geneva High School last fall, when he also earned IHSCAA All-State honors for his efforts.

As Vostal joins the ranks of the first team, four other USL Academy players have been released from their contracts – Palmer Ault, Aiden Benitez, Alex Svetanoff, and Bryce Warhaft. The Butler University-bound Ault was the only member of the outgoing quartet to see first team action, with his three substitute appearances across the first half of the regular season totaling six minutes.

STEPPING UP TO "THE MIKE": Indy Eleven had enjoyed its home cooking at IUPUI Carroll Stadium to start the season after collecting an opening 1-1 draw against LA Galaxy II on April 2 and four straight wins to follow through May 21 vs. NYRB II. Those resulted in an eight-game undefeated streak at home in USLC play that included the final three games of 2021, but a 1-2 loss to New Mexico on May 28 began a six-game slide (0W-5L-1D) the team finally pulled out of last weekend against San Antonio FC.

USL regular season home record (2018-22): 37W-18L-16D (63.4 win %)

- At Carroll Stadium: 11W-11L-6D (50.0 win %)
- At Lucas Oil Stadium: 26W-8L-10D (70.5 win %)

All competitions record at Carroll: 42W-32L-23D (55.2%)

- NASL regular season (2014-17): 26W-18L-17D
- NASL postseason (2016): 1W-0L-0D
- U.S. Open Cup (2014-22): 2W-2L-0D
- USLC regular season (2021-22): 11W-11L-6D
- USLC postseason (2019): 2W-1L-0D

Indy Eleven posted the second-longest home undefeated streak in USL Championship history during its Lucas Oil Stadium tenure, going 28 games (21 wins, 7 draws) without defeat from July 2018-July 2020. It also collected a lengthy undefeated streak at "The Mike" during its NASL era, going 21 matches without a loss from Oct. 2015-May 2017.

NEW TURF CHRISTENED: While the Boys in Blue were away for the entire month of June, Indy Eleven's continuing collaboration with IUPUI resulted the installation of a new FieldTurf playing surface at Carroll Stadium, a significant upgrade that utilizes FieldTurf's CORE model used for game and/or practice usage by a dozen MLS sides. The squad's 1-0 triumph over San Antonio FC on Aug. 27 marked the first victory on the new surface since it was christened by Indiana's Team on July 2 vs. Miami FC.

ELEVEN PARK SEES LOCATION, 2025 DATE ANNOUNCED: Now for the team's future home ... after much anticipation, Indy Eleven announced on June 24 that the club's future home of Eleven Park will be located in downtown Indianapolis at the site of the former site of the Diamond Chain Company factory. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2023 and be completed in 2025. The new site will see a 20,000-seat, state-of-the-art stadium, in addition to hotel, office, apartments, retail and public spaces. The venue will be home to Indy Eleven's men's and women's teams, and is designed to also host NCAA and IHSA events, international matches, concerts and various community events.

SEAN LEWIS STANDS OUT IN DEBUT: Indy Eleven made the first trade of the "Mark Lowry Era" on July 5, when the club acquired veteran goalkeeper Sean Lewis from FC Tulsa in exchange for D/M Noah Powder.

Lewis' debut for the Boys in Blue at home on July 23 against Memphis was a trial by fire, as he made six of his seven saves on the night in the first half of the 1-1 draw, a performance that equaled the most stops in a single half for an Eleven netminder since joining the USL Championship. He also faced seven more shots on July 30 against Tampa Bay, making four saves in a 1-3 defeat. While Lewis tied Tim Trilk for a season-high in single-game saves vs. Memphis, the performance was nothing new; he also made seven stops for Tulsa against Colorado Springs on April 23 (0-2 L) and eight in the squad's following outing at El Paso on May 4 (1-3 L). Lewis had started four consecutive matches until a hamstring injury forced him to sit for the last three games.

Lewis has been reunited with Lowry, who coached the native of Rockford, Mich., in 2016 with Jacksonville Armada FC. Since then, Lewis has played in 90 regular season, postseason and U.S. Open Cup matches over seven seasons with Jacksonville (2016), Penn FC (USL Championship, 2017-18), and FC Tulsa, where he made 61 appearances since 2019, including 12 in 2022.

