

# 2022 USL CHAMPIONSHIP REGULAR SEASON – IXI GAME #7

Indy Eleven (2W-2L-2D, 8 pts, 8<sup>th</sup> in Eastern Conf.)
vs.

Orange County SC (1W-2L-2D, 5 pts, 11th in Western Conf.)

Sunday, April 24, 2022 – 5:30 p.m. ET IUPUI Michael A. Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN

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# INDYOELEVEN PROJECTED LINE-UP





INJURY REPORT 04/22/22

**Sports Medicine** 

**OUT: MF San Brown (concussion)** 

QUESTIONABLE: DF Bryam Rebellon (L knee

contusion)

**DISCIPLINE REPORT:** 

None

INDY ELEVEN CONTINUES HOMESTEAD AGAINST DEFENDING CHAMP OCSC: Indy Eleven will play the middle match of a three-game homestand this Sunday, when Indiana's Team plays host to the defending USL Championship title holder Orange County SC. The matchup at IUPUI Michael A. Carroll Stadium will mark Indy Eleven's lone USL on ESPN appearance of 2022, with the 5:30 p.m. kickoff airing live on ESPN Deportes. Indy enters the match riding a four-game undefeated streak that includes two wins on the trot, Meanwhile, OCSC enters on a three-game winless streak in league play, although their early-season results nearly mimic the Eleven's, meaning

there will be no taking the defending champs lightly.

# 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	ESPN Deportes/WNDY
Sat. April 30	7:00 pm	Hartford Athletic	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	ESPN+/WNDY
Sat. May 14	8:00 pm	Memphis 901 FC	AutoZone Park – Memphis, TN	ESPN+
Sat. May 21	7:00 pm	New York Red Bulls II	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	ESPN+/WNDY
Sat. May 28	4:00 pm	New Mexico United	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	ESPN+/WNDY
Sat. June 4	7:00 pm	Charleston Battery	Patriots Point Soccer Complex Mount Pleas	ant, SC ESPN+
Wed. June 8	7:00 pm	The Miami FC	Riccardo Silva Stadium – Miami, FL	ESPN+/WNDY
Sat. June 18	9:00 pm	Colorado Springs FC	Weidner Field – Colorado Springs, CO	ESPN+/WNDY
Sat. June 25	10:00 pm	San Diego Loyal SC	Torero Stadium – San Diego, CA	ESPN+
Sat. July 2	7:30 pm	The Miami FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	ESPN+/WISH
Wed. July 6	7:00 pm	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	Highmark Stadium – Pittsburgh, PA	ESPN+
Sat. July 9	7:00 pm	Detroit City FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	ESPN+/WNDY
Fri. July 15	7:00 pm	New York Red Bulls II	MSU Soccer Park – Montclair, NJ	ESPN+
Sat. July 23	7:00 pm	Memphis 901 FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	ESPN+/WNDY
Sat. July 30	7:00 pm	Tampa Bay Rowdies	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	ESPN+/WISH
Sat. Aug. 6	7:00 pm	Pittsburgh Riverhounds	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	ESPN+/WNDY
Sat. Aug. 13	7:00 pm	Hartford Athletic	Dillon Stadium – Hartford, CT	ESPN+
Sat. Aug. 20	8:30 pm	FC Tulsa	ONEOK Field – Tulsa, OK	ESPN+
Sat. Aug. 27	7:00 pm	San Antonio FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	ESPN+/WNDY
Wed. Aug. 31	7:00 pm	Louisville City FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	ESPN+/WNDY
Sat. Sept. 3	7:30 pm	Detroit City FC	Keyworth Stadium – Hamtramck, MI	ESPN+/WISH
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
Sat. Oct. 15	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	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	L 0-2   <u>Recap</u>
		(MLS NEXT Pro)	Second Round	

# INDY ELEVEN 2022 USL CHAMPIONSHIP REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS 2W-2L-2D (8 pts., -1 GD, 8th place in Eastern Conference)

