

# 2022 USL CHAMPIONSHIP REGULAR SEASON – IXI GAME #18

Indy Eleven (6W-8L-3D, 21 pts., 8<sup>th</sup> in Eastern Conf.)
vs.

Detroit City FC (8W-4L-6D, 30 pts., T-4th in Eastern Conf.)

Saturday, July 9, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. ET IUPUI Michael A. Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, Ind.

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# INDYOELEVEN PROJECTED LINE-UP



# USL CHAMPIONSHIP EASTERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

(as of Thursday, July 7)

Pos.			P	W	L	Т	GD	Pts
1	•	Louisville City FC	17	11	3	3	20	36
2	0	Memphis 901 FC	17	11	4	2	16	35
3	BIHARE	Tampa Bay Rowdies	18	9	3	6	16	33
4		Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	18	9	6	3	5	30
5	8	Detroit City FC	18	8	4	6	7	30
6		Birmingham Legion FC	17	7	5	5	1	26
7	0	The Miami FC	18	6	6	6	2	24
8	-	Indy Eleven	17	6	8	3	-5	21
9	D	FC Tulsa	19	5	10	4	-12	19
10	<b>(</b>	Hartford Athletic	17	4	9	4	-6	16
11	0	Atlanta United 2	19	4	12	3	-22	15
12	8	Loudoun United FC	17	4	10	3	-14	15
13	9	Charleston Battery	17	2	12	3	-18	9
14	100	New York Red Bulls II	17	1	13	3	-24	6

## INDY ELEVEN 2022 USL CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON SCHEDULE

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

Date	Time (ET)	Opponent	Venue	Result/Br	oadcast
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	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	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 6W-8L-3D (21 pts., -5 GD, 8th place in Eastern Conference as of 7/07/22)

#	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	Α	S	SoG	Y	R
29	FW	Stefano Pinho	16	13	1,171	7	3	26	11	3	0
9	FW	Manuel Arteaga	12	9	866	5	2	29	18	6	1
8	MF	Raul Aguilera	16	14	1,164	2	1	6	2	5	1
13	FW	Aris Briggs	10	2	283	2	1	4	3	2	0
10	MF	Jonas Fjeldberg	14	11	891	2	0	14	6	3	0
27	MF	Nicky Law	16	12	1,116	1	4	7	3	2	0
17	DF	Noah Powder	12	9	761	1	1	9	6	3	0
7	MF	Ayoze	9	4	327	1	0	2	2	0	0
14	FW	Solomon Asante	8	5	517	0	3	6	1	2	0
4	DF	Mechack Jerome	15	14	1,195	0	1	2	0	1	0
25	MF	Bryam Rebellon	8	6	484	0	1	2	0	1	0
5	DF	Jared Timmer	16	16	1,407	0	0	4	1	2	0
23	MF	Justin Ingram	17	13	1,184	0	0	8	5	2	0
3	DF	A.J. Cochran	15	13	1,171	0	0	6	1	4	0
6	MF	Sam Brown	15	11	957	0	0	2	1	2	0
44	DF	Alex McQueen	12	9	817	0	0	1	0	1	1
15	MF	Neveal Hackshaw	11	8	814	0	0	2	0	2	0
20	DF	Karl Ouimette	2	1	226	0	0	1	0	0	0
19	FW	Rodney Michael	5	0	44	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 laccino	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
Eleve	n total	s 17	17	1530	22	17	137	60	45	3	
Oppo	nent to	otals	17	17	1530	27	16	190	68	45	0

**GAME-WINNING GOALS:** Stefano Pinho 2 (4/09 @ RGV, 4/24 vs. OC), Manuel Arteaga 1 (6/04 @ CHS), Ayoze (4/30 vs. HFD), Aris Briggs 1 (4/16 vs. ATL), own goal 1 (5/21 vs NY)

**GAME-WINNING ASSISTS:** Manuel Arteaga 1 (4/24 vs. OC), Solomon Asante 1 (6/04 @ CHS), 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

