

2022 USL CHAMPIONSHIP REGULAR SEASON – IXI GAME #9

Indy Eleven (4W-2L-2D, 14 pts, T-5<sup>th</sup> in Eastern Conf.)

at

Memphis 901 FC (5W-2L-1D, 16 pts., 4<sup>th</sup> in Eastern Conf.)

Saturday, May 14, 2022 – 8:00 p.m. ET AutoZone Park – Memphis, Tenn.

NATIONAL TV: N/A LOCAL TV: N/A STREAMING VIDEO: <u>ESPN+</u> RADIO: N/A STREAMING AUDIO: N/A LIVE STATS: <u>#MEMVIND USLCHAMPIONSHIP.COM MATCHCENTER</u>

# INDY©ELEVEN PROJECTED LINE-UP





**Sports Medicine** 

# INJURY UPDATE: 05/12/22

OUT: MF Bryam Rebellon (R quadriceps strain)

**QUESTIONABLE:** None

DISCIPLINE REPORT: None

#### INDY ELEVEN LOOKS TO KEEP HOT STREAK GOING

**IN MEMPHIS:** After enjoying one of only two bye weekends on its 2022 regular season calendar, Indy Eleven returns to action Saturday night with a "heat check" contest at Memphis 901 FC that pits the fourth- and fifth-place squads in the Eastern Conference against each other. Indy enters the affair with four straight wins that have extended its unbeaten run to six games dating back to early April, while 901 FC have won three of their last four outings over the last month.

# **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   <u>Recap</u>
Sat. March 19	7:30 pm	Tampa Bay Rowdies	Al Lang Stadium – St. Petersburg, FL	L 0-2   <u>Recap</u>
Sat. March 26	7:30 pm	Louisville City FC	Lynn Family Stadium – Louisville, KY	D 1-1   <u>Recap</u>
Sat. April 2	7:00 pm	LA Galaxy II	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	D 1-1   <u>Recap</u>
Sat. April 9	8:30 pm	Rio Grande Valley FC	H-E-B Park – Edinburg, TX	W 2-1   <u>Recap</u>
Sat. April 16	7:00 pm	Atlanta United FC 2	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	W 2-1   <u>Recap</u>
Sun. April 24	5:30 pm	Orange County SC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	W 3-1   <u>Recap</u>
Sat. April 30	7:00 pm	Hartford Athletic	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	W 1-0   <u>Recap</u>
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 Pleasant, S	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**

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

**Date** Tues. April 5 Time (ET)

7:30 pm

Opponent St. Louis CITY FC (MLS NEXT Pro) Venue Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN Second Round Result/Broadcast L 0-2 | <u>Recap</u>

# INDY ELEVEN 2022 USL CHAMPIONSHIP REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS 4W-2L-2D (14 pts., +2 GD, 5th place in Eastern Conference)

#	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	Α	S	SoG	Y	R
29	FW	Stefano Pinho	8	8	681	4	2	17	7	2	0
13	FW	Aris Briggs	8	2	263	2	1	4	3	2	0
27	MF	Nicky Law	8	6	520	1	2	3	1	0	0
8	MF	Raul Aguilera	7	6	506	1	0	4	1	3	1
17	DF	Noah Powder	7	5	441	1	0	3	2	1	0
7	MF	Ayoze	4	2	124	1	0	2	2	0	0
4	DF	Mechack Jerome	7	7	565	0	1	2	0	0	0
29	FW	Manuel Arteaga	4	1	148	0	1	7	2	0	0
3	DF	A.J. Cochran	7	7	630	0	0	4	0	2	0
5	DF	Jared Timmer	7	7	630	0	0	3	1	1	0
23	MF	Justin Ingram	8	6	554	0	0	2	1	1	0
25	MF	Bryam Rebellon	6	6	477	0	0	2	0	1	0
10	MF	Jonas Fjeldberg	7	5	464	0	0	8	3	3	0
6	MF	Sam Brown	6	4	359	0	0	1	1	1	0
44	DF	Alex McQueen	6	4	357	0	0	0	0	1	1
15	MF	Neveal Hackshaw	4	3	335	0	0	0	0	1	0
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
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 laccino	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	8	8	720	10	7	63	24	19	2
		<b>Opponent totals</b>	8	8	720	8	5	77	28	20	0

**GAME-WINNING GOALS:** Stefano Pinho 2 (4/09 @ RGV, 4/24 vs. OC), Ayoze 1 (4/30 vs. HFD), Aris Briggs 1 (4/16 vs. ATL)

**GAME-WINNING ASSISTS:** Manuel Arteaga 1 (4/24 vs. OC), Aris Briggs 1 (4/09 @ RGV), Nicky Law 1 (4/16 vs. ATL), Stefano Pinho (4/30 vs. HFD) **PENALTY KICKS TAKEN:** n/a