#	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	s	SoG	Y	R
29	FW	Stefano Pinho	6	6	501	3	0	12	3	2	0
27	MF	Nicky Law	6	5	440	1	2	2	1	0	0
13	FW	Aris Briggs	6	2	240	1	1	3	2	2	0
8	MF	Raul Aguilera	5	4	329	1	0	4	1	2	1
4	DF	Mechack Jerome	6	6	540	0	1	2	0	0	0
25	MF	Bryam Rebellon	6	6	477	0	0	2	0	1	0
3	DF	A.J. Cochran	5	5	450	0	0	3	0	1	0
5	DF	Jared Timmer	5	5	450	0	0	3	1	1	0
23	MF	Justin Ingram	6	4	374	0	0	2	1	1	0
10	MF	Jonas Fjeldberg	5	4	368	0	0	7	3	2	0
6	MF	Sam Brown	6	4	359	0	0	1	1	1	0
17	DF	Noah Powder	5	4	341	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	MF	Neveal Hackshaw	2	2	180	0	0	0	0	1	0
44	DF	Alex McQueen	4	2	177	0	0	0	0	1	1
20	DF	Karl Ouimette	2	1	91	0	0	1	0	0	0
19	FW	Rodney Michael	2	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	MF	Ayoze	2	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	FW	Manuel Arteaga	2	0	13	0	0	4	2	0	0
28	FW	Palmer Ault	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	FW	Solomon Asante	0	0	0	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
37	DF	Ecris Revolorio	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	6	6	540	6	4	46	15	15	2
		Opponent totals	6	6	540	7	5	65	26	17	0

**GAME-WINNING GOALS:** Stefano Pinho (4/09 @ RGV), Aris Briggs (4/16 vs.

ATL)

GAME-WINNING ASSISTS: Aris Briggs (4/09 @ RGV), Nicky Law (4/16 vs.

ATL)

PENALTY KICKS: n/a

### INDY ELEVEN INDIVIDUAL GOALKEEPING

UNF	POS	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MIN	SAV	GA	SV%	GAA	so	Y	R
12	GK	Elliot Panicco	6	6	540	18	7	72.0	1.16	0	0	0
26	GK	Tor Saunders	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0	0
24	GK	Alex Svetanoff	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0	0
1	GK	Tim Trilk	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0	0
		Eleven totals	6	6	540	18	7	72.0	1.16	0	0	0

PENALTIES FACED/SAVED: Panicco 1-1 (3/12 @ LDN, save v. Hopkins, 78')

### SERIES VS. ORANGE COUNTY SC:

Despite this being Indy Eleven's fifth season in the USL Championship and Orange County being an original member of the then USL Pro's "Inaugural Class of 2011," Sunday's match marks the first meeting between the two sides.

OCSC will be the third of seven new opponents for Indy Eleven in 2022, a group that includes:

vs. LA Galaxy II (1-1 D on 4/02) at Rio Grande Valley FC (2-1 W on 4/09) vs. Orange County SC (4/30) vs. New Mexico United (5/28) at Colorado Springs Switchbacks SC (6/18) at San Diego Loyal (6/25) vs. San Antonio FC (8/27) at Monterey Bay F.C. (9/17)

And if you wanted to count The Miami FC - a fellow opponent of Indy Eleven in the NASL from 2016-17 - and Detroit City FC - who Indy Eleven played in a friendly in 2019 - in that mix as first-time USL Championship opponents, we'd allow that.

**FAMILIAR FACES:** Fans of OCSC will recognize Eleven defender Noah Powder, who played on the West Coast with the club in 2018, making 21 appearances and scoring three goals.

Indy Eleven will be welcoming back Kevin Partida to Carroll Stadium on Sunday, as the midfielder appeared in six matches for the club late in the 2021 campaign. An additional connection to the Hoosier State on OCSC's roster is midfielder Tommy McCabe, who played his collegiate ball up north in South Bend for the University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish from 2016-18.

**LAST TIME OUT:** Indy Eleven captured the first home win of the Mark Lowry Era in dramatic fashion last Saturday against Atlanta United 2, as Aris Briggs' 92<sup>nd</sup> finish lifted the Boys in Blue to a 2-1 victory.

The match was open from the get-go, and it was the Eleven getting on the board first just 12 minutes in through midfielder Nicky Law's perfectly-placed free kick from inside the arc that nestled into the right side netting. While the Indy attack was clicking in the first half, it had only Law's effort to show for it at the end of 45 minutes.