#	POS	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MIN	SF	SAV	GA	SV%	GAA	SO	Υ	R
12	GK	Elliot Panicco	10	10	900	35	25	10	71.4	1.00	2	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
1	GK	Tim Trilk	5	4	418	21	12	9	57.1	1.94	0	0	0
N/A	GK	Sean Lewis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>12</u>	GK	Bryan Meredith	3	3	212	13	5	8	38.5	3.40	0	0	0
		Eleven totals	17	17	1530	69	42	27	60.9	1.59	2	0	0

**PENALTIES STOPPED/FACED:** Panicco 1/1 (3/12 @ LDN v. Hopkins 78', saved), Meredith 0/1 (6/18 @ COS v. Barry 45+1', goal), Trilk 1/1 (6/25 @ SD v. Vassell 46+', missed)



### **Sports Medicine**

# INJURY UPDATE: 07/07/22

OUT: GK Bryan Meredith (R finger), DF Bryam

Rebellon (R quad)

**QUESTIONABLE**: none

**UNAVAILABLE PLAYERS** 

SUSPENDED: none

**NATIONAL TEAM DUTY: none** 

### **MATCH OFFICIALS**

Referee: Benjamin Meyer

Assistant Referee: Brian Marshall Assistant Referee: Zach Gaidar Fourth Official: Alex Beehler

### INDY & DETROIT KICK OFF NEW USLC RIVALRY ...

Indy Eleven began play in 2014 and Detroit City FC two years earlier, but it took DCFC joining the USL Championship this past offseason for the clubs separated by less than 300 miles to finally have a game with meaning circled on the calendar. That wait ends Saturday night when the Boys in Blue host Le Rouge at Carroll Stadium for their first competitive contest, a game that will kick off the second half of the Eleven's 34-game USLC regular season.

Indy Eleven's second 0-1 loss in five days' time at Pittsburgh on Wednesday night was the team's fourth straight defeat, which extended its winless streak to five games dating back to a 1-1 draw at Miami on June 8. Despite the monthlong slide, Indy still sits just one spot out of playoff positioning in the Eastern Conference in eighth place, only three points behind seventh place Miami with a game in hand on the Florida side, and two points ahead of FC Tulsa, which has played two more matches than the Eleven.

Ever since a 3-1 win over Atlanta United 2 on May 21 put Detroit at 7W-2L-3D, the Michigan side has hit a bit of a dry patch, going 1W-2L-3D in their six outings since the start of June. Like the Eleven, Le Rouge were in action on Wednesday night, posting a 1-1 home draw against Hartford Athletic, meaning the quick turnaround will test a DCFC side with one of the smaller rosters in the entirety of the Championship. Detroit can be buoyed by its solid 3-3-2 away record, which includes a 1-0 win at Las Vegas Lights FC the last time they hit the road last Saturday.

... AND CONCLUDE USL W SERIES: To amp the burgeoning Indy-Detroit rivalry up a notch, the two clubs will start a busy day at Carroll Stadium with the regular season finale for their respective USL W League sides, with kickoff set for 2:00 p.m.

The matinee will serve as a postseason tune up for Indy Eleven, which clinched the Great Lakes Division crown via their 3-0 win at Detroit just last Friday night at Keyworth Stadium in Hamtramck, Mich. The Girls in Blue gained the division's automatic spot in the W League's 8-team postseason with the result; they'll find out the opponent and location for next Wednesday's Quarterfinal Round contest as more results shake out over the weekend. The Eleven enter the affair still undefeated with a dominant 9W-0L-2D record (29 pts.), while Detroit carries a 3W-5L-3D mark into the weekend and will look to maintain its 5th place position in the division.

**IXI SERIES VS. PIT:** Saturday marks the first regular season matchup between Indy Eleven and Detroit City FC, which is spending its first season in the USL Championship after playing in the NPSL from 2012 through 2019 and NISA from 2020 through 2021. The two sides have met before, however, in an exhibition match at Keyworth Stadium back on Aug. 13, 2019. In that friendly, Eugene Starikov's 71st minute goal was the lone tally in the Eleven's 1-0 victory.