SEEING RED: It took 21-and-a-half games, but a member of the opposition was finally shown a red card on Aug. 6, when Pittsburgh midfielder Marc Ybarra picked up his second yellow card of the match in the 54th minute. While Indy Eleven failed to capitalize on the man advantage over the final 36+ minutes, it did mark a refreshing change after thrice being on the wrong side of the numerical advantage.

Two of Indy's trio of red cards have seen the damage limited to the final moments of matches. Indy had a player ejected in each in the first two games of the 2022 campaign, this after the squad had gone 39 games without a sending off (Ayoze, 50' of 1-0 win vs. PIT on Aug. 5, 2020, at Lucas Oil Stadium) ...

Manuel Arteaga – July 23 vs. MIA (94+')

Alex McQueen – March 12 at LDN (90')

Raul Aguilera – March 19 at TBR (59')

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ELEVEN IN SEASON 9: The 2022 campaign marks Indy Eleven's ninth season of play in franchise history – and its fifth in the USL Championship since it joined the league ahead of the 2018 season. With back-to-back wins the last week of August the Boys in Blue got back to the .500 mark in USLC regular season play, and their draw last weekend at Detroit kept them there (56W-56L-31D from 143 regular season contests). The Eleven have also recorded two wins and two losses in the USL Championship Playoffs during its appearances in 2018 (1 loss) and 2019 (2 wins, 1 loss). Its USL Championship seasons at a glance ...

2022 season: 8W-14L-5D, 29 pts., -11 GD

2021 season: 9W-15L-8D, 35 pts., -15 GD (6th/8 in Central)

2020 season: 7W-7L-2D, 23 pts., +2 GD (3rd/4 in Group E)

2019 season: 19W-9L-6D, 63 pts., +19 GD (3rd /18 in East)

- Lost in Eastern Conf. Final (1-3 L in aet vs. LOU)

2018 record: 13W-11L-10D, 49 pts., +3 GD (7th/16 in East)

- Lost in East. Quarters (4-1 @ LOU)

Career USL regular season record: 56W-56L-31D

- home record: 36W-18L-16D (62.9 win %)
- away record: 19W-38L-15D (36.6 win %)

ASANTE ASCENDING: Solomon Asante's first goal in an Indy Eleven uniform was nearly two months in the making, as the attacking dynamo got off the schneid with a 9th minute finish on July 23 vs. Memphis – nearly two months after making his debut for the Boys in Blue on May 28.

The only “40-40” goal & assist player in Championship regular season history hit another milestone with his Indy account opener, becoming just the 17th player in the 12-year history of the USL Championship to score 50 regular season goals with the tally. The two-time USL Championship MVP (2019 & 2020) became the second fastest player to hit the half-century mark, doing so in just 114 matches (Chandler Hoffman, 100). Asante has now collected 55 goals and 45 assists in regular season and postseason games combined since he hit the ground running with a USLC All-First Team season with Phoenix Rising in 2018. While the goal was worth the wait, it's not as if “Solo” wasn't contributing – his three assists are tied with Stefano Pinho for the club lead. Meanwhile, his now 44 career assists in regular season play are the fourth most in USLC annals, placing him behind only Hartford's Danny Barrera (47), former Phoenix Rising FC teammate Aodhan Quinn (47), and Pittsburgh's Kenardo Forbes (54).

BACK-TO-BACK SCORERS: Stefano Pinho became the third player to score in three consecutive games this season when he bagged goals on 5/28 vs. NM, 6/04 @ CHS & 6/08 @ MIA. The now-departed Jonas Fjeldberg was the second to accomplish the feat when he notched the team's lone goal in a 1-2 defeat in Memphis on May 14 and the second goal of the match against Red Bulls II on May 21 at Carroll Stadium in Indy's 2-0 win. Aris Briggs was the first to go back-to-back, doing so in stoppage time against both Orange County SC (April 24) and Atlanta United 2 (April 16).