In the 68<sup>th</sup> minute, ATL UTD 2 striker Jackson Conway atoned for a miss just minutes earlier by tying the game with a first-time redirect of Grant Howard's cross. The insertion of Ayoze and Manuel Arteaga by Lowry in the 78<sup>th</sup> minute spurred the Eleven to life, with 11 of the team's season-high 21 shots coming after that moment – including four from Arteaga in his first meaningful minutes of the season. It was his 1-2 with Law that put the Englishman into the right side of the area, where his cutback found a streaking Briggs for the deserved winner.

BRIGGS BIG OFF THE BENCH: After starting in two of the squad's first four matches, forward Aris Briggs has proven to be an early candidate as the squad's 2022 super sub its last two times out. Briggs' late match-winner last Saturday against Atlanta United 2 came on the heels of his game-winning assist a week earlier at RGV FC, as his inch-perfect through ball set up Stefano Pinho's winner in the 69th minute of another 2-1 win. Briggs joins Nicky Law as the only Boys in Blue in both the goal and assist columns early in the 2022 campaign ...

LAW NAMED TO TEAM OF THE WEEK: ... and speaking of Nicky Law, his first goal and assist of the young season both came in last week's 2-1 triumph over Atlanta, earning him a placement on the Week 6 USL Championship Team of the Week on Tuesday. The plaudit was the second weekly award for the Plymouth, England native since joining Indy Eleven in 2021, when he also garnered the award in Week 17 action. Law is the second player to be named to the Team of the Week in 2022, joining goalkeeper Elliot Panicco (Week 3).

WE'RE GOING STREAKING: After a pair of stumbles out of the gate at Loudoun and Tampa Bay, the Eleven have righted the ship with a pair of draws followed by a pair of wins. Last weekend's 2-1 win over Atlanta United 2 gave Indy Eleven its first four-game undefeated streak in regular season play in 633 days – or nearly 21 months' time. The previous run was actually part of a seven-game regular season stretch spanning the final three games of 2019 and the first four games of 2020:

10/05/19 ... 3-0 W vs. Memphis 10/12/19 ... 1-1 D at Tampa Bay 10/16/19 ... 2-1 W vs. Sporting KC II 03/07/20 ... 4-2 W at Memphis 07/11/20 ... 2-0 W vs. St. Louis 07/18/20 ... 2-1 W vs. Sporting KC II 07/22/20 ... 1-0 W at Pittsburgh

The five-game winning streak that ended the undefeated stretch marked the last time Indy Eleven put together more than two consecutive wins.

**(SCORING) FIRST AND FOREMOST:** Nicky Law's free kick last Saturday kicked off the game's scoring ... which continues to be a favorable sign for Indiana's Team. Law's goal helped the Boys in Blue to another victory after scoring first, extending its unbeaten streak on such occasions to 21 matches. That run dates back to 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 setback 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 13<sup>th</sup> minute tally was negated by New York Red Bulls II goals in the 60' & 69' in a 1-2 road defeat.

**AYOZE & ARTEAGA RAMPING UP RETURNS:** Two of the Eleven's most pivotal pieces – forward Manuel Arteaga and midfielder Ayoze – have been ramping up their minutes in the last two outings as they return from injuries suffered during the preseason. In Indy's win at RGV on April 9. Ayoze entered in the 86<sup>th</sup> minute to get his first minutes after recovering from a low leg injury, while Arteaga made his return for literally the last kick of the match in the 94<sup>th</sup> minute.

The pair entered last Saturday's match against Atlanta together in the 78th minute, and seemed to be on the ball perpetually down the stretch. Ayoze created all eight of his passes down the stretch, including a pair of crosses that resulted in chances created. Meanwhile, last year's leading scorer Arteaga (10 goals in 2021) picked up where he left off, putting two of his four shots on target and creating another two. His "hockey assist" on a 1-2 with Nicky Law set up Aris Briggs' eventual game-winner in the 92nd minute.

**CLOSE ENCOUNTERS:** The first month and a half of the season for Indy Eleven and Orange County SC have been practical mirror images as reflected not just in their records, but in their results as well. Of their 11 combined matches, only one has been decided by more than a one-goal margin, setting up a likely close encounter at The Mike on Sunday evening ...