So far this season, Indy Eleven is 2W-3L-2D in first-time matchups in USL Championship action, including an even 1-1-1 mark at Carroll Stadium. Detroit will be the eighth of 10 new opponents in league play this season, eight of which comprise the entirety of the club's cross-conference opposition from the West:

vs. LA Galaxy II (1-1 D on April 2) at Rio Grande Valley FC (2-1 W on April 9) vs. Orange County SC (3-1 W on April 30) vs. New Mexico United (1-2 L on May /28) at The Miami FC (1-1 D on June 8) at Colorado Springs Switchbacks SC (3-4 L on 6/18) at San Diego Loyal (0-5 L on June 25) Saturday vs. Detroit City FC vs. San Antonio FC (8/27) at Monterey Bay F.C. (9/17)

**#INDvDET FAMILIAR FACES:** There are two common links between the Indy and Detroit rosters, both residing on the DCFC sideline. Defender Karl Ouimette, whose 108 appearances were the second most for Indy until Ayoze surpassed him with his substitute appearance on Wednesday night at Pittsburgh, was sent on loan to DCFC for the remainder of the 2022 season on May 2, while Detroit Head Coach Trevor James served as Indy Eleven's Technical Director and Assistant Coach across 2017-18.

While no current Eleven players have suited up for DCFC, there are three native Michiganders on the roster in GK Sean Lewis (Rockford), DF Jared Timmer (Hudsonville), and MF Sam Brown (Ann Arbor).

# LAST TIME OUT – PIT 1 : 0 IND (SAT., JULY 2): Recap & Highlights | Stats

Indy Eleven put forth one of its best defensive efforts of the season on Wednesday night, but it wasn't enough to avoid a 1-0 defeat at Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC. The Eleven held their ground until late in the second half, when substitute Albert Dikwa's finish sent the Boys in Blue to a second loss by the frustrating 0-1 scoreline within five days' time.

Indy Eleven looked to go ahead 11 minutes in, only to see Stefano Pinho's back post finish nullified for offside. Nicky Law's shot from distance that forced Jahmali Waite into a save in the 23<sup>rd</sup> minute ended up being Indy's only shot on goal of the evening, but the Eleven's sturdy defensive effort likewise held Pittsburgh to a lone shot on frame. However, that ended up being all the Riverhounds needed, as Dikwa's goal with 11 minutes left in regulation made the difference in the tight affair.

ARTEAGA UP FOR 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 on Thursday. He'll face competition from Augustine Williams (CHS), Preston Judd (LA), Alejandro Guido (SD), and Leo Fernandes (TBR), with the winner to be announced next Thursday, July 14.

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 is the second member of the Boys in Blue up for the league's monthly honor, following Stefano Pinho's third place finish in the April voting.

INDY ACQUIRES LEWIS, SENDS POWDER TO TULSA IN TRADE: Indy Eleven made the first trade of the "Mark Lowry Era" on Tuesday afternoon, when the club acquired veteran goalkeeper Sean Lewis from FC Tulsa in exchange for D/M Noah Powder. Lewis is expected to be available for selection by Lowry in time for this Saturday's return to Carroll Stadium against Detroit FC.

With his addition to the Eleven, Lewis has been reunited with Lowry, who coached the native of Rockford, Mich., in 2016 with Jacksonville Armada FC, then Indy Eleven's foe in the North American Soccer League. 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.

Powder's brief Indy Eleven tenure ends after he contributed one goal and one assist in 12 contests (nine starts). The New Jersey native and Trinidad & Tobago international signed with Indy Eleven in January and crossed the 100 games played threshold in USL Championship regular season action back in April, building upon his previous time with NY Red Bulls II and Real Monarchs SLC.

**GOALKEEPER ROTATION:** The addition of Lewis makes the Eleven's fluid goalkeeper situation since the sudden loan recall of Elliot Panicco even more of a whirlwind, which has been managed between Tim Trilk and Bryan Meredith across the last +7 weeks. Here's the "tick-tock" of the timeline between the posts ...