OH CAPTAINS, OUR CAPTAINS: While a lot of new faces – including numerous veterans – have joined Indy Eleven for the 2022 campaign, a pair of Eleven stalwarts in Spanish midfielder Ayoze and Trinidad & Tobago international Neveal Hackshaw were named captains by Head Coach Mark Lowry as the season approached. Ayoze served in a similar role for the first time in Indy last season, while Hackshaw has sporadically donned the armband on the field throughout his four years with Indiana's Team.

Between injuries to Ayoze and national team duty for Hackshaw throughout the first three months of the season, another veteran, center back A.J. Cochran, has received the honor of wearing the captain's armband for seven contests.

ELEVEN ADD TWO MORE IN VAZQUEZ & RIVERA, SEND FJELDBERG TO RGV: Indy Eleven announced a pair of additions on July 25 in Rio Grande Valley FC defender Jesus Vazquez and Orlando City loanee forward Wilfredo Rivera. Both players saw their debut on July 30 against Tampa Bay, with Vazquez playing nearly every minute of the six matches he's been eligible for and Rivera entering off the bench in his five of six available outings.

Vazquez was involved a “loan swap” that saw forward Jonas Fjeldberg head back to RGV Toros FC. The 27-year-old defender joined the Boys in Blue after half a season with RGV, where he started in 11 of 16 appearances and served as captain in four early season contests. Prior to his time with Toros, the San Luis Obispo, Calif.-native logged two seasons of Championship play with LA Galaxy II, scoring twice and serving as Los Dos' captain in all 42 regular season and playoff appearances from 2020-21. The dual American and Mexican citizen came up through the U-20 and reserve ranks of Mexican sides Pumas UNAM, Santos Laguna, and CF Atlante from 2014-19 before making his pro debut with the latter side in the Mexican second division.

The 18-year-old Rivera has been in the OCSC set-up since 2020, playing for their USL League One side that season before signing a Homegrown contract with the MLS side prior to 2021 and suiting up for their MLS NEXT Pro squad in 2022. He has also made eight caps for Puerto Rico's Men's National Team since his senior debut last January.

ELEVEN ADD TEJEDA, SEND LAW TO TAMPA: Lowry began to shake up his roster on July 21, when Indiana's Team brought forward Juan Tejada to the Circle City in a trade that sent midfielder Nicky Law to the Tampa Bay Rowdies in return. Tejada started in his first four eligible contests, starting with his debut against the Rowdies on July 30, before making his first appearance off the bench on Aug. 20 at FC Tulsa. Tejada came to the Circle City after three-and-a-half seasons with Tampa Bay, where he tallied 13 goals and 5 assists in 68 regular season appearances and also played in five postseason contests. Law departed after a season in a half with the Boys in Blue, having scored four goals and notched five assists in 49 appearances following a 15-year career in England and Scotland.

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RECORD SCORING STREAK SNAPPED ... Well, it was fun while it lasted! Indy's club-record run of 12 consecutive contests in which it scored at least once was snapped on June 25 in San Diego, this after the squad was shut out its first two games in 2022. The streak beat out a 9-game run across July and August last year; Indy also scored in 10 straight games including postseason play spanning the 2019-20 seasons.

After scoring multiple goals in only 8 of 32 games (25%) in 2021 (and none in its final 12 games), Indy did so in 6 of its first 14 games (43%) to start the season. However, the team went 11 games without multiple goals to follow, with the streak snapped in a 2-1 win over Louisville on Aug. 31.

FOUR SCORE AND EVEN MORE: Indy's three-goal output on April 24 versus Orange County SC was its first such performance in 29 outings, dating back to a wild, back-and-forth 3-3 draw at Lou City last June 26. Meanwhile, the four goals put up June 4 at Charleston equaled the highest scoring output of Indy's now 142-game USLC regular season tenure, matching its previous high during a 4-2 season-opening win at Memphis 901 FC on March 7, 2020. It also equaled that game's mark for most road goals scored in club history.