	IND	OC
Week 1	0-1 L @ LDN	1-2 L @ COS
Week 2	0-2 L @ TBR	2-1 W vs. RGV
Week 3	1-1 D @ LOU	1-1 D @ NMU
Week 4	1-1 D vs. LA	bye
Week 5	1-2 W @ RGV	0-1 L vs. SA
Week 6	2-1 W vs. ATL	1-1 D vs. SAC

IND: 2W-2L-2D, 6 GF/7GA, -1 GD OC: 1W-2L-2D, 5 GF/6 GA, -1 GD

**DEFENSE BY COMMITTEE:** The four-man backline of center backs Mechack Jerome and AJ Cochran and wide backs Bryam Rebellon and Jared Timmer and deep-lying midfielder Sam Brown have started the last four matches together – and they seem to be forming a cohesive unit, allowing only one tally in each of those outings.

The four defenders each lead the squad in at least one defensive category – Jerome has 24 clearances, Cochran 6 blocks, Timmer 13 interceptions, and Rebellon 85/55 duels/duels won and 18/12 tackles/won – while Brown also ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> with 10 interceptions and 7 tackles won.

However, that unit will be disrupted this weekend, as Brown has been ruled out due to a concussion suffered in last weekend's match against Atlanta, while Rebellon is listed as questionable due to a left knee contusion suffered during a challenge that forced him from the same match late in the second half.

**ELEVEN ON THE CHARTS:** A pair of wins in recent weeks have helped some of the Boys in Blue climb towards the top of the USLC categorial charts:

- Stefano Pinho's brace at RGV on April 9 landed the striker on 3 goals for the season, placing him in a logjam for 10<sup>th</sup> place on the league's Golden Boot chart
- GK Elliot Panicco's pair of saves last Saturday vs.
   ATL put him on 18 for the season, which now
   places second in the league, just one behind
   PHX's Ben Lundt.
- Midfielder Nicky Law is among 6 players currently tied for 8<sup>th</sup> with 13 chances created after contributing three more in last Saturday's win – including the game-winning assist.

Team wise, despite not collecting any clean sheets through five games, Indy Eleven ranks nearly square in the middle of the 27-team pack in concessions ...

Goals Scored: 6 (T-18<sup>th</sup>) Goals Conceded: 7 (T-12<sup>th</sup>)

Shots: 55 (24th)

Conversion Rate: 13% (T-18<sup>th</sup>) Passing Accuracy: 73% (22<sup>nd</sup>) Fouls Conceded: 90 (10<sup>th</sup>) Cautions: 14 (T-14<sup>th</sup>)

INDY ELEVEN ADDS TWO-TIME MVP SOLOMON

**ASANTE:** Indy Eleven made waves throughout the USL Championship on April 11, when it announced the signing Ghanaian forward Solomon Asante. The diminutive striker (5'2") with a huge influence joins Indiana's Team following four dominant seasons in the attack of Phoenix Rising FC, where he won a pair of USLC MVP awards in 2019 & 2020, was named to the USLC All-League First Team thrice (2018-20), and twice led Phoenix to Western Conference Championship titles (2018 & 2020).

Asante's 54 goals and 42 assists in 113 regular season and postseason contests led to a ridiculous 0.87 goals + assists per 90 minutes figure that led the league across the four-year span. The former Ghanaian Player of the Year currently ranks fourth in USL Championship history with his 42 assists, helping to his place and the only player in league annals to score 40 goals and 40 assists in regular season action. Asante is responsible for arguably the best single-season performance in league history for an attacking player in 2019, when he broke the league record with 17 assists while scoring 22 goals (3<sup>rd</sup> highest in league history), figures that helped PHX to a record-setting 89 goals and 78 standings points.

Asante is currently in his native Ghana while undergoing the immigration process, and the club him to join for training in early-to-mid May.