#### INDY ELEVEN INDIVIDUAL GOALKEEPING

UNF	POS	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MIN	SAV	GA	SV%	GAA	SO	Y	R
12	GK	Elliot Panicco	8	8	720	19	8	70.4	1.00	1	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	8	8	720	19	8	70.4	1.00	1	0	0

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

#### IXI SERIES VS. MEMPHIS 901 FC:

USLC regular season: 3W-3L-1D (12 GF/9 GA) USLC regular season away: 2W-2L-0D (7 GF/6 GA)

While the Boys in Blue secured wins in the team's first three contests against Memphis, the Tennessee side evened the all-time series with three wins and a draw in 2021. Their last meeting saw Memphis end Indy's 2021 regular season campaign with a 3-0 win at AutoZone Park last October 30 on a goal by Roland Lamah (12') and two tallies assisted by Laurent Kissiedou through Kyle Murphy (32') and Andre Fortune (56'). Memphis also collected a 1-0 at home on Sept. 22 after drawing at Carroll Stadium 1-1 on July 17 and starting the 2021 season series with a 1-2 win at "The Mike" on June 5.

That said, Indy Eleven is not unfamiliar with success at AutoZone Park, which is where the Boys in Blue notched their biggest comeback win in history on March 7, 2020, via a memorable 4-2 triumph. That 2020 season opener – the club's lone match prior to the four-month COVID stoppage – saw Ayoze (48+'), Tyler Pasher (69', 72'), and Carl Haworth (83') put four straight behind legendary USMNT netminder Tim Howard. Indiana's Team began the series between the squads with a pair of 3-0 wins in 2019, starting with a victory in Memphis on June 8 and concluding at Lucas Oil Stadium on Oct. 5.

**#MEMvIND FAMILIAR FACES:** Memphis 901 FC acquired a pair of former Eleven defenders in the offseason in the persons of Rece Buckmaster and Patrick Seagrist. Buckmaster, a son of the Hoosier State as an Auburn native and Indiana University alum, played in 23 contests (15 starts) for Indy in 2021 before returning to 901 FC, with whom he suited up for in 2020. Seagrist started 20 of his 29 appearances on the Eleven backline while on loan from MLS' Inter Miami CF last season. One more familiar face to Indiana soccer fans is goalkeeper Trey Muse, who stood out in two seasons at IU from 2017-18 before turning pro.

While no Indy Eleven player has donned the Memphis blues in their past, forward Aris Briggs will be making a homecoming trip over the weekend. Briggs grew up in the Bluff City and attended Christian Brothers High School prior to continuing his playing days in Georgia with Atlantaarea club Concorde Fire and Georgia State University.

#### LAST TIME OUT - IND 1:0 HFD (APRIL 30)

Indy Eleven defeated the visiting Hartford Athletic and Mother Nature (barely) at Carroll Stadium to close out a prefect three-game homestand. The game kicked off nearly 45 minutes late due to a severe weather alert, and halftime lasted almost 90 minutes due to a second stoppage, but night's irregularities didn't seem to be an issue for the Boys in Blue. Captain Ayoze's first goal of the season in the 40<sup>th</sup> minute proved to be the deciding one thanks to Indy's first clean sheet of 2022, the result pushing the Eleven's win streak to four games and its undefeated run to six. **BRIGGS LEAGUE'S BEST OFF THE BENCH:** After starting in two of the Eleven's first four matches, forward Aris Briggs has proven to be the USL Championship's most productive "super sub" threat across April:

on April 9, Briggs' through ball to Stefano Pinho provided the game-winning assist in Indy's 2-1 win, its first of 2022
on April 16, Briggs' dramatic 92<sup>nd</sup> minute tally proved to be the game-winner in another 2-1 victory over ATL UTD 2
on April 24, Briggs' tallied in the 92<sup>nd</sup> minute again, this time closing out a 3-1 triumph over Orange County SC

Briggs' three scoresheet contributions were the most off the bench for any player in the Championship through Week 7 action.

**PINHO AMONG FIVE APRIL PLAYER OF THE MONTH NOMINEES:** Stefano Pinho finished third behind a pair of former Boys in Blue – San Antonio goalkeeper Jordan Farr and Pittsburgh striker Dane Kelly – earlier this week in the April Player of the Month vote. The Brazilian forward recorded three goals and two assists in five appearances for the Boys in Blue, posting a league-best +3.33 goals added mark over the month as he notched 18 shots and four key passes over the month. His goal and assist effort against Orange County SC on April 24 helped the Eleven notch their first multi-goal win of the season and landed him on the Week 7 USLC Team of the Week.