The trio of tallies scored on June 18 at Colorado Springs marked the 18th output of 3+ goals in those 142 games, and while only six of those have come in the 69 games since the start of 2020, three of them came during an 8-game span from April through June, starting with that result against OCSC in late-April. Indy Eleven's all-time ledger of games with at least four goals includes:

5 goals:

- 8/03/16 vs Jacksonville Armada FC (5-2 W)
 - NASL regular season
- 5/28/14 vs. Dayton Dutch Lions (PDL) (5-2 W)
 - Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup (3rd Rd.)

4 goals:

- 6/04/22 at Charleston Battery (4-3 W)
- 7/29/20 vs Hartford Athletic (4-1 W)
- 3/07/20 at Memphis 901 FC (4-2 W)
- 6/11/16 vs Carolina RailHawks (4-1 W) (NASL)
- 5/21/16 vs Minnesota United FC (4-2 W) (NASL)

SEVEN-UP: It wasn't just Indy putting up prolific numbers in Colorado Springs on June 18, as with the Switchbacks' four added to the mix the seven combined goals marked the second most in an Eleven game since joining the USL Championship in 2018, tied with the match with Charleston Battery earlier this month. Five of the now 14 games in which Indy has been involved in a 6+ goalfest have come in USLC action; the all-time list of such games includes:

8 goals:

- 8/08/21 at Atlanta United 2 (2-6 L)
- 8/29/15 at Ft. Lauderdale Strikers (1-7 L) (NASL)

7 goals:

- 6/04/22 at Charleston Battery (4-3 W)
- 8/03/16 vs Jacksonville Armada FC (5-2 W) (NASL)
- 06/18/22 at Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC (4-3 L)

6 goals:

- 6/26/21 at LouCity FC (3-3 D)
- 3/07/20 at Memphis 901 FC (4-2 W)
- 5/30/18 vs. Charleston Battery (3-3 D)
- Seven occasions in NASL play:
 - Last: 8/19/17 vs NY Cosmos (3-3 D)

ARTEAGA UP FOR JUNE PLAYER OF THE MONTH:

Indy forward Manuel Arteaga was named one of five players up for the USL Championship's Player of the Month honor for June last Thursday. He faced competition from Augustine Williams (CHS), Preston Judd (LA), Alejandro Guido (SD), and Leo Fernandes (TBR), the latter of whom was announced as the award's winner. Arteaga finished fifth in the voting that included coaches, media and fans.

The Venezuelan forward recorded five goals in four appearances for the Boys in Blue, averaging a goal every 72 minutes while finishing tied for the most shots on target (11) in the league for the month and posting a +1.18 Goals Added mark. His six shots on goal on at Charleston on June 4 en route to the first hat trick in Indy's USL era left him tied for the second most shots on frame in a single game in USL Championship annals, and he followed that performance with a brace in Indy's away affair at Colorado Springs on June 18.

ARTEAGA SCORES FOURTH HAT TRICK IN ELEVEN HISTORY:

For last year's Indy Eleven leading scorer Manuel Arteaga (10 goals in 2021), it seemed like once he finally opened his 2022 account that more would be soon to come ... but even he couldn't expect that he would tally thrice in nine minutes to notch the fastest hat trick in Indy Eleven annals – and just the fourth in the club's now nine-season history. Arteaga became just the third Eleven player to register a hat trick when he put goals low and to the left of Charleston 'keeper Daniel Kuzemka in the 25th, 28th, and 37th minutes of a 4-3 win over the Battery on June 4 – with the last blast ending up serving as an unlikely game-winner.

Here's the shortlist of Indy Eleven's all-time hatty's ...

5/28/14: Blake Smith vs. Dayton Dutch Lions (PDL)

- 26', 30' & 88' goals in a 5-2 win at Carroll Stadium over Dayton in the 3rd Round of the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup, which served as the first win in official competition in Indy Eleven history

6/11/16: Eamon Zayed vs. Carolina RailHawks

- Zayed made "The Miracle at The Mike" possible by scoring in the 16', 65' & 85', with his final tally giving Indy Eleven a 4-1 win. The four goals and +3 goal differential gave the Eleven precisely the result needed to win the 10-game NASL Spring Season title via 3rd tie-breaker over the New York Cosmos.