(Click here for the full press release on Asante)

SEASON NINE STARTS FOR INDY ELEVEN: 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. The Boys in Blue have compiled a 50W-44L-28D record in its 122 regular season contests (52.5 win %). 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: 2W-2L-2D, 8 pts., -1 GD

2021 season: 9W-15L-8D, 35 pts, -15 GD (6<sup>th</sup>/8 in Central) 2020 season: 7W-7L-2D, 23 pts., +2 GD (3<sup>rd</sup>/4 in Group E) 2019 season: 19W-9L-6D, 63 pts., +19 GD (3<sup>rd</sup> /18 in East) - Lost in Eastern Conf. Final (1-3 L in aet vs. LOU)

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

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

USL home record (reg. season): 32W-14L-15D (64.8 win %)
USL away record (reg. season): 18W-30L-13D (40.2 win %)

STEPPING UP TO "THE MIKE": Indy Eleven will continue to enjoy some home cooking in the coming weeks, as Sunday's match is the second in a span of four-in-five home games through the end of May. The team's 2-1 win last weekend over Atlanta brought the club's record to 40W-24L-22D all time in now six seasons of play at the venerable venue, which includes USLC and NASL regular season and playoff contests in addition to Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup action.

After three seasons at Lucas Oil Stadium from 2018-20 to start its tenure in the USL Championship, the Eleven returned to its original home for the 2021 season. Last year's 4W-8L-4D home ledger factored into an overall disappointing season, but a three-game undefeated streak to end the year (1 win, 2 draws) as well as a draw and win to start 2022 has the squad on a five-game home unbeaten run in league play heading into Sunday evening.

All competitions record at Carroll: 40W-25L-22D

- NASL regular season (2014-17): 26W-18-17
- NASL postseason (2016): 1W-0L-0D
- U.S. Open Cup (2014-22): 2W-2L-0D
- USLC regular season (2021-22): 5W-8L-5D
- USLC postseason (2019): 2W-1L-0D

USL regular season home record (2018-22): 32W-14L-15D (64.8 win %)

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", going 21 matches without a loss from Oct. 2015-May 2017.

### INTERNATIONAL WINDOW CLOSES FOR INDY TRIO:

Three players that missed Indy Eleven – midfielder Neveal Hackshaw and defenders Noah Powder and Alex McQueen – have wrapped up duty for their respective national teams after a pair of matches across the recently closed FIFA international window in late March.

McQueen started his European adventure with Grenada on March 23 by playing the full 90 minutes in a 0-0 draw at Gibraltar (yes indeed, in the shadows of the famed Rock of the same name). The England-born McQueen rounded out the Spice Boys' pair of friendlies by playing 60 minutes in Grenada's 0-1 loss to Andorra on March 28.

Meanwhile, Hackshaw (24 caps since 2016) and Powder (9 caps since Jan. 2021) both represented Trinidad and

Tobago against Barbados on March 25 and Guyana on March 29. Powder started both contests, playing 84 minutes in both T&T's dominant 9-0 against Barbados and their 1-1 draw against Guyana. Hackshaw was subbed in for the final 16 against Barbados and started against Guyana, logging 63 minutes.

While McQueen and Powder returned stateside and contributed minutes in each of Indy's last three league games, Hackshaw returned to the squad last week after remaining Trinidad & Tobago to tend to personal matters but is expected to be available for selection on Sunday.

OH CAPTAINS, OUR CAPTAINS: While a lot of new faces – including numerous veterans – have joined Indy Eleven for the 2022 campaign, it will be a pair of Eleven stalwarts in Spanish midfielder Ayoze and Trinidad & Tobago international Neveal Hackshaw who will serve as the club's captains under Head Coach Mark Lowry in 2022. 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. With both Ayoze and Hackshaw out for varying spans of the early season, it has been veteran center back A.J. Cochran receiving the honor of wearing the captain's armband for each of the squad's last four contests.

**SEEING RED:** Indy Eleven started its 2022 campaign with two players seeing red cards in as many outings. The damage was limited on March 12 at Loudoun, when Alex McQueen picked up a red card in the 90<sup>th</sup> minute of the 0-1 defeat. After Indy Eleven went all 32 games in 2021 without seeing a single player ejected, McQueen's red card was the first issued to a Boy in Blue in 39 games dating back to Aug. 15, 2020, when Ayoze was dismissed in the 50<sup>th</sup> minute of a 1-0 win over Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC at Lucas Oil Stadium. That was followed by Raul Aguilera's second yellow-turned-red card in the 59<sup>th</sup> minute of Indy's 0-2 loss at Tampa Bay at March 19.