May 21: Elliot Panicco continues his starting streak for Indy Eleven with his 10<sup>th</sup> appearance in as many USLC matches.

May 24: Panicco is recalled by MLS side Nashville SC. In his 10 appearances, Panicco recorded an even 1.00 goals against average, 5W-3L-2D record, and two clean sheets.

May 26: The Nashville-to-Indy netminder pipeline continues when the Eleven adds 12-year veteran Bryan Meredith on Ioan. The 32-year-old has made 16 MLS starts for Seattle Sounders FC and Vancouver Whitecaps FC since 2011, and also made 25 appearances in USL Championship action with Seattle's affiliate side, Tacoma Defiance FC, from 2017-19.

May 28: Third-year pro Tim Trilk makes his first league start for Indy Eleven in a 1-2 defeat to New Mexico United at Carroll Stadium. That marked the second appearance for the 23-year-old native of Rockford, Ill., in 2022, this after he made his club debut in the squad's 0-2 loss to STL CITY2 in Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup action in the season's infancy on April 6.

June 4: Meredith's number is called by Mark Lowry for the first time for Indy's affair in Charleston. Meredith made three saves during the wild 4-3 win, his first in the Championship since Aug. 30, 2019, when he helped Tacoma to a 5-1 victory over San Antonio FC.

June 8: Tim Trilk starts in the Eleven's 1-1 draw at Miami.

June 18: Meredith is back between the posts for a 3-4 defeat at Western Conference leaders Colorado Springs.

June 25: Meredith becomes the first of the two goalkeepers to make consecutive starts, but he leaves the eventual 0-5 loss at San Diego after 32 minutes due to an injured hand, so it's "Trilk Time" once again ... .

July 2: Trilk's back in the XI for a 1-1 draw at Miami.

July 5: Indy Eleven trades for veteran 'keeper Sean Lewis, who becomes the sixth rostered goalkeeper on Indiana's Team this season along with Panicco, Trilk, Meredith, Academy 'keeper Alex Svetanoff, and on loan netminder Tor Saunders.

July 6: It's Trilk making consecutive starts for the first time, again allowing only once in a 0-1 loss at Pittsburgh.

**ON THE SPOT:** During "Trilk Time" on June 25 at San Diego, Loyal SC's Kyle Vassell skied a PK attempt during first half stoppage time, giving Indy goalkeepers a 2-of-3 success rate vs. PK takers in 2022. Indy has yet to attempt a penalty kick of its own this season [eyebrow raised emoji].

**SEEING RED:** Indy Eleven was without the services of forward Manuel Arteaga during Wednesday's 0-1 defeat at Pittsburgh, this after he received his second yellow card of last Saturday's 0-1 loss to The Miami FC on one of the last actions of the match four minutes deep into stoppage time. The subsequent red card was the first shown to Arteaga during his now 44-game USL Championship career and the third issued to an Indy Eleven player in 2022; no opponents have been shown a red in Indy's 17 matches.

Indy 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 red card (2<sup>nd</sup> yellow) in the 59<sup>th</sup> minute of Indy's 0-2 loss at Tampa Bay at March 19.

ARTEAGA IS INDY'S SHOOTING STAR: You can't score if you don't shoot, and no one has taken that mantra to heart for Indy quite like Manuel Arteaga. After missing the first four games of 2022 Arteaga is making up for lost time, leading the team with 29 shots (T-17<sup>th</sup> in USLC), three more than Stefano Pinho, while his 18 shots on target are the most on the squad by seven over Pinho. Arteaga's eight shots taken last weekend against Miami were the most by an Indy Eleven player in a single game this season and accounted for more than half of the team's 15 shots on the night. Arteaga put all six of his shots on goal on June 4 while scoring a hat-trick at Charleston, the total tying him for the second-most SOG's in a single game in USL Championship history.

The trend is nothing new, as the Venezuelan's 85 shots last season were the 11<sup>th</sup> most in the USL Championship and 30 clear of the next closest teammate (Gordon Wild's 55).