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8/03/16: Eamon Zayed vs. Jacksonville Armada

- In a result that helped pave the way for Mark Lowry's installation as JAX head coach just four days later, the Irishman Zayed hit paydirt in the 15', 58' & 65' of a 5-2 result at Carroll Stadium. The five goals from that match still stands as the Eleven's highest scoring output in a regular season match.

6/04/22: **Manuel Arteaga at Charleston Battery**

- *The three-goal in 12 minutes outburst by el arquero staked Indy out to a 4-1 advantage that helped it to an eventual 4-3 win. Arteaga's hat trick was the fastest in Indy Eleven history, the first notched in the team's now 128-game regular season tenure in USL Championship play, the only one notched during one half, and the club's first ever on the road.*

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 active roster (not included loaned out players) features 11 players who are either full or dual internationals:

FW **Manuel Arteaga** – Venezuela
FW **Solomon Asante** – Ghana
MF **Ayoze** – Spain / USA
MF **Neveal Hackshaw** – Trinidad & Tobago
DF **Mechack Jerome** – Haiti
DF **Alex McQueen** – England / Grenada
FW **Rodney Michael** – Sierra Leone
FW **Stefano Pinho** – Brazil
MF **Bryam Rebellon** – Colombia
FW **Juan Tejada** - Panama
DF **Jesus Vazquez** – USA / Mexico

Hackshaw (25 caps from Trinidad & Tobago since 2015) and McQueen (16 caps for Grenada since 2017) are stalwarts on their respective national teams. Jerome ranks second on Haiti's all-time cap sheet with 76, while Asante suited up for the Black Stars of Ghana 21 times during his international career.

A special mention on this list goes to newly-minted dual national Ayoze, who along with his wife Tamara officially became American citizens during a naturalization ceremony in Indianapolis on Aug. 24.

LOWRY LEADS OVERHAUL: After a subpar 2021 campaign, the Indy Eleven brass got to work immediately to remake the squad in the offseason – starting at the top with the appointment of Mark Lowry ([click here for full bio](#)) as the fourth full-time head coach in club history.

Lowry lands in the Circle City after a three-season stint with El Paso Locomotive FC, which he guided to a 42W-19L-29D record in USL Championship regular season, USL Championship Playoffs, and Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup action from 2019-21. The native of Birmingham, England, improved Locomotive FC's record across each of their first three seasons of play, the first two of which culminated in back-to-back appearances in the Western Conference Final. Lowry's 40 regular season victories over those three years rank as the fourth most amongst USL Championship coaches across that span.

During El Paso's 2021 campaign, Lowry led Locomotive FC to an impressive 18W-4L-10D (64 points) ledger that easily clinched the Championship's Mountain Division title and marked the third highest point total across the 31-team league. Lowry earned the July 2021 USL Championship Coach of the Month honor, which coincided with the club's 23-game home undefeated run that stretched over a calendar year and was, at one point, the longest such streak in North American professional soccer.

Prior to El Paso, Lowry's first stop as a head coach came with the NASL & NPSL's Jacksonville Armada from 2016-18, which was preceded by four seasons at MLS side Orlando City SC with their Academy squads and U-23 team in the then USL PDL (now USL League 2). Lowry is joined on the sideline by Assistant Coach Matt Williams and Director, Sport Performance & Assistant Coach Gabe Zapponi, both of whom worked with Lowry in both El Paso and Jacksonville. Andy Swift is the lone holdover on the Coaching Staff, returning for his fifth season as GK Coach.

INGRAM HIGHLIGHTS HOOSIER CONTINGENT: Five current players on the squad either hail from or attended college in the Hoosier State, including rookie midfielder and Indianapolis native Justin Ingram, a Pike H.S. grad starting his pro career after standing out for Loyola University Maryland, and DF Jared Timmer, a graduate of Butler University. After some roster shuffling in August, now two of the team's four players on USL Academy Contracts are "homegrown Hoosiers" – as is "Academy graduate" Alann Torres ...