Thankfully, the rash of red cards has dried up since then, with Indy going the last four games without a seeing off.

"CENTURY CLUB" ACHIEVEMENTS UNLOCKED: After becoming the third member of Indy Eleven's "Century Club" – players who've made 100 appearances across all competitions – last September, defender Karl Ouimette became the first to hit another milestone on March 19 at Tampa Bay, when the Quebec native became the first Indy Eleven player ever to start in 100 matches (93 reg. season, 4 playoffs & 3 US Open Cup).

Meanwhile, Noah Powder hit the league's Century club by making his 100th appearance in his USL Championship career with his starting nod last Saturday at Rio Grande Valley. The New Jersey native turned Trinidad & Tobago international has suited up for the Eleven in four of its five regular season outings in 2022 after previous stops with Real Monarchs SLC (47 games) and NY Red Bulls II (49). Ayoze is about to join him on that list, as last Saturday's appearance off the bench was his 97th in USLC regular season action.

Here's Indy Eleven's "Century Club" list in all official competitions (regular season, postseason & US Open Cup):

Brad Ring (2014-2018): 115 caps
 Karl Ouimette (2018-current): 107

Ayoze (2018-current): 103Don Smart: (2014-17): 101

ELEVEN U19s CAPTURE SECOND TROPHY AT USL ACADEMY CUP: Indy Eleven entered four teams in last weekend's 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.

**LOWRY LEADS OFFSEASON 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 a pair of familiar lieutenants in 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 Goalkeeper Coach.

THIRTEEN DEBUT FOR ELEVEN IN '22: Of those 18 newcomers to the roster, 13 have already debuted with the club, with all but one doing so in the season opener at Loudoun United FC on March 12. Starters from that match included Elliot Panicco, Mechack Jerome, Alex McQueen, Noah Powder, Justin Ingram, Bryam Rebellon, Aris Briggs and Stefano Pinho ...

An additional four players – Raul Aguilera, Palmer Ault, Sam Brown, and Jonas Fjeldberg – made their debuts off the bench in the second half. For the Indianapolis native Ingram and Noblesville native Ault (a recent USL Academy Contract signing), their time at Segra Field marked their pro soccer debuts.

After going with known quantities in game two at Tampa Bay, forward Rodney Michael made it 13 new Boys in Blue on the season with his 17-minute stint on March 26 at LouCity.

NEW CREW OF BOYS IN BLUE: The Indy Eleven roster also received a makeover in the offseason — which continued April 11 with the addition of Samuel Asante. Now 18 of the current 30 players are spending their first seasons as Boys in Blue in 2022 (new players listed in bold

<u>Goalkeeper:</u> **Elliot Panicco**, **Tor Saunders**, ^Alex Svetanoff. **Tim Trilk** 

<u>Defender:</u> A.J. Cochran, **Mechack Jérôme**, **Alex McQueen**, Karl Ouimette, **Noah Powder**, ^Ecris Revolorio, Jared Timmer, **^Bryce Warhaft** 

Midfielder: Raul Aguilera, Ayoze, ^Aiden Benitez, Sam Brown, Jonas Fjeldberg, Neveal Hackshaw, Justin Ingram, Nicky Law, Bryam Rebellón, ^Diego Sanchez, Alann Torres

<u>Forward:</u> Manuel Arteaga, **^Palmer Ault**, **Aris Briggs**, **^Luca laccino**, **Rodney Michael**, **Stefano Pinho** 

Two of those newcomers – DF Mechack Jerome and MF Bryam Rebellon – bring plenty of familiarity with Lowry after playing for the sideline boss in both Jacksonville and El Paso. In addition, MF 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.