**ELEVEN PARK SEES LOCATION, 2025 DATE ANNOUNCED:** 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 IHSAA events, international matches, concerts and various community events.

**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. This is the first time Indy has gone 12 straight games with a goal in regular season action, beating 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 last 12 games), Indy has already done so in 6 of its 17 games (35%) so far this season.

... BEGINNING CURRENT SCORING DROUGHT: Unfortunately for Indy, that match in San Diego marked the beginning of a 270-minute scoreless streak. The drought spanning the entirely of the team's last three games (Manuel Arteaga scored Indy's last goal in the 96<sup>th</sup> minute on June 18 at Colorado Springs) is the longest since a 311-minute stretch that began following the Eleven's final goal of the 2021 regular season by Peter-Lee Vassell in their penultimate game on Oct. 23 vs. Tulsa and was snapped by Stefano Pinho's account opener in the 22' of Indy's 1-1 draw at Lou City on March 26.

**NEW TURF CHRISTENED AT THE MIKE:** While the Boys in Blue were away for the entire month of June, work on the field at IUPUI Michael A. Carroll Stadium was just beginning. Thanks to Indy Eleven's continuing collaboration with IUPUI, a new FieldTurf playing surface was installed at the stadium during the lengthy road trip, which saw its first action with last Saturday's contest against The Miami FC. The turf is a significant upgrade over the previous playing surface, utilizing FieldTurf's CORE model that is utilized for game and/or practice usage by a dozen MLS sides.

(SCORING) FIRST AND FOREMOST: Scoring first has been a more than favorable sign for Indiana's Team. Stefano Pinho's 21<sup>st</sup> minute opener started the Eleven's scoring barrage on June 4 at Charleston, with the eventual 4-3 win extending the squad's unbeaten streak when scoring first to 24 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.

**ELEVEN ON THE CHARTS, SOLO:** 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 a 5-way tie for 12<sup>th</sup> place on the league's Golden Boot chart with 7 goals (T-5<sup>th</sup> in the Eastern Conf.).
- Manuel Arteaga's 29 shots ranks T-17<sup>th</sup> across the league (T-7<sup>th</sup> in East), while Stefano Pinho's 26 shots rank T-26<sup>th</sup>/T-11<sup>th</sup>
- Nicky Law's 4 assists have him T-13 across the league and T-6 in the East. Solomon Asante and Stefano Pinho find themselves among the players T-29<sup>th</sup> in the league on 3 assists (T-13<sup>th</sup> in East)

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

Goals Scored: 22 (19th)

Goals Conceded: 27 (16th fewest)

Shots: 160 (27th)

Conversion Rate: 17% (T-9th)
Passing Accuracy: 76% (T-19th)
Fouls Conceded: 248 (12th)

Cautions: 43 (T-14th) Ejections: 3 (T-8th)

# AYOZE CLIMBS CLUB'S CAREER CAPS CHART:

Ayoze's appearance off the bench at Memphis 901 FC on May 14 marked the 100<sup>th</sup> appearance in USL Championship regular season play for the Indy Eleven captain. He became the second Boy in Blue to cross that threshold this season alongside former member Noah Powder (Apr. 9 at RGV).

With his substitute appearance on Wednesday night at Pittsburgh, "Ayo" also moved up the rungs of the team's all-time appearances chart, with his 109th "cap" in official competitions breaking his deadlock with Karl Ouimette for second place in the category.

Prior to being loaned to DCFC in May, Ouimette became the first Indy player 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).

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

• Brad Ring (2014-2018): 115 caps

Ayoze (2018-current): 109

• Karl Ouimette (2018-current): 108

• Don Smart: (2014-17): 101

**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.

IXI ON THE TEAM OF THE WEEK: Seven Indy Eleven players have been named to the USL Championship Team of the Week on nine occasions in 2022, including two appearances for Manuel Arteaga in June following matches against Charleston Battery and Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC. Arteaga combined for five goals in those two matches, including a hat trick at Charleston that helped him earn the Player of the Week honor ...