MF **Justin Ingram:** Indianapolis native (Pike H.S.), also played with Indiana Fire Academy

DF **Ecris Revolorio:** Evansville native (Washington H.S.), played with Indiana Fire Academy

MF **Diego Sanchez:** Indianapolis native, played with Indiana Fire Academy

DF **Jared Timmer:** played at Butler University (Indianapolis)

MF **Alann Torres:** Elkhart native (Bethany Christian H.S.), played with Indiana Fire Academy

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YOUTH SERVED THROUGH ACADEMY SIGNINGS: For the first two-thirds of the season through mid-August, nearly a full quarter of the Eleven's roster consisted of seven USL Academy Contract signings.

Prior to his release to attend the University of Louisville on Aug. 18, goalkeeper Alex Svetanoff was in his third partial season with Indy as an Academy player, while DF Ecris Revolorio, MF Aiden Benitez, and MF Diego Sanchez returned for their second season after initially signing developmental contracts last August; Benitez was also released from his contract along with Svetanoff on Aug. 18.

New Academy Contracts signings for 2022 include Palmer Ault, DF Bryce Warhaft, FW Luca Iaccino, and August acquisition GK Hayden Vostal.

Prior to reporting to Butler in August, Ault made three appearances via late cameos off the bench, with the latest coming June 4 at Charleston, which is also when Revolorio made his pro debut in second half stoppage time.

ELEVEN U19s CAPTURE SECOND TROPHY AT USL ACADEMY CUP: Indy Eleven entered four teams in the USL Academy Cup down in Tampa from March 31-April 3 – and all four returned with “podium finishes” in the top 3, including the Boys U19 squad that won its Elite Group, following in the footsteps of their 2021 USL Academy League triumph last December. USL Academy Contract signings FW Palmer Ault, FW Luca Iaccino, and GK Alex Svetanoff all contributed to the U19 squad's latest hardware run, with Svetanoff coming up big in a 5-4 penalty kick triumph that followed Indy's 2-2 regulation draw against Tampa Bay United.

Meanwhile, the youngest first-team signing in club history, Academy Contract midfielder Aidan Benitez, represented the Boys U15 side that placed as the runner-up in the age group's Elite bracket, the Silver Medal finish coming after a 2-3 result to Weston United. Also making the final in Elite play was the Girls U19 squad helmed by the Eleven's W League Head Coach Paul Dolinsky, which dropped a narrow result of its own via a 0-1 scoreline to NC Fusion. Finally, the Boys U13 squad garnered a third place finish in Elite play, closing solidly with a 3-0 rout of Ironbound SC in the third place game. In all, the four teams combined to go 9W-3L-4D (+13 GD) in the USL Academy's showcase tournament, helping to further establish Indy Eleven as the premier club in the United Soccer League umbrella in regards to its commitment to its youth development model.

EVERYONE, IN ORDER: Here's the way Indiana's Team was built since last October, in chronological order:

Nov. 16, 2021: Eleven announces hiring of Head Coach Mark Lowry

Nov. 17, 2021: Club confirms returns of FW Manuel Arteaga, MF Neveal Hackshaw, MF Nicky Law, DF Karl Ouimette, and DF Jared Timmer

Nov. 19, 2021: Club confirms return of MF Ayoze

Dec. 3, 2021: Club signs DF Mechack Jerome and MF Bryam Rebellon

Dec. 10, 2021: Club announces return of DF A.J. Cochran, signing of FW Aris Briggs and FW Alex McQueen

Dec. 21, 2021: Club signs MF Sam Brown

Jan. 13, 2022: Club signs MF Raul Aguilera

Jan. 14, 2022: Club signs DF Noah Powder

Jan. 21, 2022: Club signs former Academy player Alann Torres to professional contract

Jan. 28, 2022: Club signs FW Palmer Ault and re-signs MF Aiden Benitez, DF Ecris Revolorio, MF Diego Sanchez, and GK Alex Svetanoff to USL Academy Contracts