Of the 12 returning players for Indiana's Team, five received no or minimal minutes as USL Academy Contract players in 2021 (more on that later), leaving just seven regular contributors from last year's side to carryover – marking the second straight season of similar overhauling. That crew of seven "senior" returnees – defenders A.J. Cochran, Karl Ouimette, and Jared Timmer; midfielders Ayoze, Neveal Hackshaw, and Nicky Law; and forward Manuel Arteaga – represented pretty much half of the squad's returning production, including:

- 49% of minutes played last season (all seven played at least 1,500 minutes)
- 48% of assists created (10 of 21, including a team-high 5 by Avoze)
- 48% of goals scored (15 of 31, including a team-high 10 by Manuel Arteaga)

Of the returning players, Ouimette and Ayoze are back for their club-record-tying fifth season (equaling Brad Ring's mark from 2014-18) and Hackshaw for his fourth, while Arteaga, Cochran, Law and Timmer return for year #2. **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 Ioan from MLS' Nashville SC; club signs GK Tor Saunders and sends on Ioan to USL League 1 side Chattanooga Red Wolves SC

**March 10, 2022:** Club signs FW Luca laccino 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; Ioan MF Alann Torres to USL1's Forward Madison FC

April 11, 2022: Eleven sign FW Samuel Asante

YOUTH SERVED THROUGH SEVEN ACADEMY SIGNINGS: Nearly a full quarter of the Eleven's current 29-man roster is made up of USL Academy Contract signings, signaling Head Coach Mark Lowry's belief in including youth in his roster building philosophy. Goalkeeper Alex Svetanoff is in his third partial season with Indy as an Academy player, while DF Ecris Revolorio, MF Aiden Benitez, and MF Diego Sanchez return for their second season after initial signing developmental contracts last August. New Academy Contracts signings for 2022 include Palmer Ault DF Bryce Warhaft, and FW Luca laccino, the latter two having officially inked with the squad days prior to the open of the season on March 10.

<sup>^</sup> denotes USL Academy Contract player

**INGRAM HIGHLIGHTS HOOSIER CONTINGENT:** Eight players on this year's 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. In addition, five of the team's seven players on USL Academy Contracts are "homegrown Hoosiers" – as is "Academy graduate" Alann Torres ...

FW **Palmer Ault**: Brownsburg native, played with Indiana Fire Academy

MF **Aiden Benitez**: Westfield native, played with Indiana Fire Academy

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

DF **Ecris Revolorio**: Evansville native, played with Indiana Fire Academy

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

GK **Alex Svetanoff**: Crown Point native, played with Indiana Fire Academy

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

MF **Alann Torres**: Elkhart native, played with Indiana Fire Academy

**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 current roster features 13 players who are either full or dual internationals representing 13 different countries outside the U.S.:

FW Manuel Arteaga - Venezuela

MF Ayoze - Spain

MF Jonas Fjeldberg – Norway

MF Neveal Hackshaw – Trinidad & Tobago

DF Mechack Jerome - Haiti

MF **Nicky Law** – England

DF **Alex McQueen** – England / Grenada

FW Rodney Michael – Sierra Leone

DF Karl Ouimette – Canada

FW **Stefano Pinho** – Brazil

DF Noah Powder - Trinidad & Tobago / USA

MF Bryam Rebellon – Colombia

FW Solomon Asante – Ghana

Of the group, Hackshaw (22 caps since 2015) and Powder (7 caps since Feb. 2021) are regular representatives of Trinidad & Tobago's National Team, while McQueen is a stalwart for Grenada (11 caps since 2017). Jerome is also no stranger to international duty, having represented Haiti on more than 70 occasions through 2019, while Asante suited up for the Black Stars of Ghana 21 times during his international career.

2022 PLAYER BIOS: Please visit <a href="IndyEleven.com/roster">IndyEleven.com/roster</a> for the most up to date information on each member of the Boys in Blue.