Elliot Panicco – Week 3
Stefano Pinho – Week 5 (bench) & Week 7
Mechack Jerome – Week 5 (bench)
Nicky Law – Week 6
Stefano Pinho – Week 7
Manuel Arteaga – Week 13 (Player of the Week) & Week 15 (bench)
Solomon Asante – Week 14 (bench)

**PINHO PRIMED FOR SUCCESS:** Stefano Pinho continued his renaissance season with Indy Eleven against The Miami FC on June 8, making it three consecutive matches with a goal when he scored the equalizer in the 55<sup>th</sup> minute of the 1-1 draw. His team-high seven goals places him in a tie for 12<sup>th</sup> place on the USL Championship's Golden Boot chart and T-5<sup>th</sup> amongst Eastern Conference players. The Brazilian is the only player to score in three straight matches for Indy this season, although his streak did end on June 25 in San Diego after he failed to find the scoresheet in 29 minutes of action off the bench.

Pinho's bounce back season started during a strong April 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. He ended up finishing third in April's Player of the Month voting behind a pair of former Boys in Blue in Jordan Farr (SA) and Dane Kelly (PIT).

BACK-TO-BACK SCORERS: As mentioned above, Pinho became the third player to score in consecutive games this season (5/28 vs. MNU, 6/04 @ CHS & 6/08 @ MIA). Jonas Fjeldberg became 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, who recently came off the team's injury report after suffering a shin injury in May, is the only other Eleven player to score in consecutive matches this season, doing so in stoppage time against both Orange County SC (April 24) and Atlanta United 2 (April 16).

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 25<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 37<sup>th</sup> minutes of last Saturday's 4-3 win over the Battery – 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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.

ASANTE ALREADY ASCENDING: After signing with the Boys in Blue on April 11, some massive lifting behind the scenes in May allowed Solomon Asante to arrive from his native Ghana and make his debut for the Eleven in the 79<sup>th</sup> minute of Indy's 2-0 win over New York Red Bulls II on May 28. In that match, he nearly contributed his first assist on a corner kick delivery ... but it wouldn't take long for "Solo" to finally see the scoresheet during his second appearance on May 21 versus New Mexico, when he supplied a low driven cross that Stefano Pinho's slid into the six convert in the 80<sup>th</sup> minute of the eventual 1-2 defeat.

Asante's three assists so far has him tied with Stefano Pinho for the club lead. Meanwhile, his now 44 career assists in regular season play are the second most in USLC annals, tying him with former Phoenix Rising FC teammate Aodhan Quinn and Hartford's Danny Barrera, the trio sitting five behind Pittsburgh's Kenardo Forbes' 49 helpers.

The only "40-40" goal & assist player in Championship regular season history is on the cusp of another round number milestone. Asante's next goal will be his 50<sup>th</sup> in regular season action, which would make him just the 16<sup>th</sup> player in the league's now 12-year history to reach that plateau.

The diminutive striker (5'2") joined 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 titles (2018 & 2020).

When combining regular season and postseason play, Asante has collected 54 goals and 45 assists in just over four seasons of action. Asante's 2019 campaign was arguably the best attacking performance in league history, as he broke the USLC record with 17 assists while scoring 22 goals (3rd in league history), figures that helped PHX to a record-setting 89 goals and 78 standings points.

STEPPING UP TO "THE MIKE": Indy Eleven had enjoyed its home cooking 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. However, a pair of narrow losses the last two times out at "The Mike" – May 28 vs. New Mexico (1-2) and July 2 vs Miami (0-1) – have put a damper the squad's home success as of late. The loss to New Mexico snapped an eight-game undefeated streak at home in USLC play that included the final three games of 2021.

USL regular season home record (2018-22): 35W-16L-15D (64.4 win %)

- At Carroll Stadium: 9W-8L-5D (52.3 win %)
  - At Lucas Oil Stadium: 26W-8L-10D (70.5 win %)

All competitions record at Carroll: 40W-29L-22D (56.0%)

- 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): 9W-8L-5D
- 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.

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.