**WE'RE GOING STREAKING:** Indy Eleven's 1-0 win over Hartford on April 30 pushed its undefeated streak to six games – including four wins on the trot. The most recent run of such length was 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 which capped that undefeated stretch marked the last time until the current run that Indy Eleven had put together more than two consecutive wins.

**THRICE AS NICE:** 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. It was the team's 16<sup>th</sup> output of 3+ goals in now 124 USLC regular season games – but only its fourth since the start of 2020 (56 games).

**(SCORING) FIRST AND FOREMOST:** Scoring first has been a more than favorable sign for Indiana's Team. Ayoze's 40<sup>th</sup> minute go-ahead tally clearly counted as all the scoring in a 1-0 win the last time out against Hartford, a result that extended the squad's unbeaten streak when scoring first to 22 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.

**COMEBACK AROUND:** On the flip side, Indy's 3-1 win over Orange County SC on April 24 was a callback to Indy Eleven's other road game in Louisville last season, as it marked the first come-from-behind win since the Eleven's 2-1 triumph last May 29 at Lynn Family Stadium, which saw a pair of Jordan Hamilton goals (63', 89' PK) counter Corben Bone's opener (45').

Of Indy Eleven's 52 victories in USLC regular season play since the start of the 2018 campaign, the win over OCSC was the seventh accomplished in comeback fashion, and the third such won by multiple goals. Indy Eleven will have a good memory to fall back on should it fall behind on Saturday, as AutoZone Park was the site of the largest comeback win in team history on March 7, 2020, when it put four straight past Tim Howard to storm back from an early 0-2 hole in the first 15 minutes to win 4-2.

**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 over April as they returned 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 the April 16<sup>th</sup> match against Atlanta together in the 78<sup>th</sup> 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 92<sup>nd</sup> minute.

April 24 against Orange County saw the duo swap 45minute stints, with Ayoze earning his first start of the campaign, while Arteaga replaced *El Capitan* at the halftime break to put in 45 minutes of his own. The Venezuelan buzzsaw picked up his first assist of the season, his looping cross to Stefano Pinho in the 64<sup>th</sup> minute proving to be the game-winning assist in the 3-1 victory.

Both would earn starting nods on April 30 against Hartford, and it was Ayoze beating Arteaga into the goal-scoring column by notching his 2022 account opener in the 1-0 win. Ayoze exited the match in the 63<sup>rd</sup> minute, while Arteaga went the full 90 minutes and set the tone of the squad's high-pressure defense across the pitch.

**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. With both Ayoze and Hackshaw out for varying spans of the early season, veteran center back A.J. Cochran received the honor of wearing the captain's armband for four straight contests before Ayoze reclaimed the honor with his start on April 24 against OCSC.

**ELEVEN ON THE CHARTS:** Some Boys in Blue are continuing to climb towards the top of the USLC categorial charts during its recent undefeated streak:

- Stefano Pinho is in an 11-way tie for 8<sup>th</sup> place on the league's Golden Boot chart. His 17 shots also rank the Brazilian tied for 13<sup>th</sup> across the league.
- GK Elliot Panicco hasn't been asked to do much in the save department lately, but 19 stops has him ranked tied for 11<sup>th</sup> in the category
- Midfielder Nicky Law and Pinho are two of 23 players across the league with multiple assists, their two helpers each placing them tied for 8<sup>th</sup> in the category.

In the team statistical categories across the 27-team league ...

Goals Scored: 10 (T-16th) Goals Conceded: 8 (T-6th) Shots: 77 (26th) Conversion Rate: 16% (T-11th) Passing Accuracy: 72% (24th) Fouls Conceded: 123 (T-16th) Cautions: 19 (21st)

**OUIMETTE LOANED TO DCFC:** Indy Eleven announced on May 2 that defender Karl Ouimette would be loaned to Detroit City FC for the remainder of the 2022 season. The Quebec native appeared in two regular season contests (one start) and the team's U.S. Open Cup affair this season, contributing to his 108 all-time caps for the Eleven, which ranks second in club annals.

**TWO-TIME MVP SOLOMON ASANTE JOINING SOON:** Indy Eleven made waves throughout the USL Championship on April 11, when it announced the signing Ghanaian forward Solomon Asante. News came this week that Asante is scheduled to arrive in Indiana this week and is expected to join the squad for training next week ahead of its return to Carroll Stadium on May 21 vs. New York Red Bulls II.