# INDYSELEVEN 2022 ROSTER (as of 04/11/22)

#	Name	Pos.	Ħ.	Wt.	Hometown	Nationality	DoB	Last Club
1	Tim Trilk	ЭĞ	6,5,,	195	Rockford, IL	USA	08/15/98	Chattanooga Red Wolves SC (USL1)
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)
2	Jared Timmer	DF	5′11″	175	Hudsonville, MI	USA	04/29/97	Reno 1868 FC (USLC)
9	Sam Brown	MF	6,1,,	170	Ann Arbor, MI	USA	02/10/96	Real Monarchs SLC (USLC)
7	Ayoze (Garcia)	MF	2,2,,	151	Puerto de la Cruz, Spain	Spain	11/22/85	New York Cosmos (NASL)
∞	Raul Aguilera	MF	5,10"	160	Sanford, FL	USA	08/05/99	Orlando City SC (MLS)
6	Manuel Arteaga	Α	6,1,,	160	Maracaibo, Venezuela	Venezuela	06/17/94	FC Zulia (Venezuela/1)
10	Jonas Fjeldberg	MF	5′10″	165	Jessheim, Norway	Norway	86/08/60	FC Cincinnati (MLS)
12	* Elliot Panicco	ЭĞ	6,2,,	205	Paducah, KY	USA	11/18/96	Nashville SC (MLS)
13	Aris Briggs	ΡW	6,4,,	200	Memphis, TN	USA	11/09/96	Real Monarchs SLC (USLC)
14	Solomon Asante	ΡW	2,5,,	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	Noah Powder	님	5,10"	181	Edison, NJ	USA/Trinidad & Tobago	10/27/98	Real Salt Lake (MLS)
18	# Alann Torres	MF	5,10"	163	Elkhart, IN	USA	09/24/03	Forward Madison FC (USL1)
19	Rodney Michael	ΡW	2,8,,	157	Freetown, Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone	08/10/99	South Georgia Tormenta FC (USL1)
20	Karl Ouimette	딤	,0,9	192	Terrebonne, Quebec, Canada	Canada	06/18/92	San Francisco Deltas (NASL)
23	Justin Ingram	MF	2,8,,	155	Indianapolis, IN	USA	12/21/98	Loyola University Maryland (NCAA)
24	^ Alex Svetanoff	ЭŠ	6,3,,	195	Crown Point, IN	USA	04/02/03	Indiana Fire Academy (MLS Next)
25	Bryam Rebellón	MF	5′11″	175	Puerto Gaitan, Colombia	Colombia	01/22/92	El Paso Locomotive FC (USLC)
56	# Tor Saunders	ЭĞ	6,2,,	215	Bothell, WA	USA	04/30/98	Nashville SC (MLS)
27	Nicky Law	MF	5,10"	158	Plymouth, England	England	03/59/88	Exeter City (English League 2)
28	^ Palmer Ault	ΡW	5′10″	150	Noblesville, IN	USA	04/19/04	Indiana Fire Academy (MLS Next)
59	Stefano Pinho	ΡW	,0,9	170	Minas Gerais, Brazil	Brazil	01/12/91	Austin Bold FC (USLC)
32	^ Bryce Warhaft	님	,0,9	160	Weston, FL	USA	05/30/03	Orlando City SC (MLS Next)
35	A Diego Sanchez	MF	2,2,,	130	Indianapolis, IN	USA	12/12/04	Indiana Fire Academy (MLS Next)
36	^ Aiden Benitez	MF	2,2,,	147	Westfield, IN	USA	04/14/07	Indiana Fire Academy (MLS Next)
37	^ Ecris Revolorio	PF	2,8,,	152	Evansville, IN	USA	12/13/02	Indiana Fire Academy (MLS Next)
39	^ Luca laccino	Α	,0,9	165	Inverness, IL	USA	03/20/03	Chicago Fire Academy (MLS Next)
44	Alex McQueen	M	,,0,9	165	Romford, England	England / Grenada	03/24/95	Barnet (English National League)

<sup>\*</sup> player with club on loan # player away from club on loan ^ USL Academy Contract player

<b>Pronunciation Guide</b>		
Raul Aguilera	rah-OOL ah-gee-LARE-ah	Luca laccino
Manuel Arteaga	are-tee-AH-ga	Mechack Jérôme
Solomon Asante	ah-SAHN-tay	Karl Ouimette
Palmer Ault	ALT	Elliot Panicco
Ayoze	eye-YO-zay	Stefano Pinho
Aiden Benitez	A-den beh-KNEE-tezz	Bryam Rebellón
Aris Briggs	are-EEZ	Ecris Revolorio
Jonas Fjeldberg	YO-nahs FYELD-berg	Diego Sanchez
Neveal Hackshaw	NEV-ee-ell	Alex Svetanoff

meh-ZHACK ZHAY-rome

we-MET PAN-eh-koh

ee-ya-CHEE-no

STEH-fuh-no PEEN-yo BRY-am reh-bay-YONE EE-creese REV-o-LO-rio

dee-YAY-go SVEH-ta-noff