Jan. 31, 2022: Club signs Stefano Pinho

Feb. 11, 2022: Club signs MF Jonas Fjeldberg

Feb. 15, 2022: Club signs MF Justin Ingram

Feb. 16, 2022: Club signs GK Tim Trilk

March 3, 2022: Club acquires GK Elliot Panicco on loan from MLS' Nashville SC; club signs GK Tor Saunders and sends on loan to USL League 1 side Chattanooga Red Wolves SC

March 10, 2022: Club signs FW Luca Iaccino and DF Bryce Warhaft to USL Academy Contracts

March 22, 2022: Club acquires FW Rodney Michael via transfer from USL1's South Georgia Tormenta FC; loan MF Alann Torres to USL1's Forward Madison FC

April 11, 2022: Eleven sign FW Samuel Asante

May 2, 2022: Eleven loans DF Karl Ouimette to Detroit City FC for remainder of 2022 season

May 24, 2022: GK Elliot Panicco recalled by Nashville SC

May 26, 2022: Club acquires GK Bryan Meredith on loan from Nashville SC

July 5, 2022: Indy acquires GK Sean Lewis via trade with FC Tulsa in exchange for D/M Noah Powder

July 21, 2022: Indy Eleven acquires FW Juan Tejada from Tampa Bay in exchange for MF Nicky Law

July 25, 2022: Club acquires DF Jesus Vazquez on loan from Rio Grande Valley FC, ships MF Jonas Fjeldberg to RGV Toros in return loan arrangement

July 25, 2022: Indy brings FW Wilfredo Rivera into club on loan from MLS' Orlando City SC

Aug. 2, 2022: Indy Eleven signs defender Robby Dambrot

Aug 18, 2022: Eleven terminate loan of Jesus Vazquez with RGV in order to sign him to a new contract

Aug. 18, 2022: Club signs GK Hayden Vostal to USL Academy Contract, release Palmer Ault, Aiden Benitez, Alex Svetanoff & Bryce Warhaft from Academy Contracts

2022 PLAYER BIOS: Please visit [IndyEleven.com/roster](https://www.IndyEleven.com/roster) for the most up to date information on each member of the Boys in Blue.

INDY ELEVEN 2022 ROSTER (as of 08/18/22)