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.

#### (Click here for the full press release on Asante)

**ELEVEN ENTER 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. The Boys in Blue have compiled a 52W-44L-28D record in its 124 regular season contests (53.2 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: 4W-2L-2D, 14 pts., +2 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): 34W-14L-15D (65.9 win %) USL away record (reg. season): 18W-30L-13D (40.2 win %) **STEPPING UP TO "THE MIKE":** Indy Eleven has enjoyed some home cooking in recent weeks after collecting the full nine points from its three-game homestand in late April. The team's 1-0 win over Hartford on April 30 brought the club's record to 42W-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 three wins to start 2022 has the squad on a seven-game home unbeaten run in league play, helping to establish Head Coach Mark Lowry's goal of making "The Mike" a fortress for his Boys in Blue.

All competitions record at Carroll: 34W-29L-22D (52.9%)

- 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): 3W-8L-5D
- USLC postseason (2019): 2W-1L-0D

USL regular season home record (2018-22): 34W-14L-15D (65.9 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.

**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 six games without a seeing off.

**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 in mid-April after remaining Trinidad & Tobago to tend to personal matters and made his return to the field April 24 vs. OCSC in the 25<sup>th</sup> minute in place of an injured Mechack Jerome.

"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 100<sup>th</sup> appearance in his USL Championship career with his starting nod on April 9 at Rio Grande Valley. Meanwhile, captain Ayoze is primed to hit the 100 regular season appearance mark the next time he takes the field – more than likely on Saturday night in Memphis.

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): 105
- Don Smart: (2014-17): 101

**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.

**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 Ione holdover on the Coaching Staff, returning for his fifth season as Goalkeeper Coach.

**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 italics):

<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* 

<u>Midfielder:</u> **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, Solomon Asante, ^Palmer Ault, Aris Briggs, ^Luca laccino, Rodney Michael, Stefano Pinho

^ denotes USL Academy Contract player

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 Ayoze)

- 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 Aquilera

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

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

**THIRTEEN DEBUT SO FAR 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.

**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

**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.

**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 laccino, 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.

2022 PLAYER BIOS: Please visit IndyEleven.com/roster for the most up to date information on each member of the Boys in Blue. INDV&ELEVEN 2022 ROSTER (as of 05/02/22)

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	Nationality	DoB	Last Club
Ч	Tim Trilk	ВK	6'2"	195	Rockford, IL	USA	08/15/98	Chattanooga Red Wolves SC (USL1)
£	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)
ŋ	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	5'7"	151	Puerto de la Cruz, Spain	Spain	11/22/85	New York Cosmos (NASL)
∞	Raul Aguilera	MF	5'10"	160	Sanford, FL	USA	08/02/99	Orlando City SC (MLS)
6	Manuel Arteaga	ΡW	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	* Elliot Panicco	GK	6'5"	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	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	Noah Powder	DF	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	FW	5'8"	157	Freetown, Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone	08/10/99	South Georgia Tormenta FC (USL1)
20	# Karl Ouimette	ЪF	6'0"	192	Terrebonne, Quebec, Canada	Canada	06/18/92	# Detroit City FC (USLC)
23	Justin Ingram	MF	5'8"	155	Indianapolis, IN	USA	12/21/98	Loyola University Maryland (NCAA)
24	Alex Svetanoff	GK	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)
26	# Tor Saunders	GK	6'5"	215	Bothell, WA	USA	04/30/98	# Chattanooga Red Wolves SC (USL1)
27	Nicky Law	MF	5'10"	158	Plymouth, England	England	03/29/88	Exeter City (English League 2)
28	^ Palmer Ault	FW	5'10"	150	Noblesville, IN	USA	04/19/04	Indiana Fire Academy (MLS Next)
29	Stefano Pinho	FW	6'0"	170	Minas Gerais, Brazil	Brazil	01/12/91	Austin Bold FC (USLC)
32	A Bryce Warhaft	DF	6'0"	160	Weston, FL	USA	05/30/03	Orlando City SC (MLS Next)
35	A Diego Sanchez	MF	5'7"	130	Indianapolis, IN	USA	12/12/04	Indiana Fire Academy (MLS Next)
36	^ Aiden Benitez	MF	5'7"	147	Westfield, IN	USA	04/14/07	Indiana Fire Academy (MLS Next)
37	A Ecris Revolorio	DF	5'8"	152	Evansville, IN	USA	12/13/02	Indiana Fire Academy (MLS Next)
39	^ Luca laccino	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)
* plc	player with club on loan	# player away from club on loan	vay from	club on k	oan 🛛 ^ USL Academy Contract player	player		
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