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	Nationality	DoB	Last Club
0	Sean Lewis	GK	6'1"	181	Rockford, MI	USA	04/17/92	FC Tulsa (USLC)
1	Tim Trilk	GK	6'2"	195	Rockford, IL	USA	08/15/98	Chattanooga Red Wolves SC (USL1)
2	Jesus Vazquez	FW	6'2"	175	San Luis Obispo, CA	USA / Mexico	03/22/95	Rio Grande Valley FC (USLC)
3	A.J. Cochran	DF	6'3"	194	St. Louis, MO	USA	02/09/93	Phoenix Rising FC (USLC)
4	Mechack Jérôme	DF	5'11"	190	Liancourt, Haiti	Haiti	04/21/90	El Paso Locomotive FC (USLC)
5	Jared Timmer	DF	5'11"	175	Hudsonville, MI	USA	04/29/97	Reno 1868 FC (USLC)
6	Sam Brown	MF	6'1"	170	Ann Arbor, MI	USA	02/10/96	Real Monarchs SLC (USLC)
7	Ayoze (Garcia)	MF	5'7"	151	Puerto de la Cruz, Spain	Spain	11/22/85	New York Cosmos (NASL)
8	Raul Aguilera	MF	5'10"	160	Sanford, FL	USA	08/02/99	Orlando City SC (MLS)
9	Manuel Arteaga	FW	6'1"	160	Maracaibo, Venezuela	Venezuela	06/17/94	FC Zulia (Venezuela/1)
10	# Jonas Fjeldberg	MF	5'10"	165	Jessheim, Norway	Norway	09/30/98	FC Cincinnati (MLS)
12	* Bryan Meredith	GK	6'2"	196	Scotch Plains, NJ	USA	08/02/89	Nashville SC (MLS)
13	Aris Briggs	FW	6'4"	200	Memphis, TN	USA	11/09/96	Real Monarchs SLC (USLC)
14	Solomon Asante	FW	5'2"	135	Kumasi, Ghana	Ghana	03/06/90	Phoenix Rising FC (USLC)
15	Neveal Hackshaw	MF	6'1"	175	La Horquetta, Arima, Trinidad	Trinidad & Tobago	09/21/95	Charleston Battery (USLC)
17	Juan Tejada	FW	5'7"	170	Panama City, Panama	Panama	01/14/97	Tampa Bay Rowdies (USLC)
18	# Alann Torres	MF	5'10"	163	Elkhart, IN	USA	09/24/03	# Forward Madison FC (USL1)
19	Rodney Michael	FW	5'8"	157	Freetown, Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone	08/10/99	South Georgia Tormenta FC (USL1)
20	# Karl Ouimette	DF	6'0"	192	Terrebonne, Quebec, Canada	Canada	06/18/92	# Detroit City FC (USLC)
22	Robby Dambrot	DF	6'2"	172	Akron, Ohio	USA	10/19/94	Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (USLC)
23	Justin Ingram	MF	5'8"	155	Indianapolis, IN	USA	12/21/98	Loyola University Maryland (NCAA)
24	^ Hayden Vostal	GK	6'4"	185	Geneva, IL	USA	10/18/05	Indiana Fire Academy (MLS Next)
25	Bryam Rebellón	MF	5'11"	175	Puerto Gaitan, Colombia	Colombia	01/22/92	El Paso Locomotive FC (USLC)
26	# Tor Saunders	GK	6'5"	215	Bothell, WA	USA	04/30/98	# Chattanooga Red Wolves SC (USL1)
29	Stefano Pinho	FW	6'0"	170	Minas Gerais, Brazil	Brazil	01/12/91	Austin Bold FC (USLC)
32	* Wilfredo Rivera	FW	5'6"	150	San Juan, Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico / USA	10/14/03	Orlando City SC (MLS)
35	^ Diego Sanchez	MF	5'7"	130	Indianapolis, IN	USA	12/12/04	Indiana Fire Academy (MLS Next)
37	^ Ecris Revolorio	DF	5'8"	152	Evansville, IN	USA	12/13/02	Indiana Fire Academy (MLS Next)
39	^ Luca Iaccino	FW	6'0"	165	Inverness, IL	USA	03/20/03	Chicago Fire Academy (MLS Next)
44	Alex McQueen	MF	6'0"	165	Romford, England	England / Grenada	03/24/95	Barnet (English National League)

* player with club on loan # player away from club on loan ^ USL Academy Contract player

Head Coach: Mark Lowry

Assistant Coach: Matt Williams

Asst. Coach/Dir., Sport Performance: Gabe Zapponi

Goalkeeper Coach: Andy Swift

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Team Physician: Dr. Ashlee Warren

Equipment Manager: Kevin Roorbach

Team Operations Manager: Shelby Gilmore

Pronunciation Guide

Raul Aguilera	rah-OOL ah-gee-LARE-ah
Manuel Arteaga	are-tee-AH-ga
Solomon Asante	ah-SAHN-tay
Palmer Ault	ALT
Ayoze	eye-YO-zay
Aiden Benitez	A-den beh-KNEE-tezz
Aris Briggs	are-EEZ
Robby Dambrot	dam-brought
Jonas Fjeldberg	YO-nahs FYELD-berg
Neveal Hackshaw	NEV-ee-ell

Luca Iaccino	ee-ya-CHEE-no
Mechack Jérôme	meh-ZHACK ZHAY-rome
Karl Ouimette	we-MET
Stefano Pinho	STEH-fuh-no PEEN-yo
Bryam Rebellón	BRY-am reh-bay-YONE
Ecris Revolorio	EE-creese REV-o-LO-rio
Diego Sanchez	dee-YAY-go
Alex Svetanoff	SVEH-ta-noff
Juan Tejada	tay-HA-da
Jesus Vazquez	HAY-zeus VAZZ-kezz