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 133-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 18<sup>th</sup> output of 3+ goals in those 133 games, and while only six of those have come in the 64 games since the start of 2020, three of them have come in the squad's last 11 outings, 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

**COMEBACK AROUND:** Indy's 3-1 win over Orange County SC on April 24 at Carroll Stadium marked its first comefrom-behind win since the Eleven's 2-1 triumph over LouCity FC last May 29 at Lynn Family Stadium. After going down early courtesy of Mikko Kunnigas' 13<sup>th</sup> minute goal, three straight unanswered goals in the second half by Noah Powder (54'), Stefano Pinho (65'), and Aris Briggs (93+') powered Indy past the defending champs in convincing fashion.

Of Indy Eleven's 54 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. The only time Indy Eleven overcame a multiple goal deficit was on March 7, 2020, 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.

INTERNATIONAL TRIO RETURNS: Three Boys in Blue returned from excused absences in mid-June, as defender/captain Neveal Hackshaw (Trinidad & Tobago), defender Alex McQueen (Grenada), and the recently-traded Noah Powder (Trinidad & Tobago) came back from their respective national teams for Concacaf Nations League duty. All three missed Indy's affairs at Charleston (June 4) and the first meeting with Miami FC (June 8) but returned in time to make the trek to Colorado Springs on June 18, with McQueen starting and going 71 minutes, while Powder and Hackshaw played the final 19 minutes off the bench.

Hackshaw (25 senior caps since 2015) and the New Jersey native Powder (12 senior caps since 2021) joined the Soca Warriors for Group C play in League B, which began at Nicaragua without either dressing for the 1-2 loss. The duo made an immediate impact against The Bahamas, with Hackshaw (90 mins) getting his first international goal by heading in Powder's (82 mins) corner kick in the 4th minute of a 1-0 win. Both of Indy's T&T internationals scored in the nation's two matches against St. Vincent & The Grenadines, with Hackshaw scoring in the 17th in the first meeting on the road June 10th and Powder notching a brace with goals in the 11th and 41st minutes in the second meeting at home on June 13, both wins for Trinidad & Tobago.

Meanwhile, the London-native McQueen (16 senior caps since 2017) notched his first senior international goal as well on June 4, his 5<sup>th</sup> minute golazo counting as Grenada's lone goal in a 1-3 defeat at El Salvador. McQueen entered as a substitute (18 minutes) in the return match against El Salvador on June 7 (2-2 D), and earned another start on June 10 at the United States before coming off in the 70<sup>th</sup> minute of the 5-0 defeat in Austin, Texas.

**STREAKS SNAPPED:** Indy Eleven's 1-0 win over Hartford on April 30 pushed its undefeated streak to six games (including four straight wins) – but the run came to an end May 14 at Memphis. 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.

**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)

**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 12 players who are either full or dual internationals representing 12 different countries outside the U.S.:

FW Manuel Arteaga – Venezuela FW Solomon Asante – Ghana 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

MF Bryam Rebellon – Colombia

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.

**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. The Boys in Blue have compiled a 54W-50L-29D record in its 133 regular season contests (51.5 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: 6W-8L-3D, 22 pts., -5 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): 35W-16L-15D (64.4 win %)
USL away record (reg. season): 19W-34L-14D (38.8 win %)

**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.

**16 DEBUT SO FAR IN '22:** Of the now 20 new members added to the Indy Eleven roster at some point in 2022 (including Sean Lewis), 16 have already debuted with the club – with all but four doing so in the season opener at Loudoun United FC on March 12. 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 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, when he made a 95<sup>th</sup> minute cameo in place of Nicky Law in the 4-3 win.

Only USL Academy offseason additions Bryce Warhaft and Luca laccino have yet to see the field amongst the new signings, along with loaned-out goalkeeper Tor Saunders and the just-acquired Lewis.

**NEW CREW OF BOYS IN BLUE:** The Indy Eleven roster also received a makeover in the offseason — which continued with the in-season acquisitions of Solomon Asante, Bryan Meredith, and Sean Lewis. 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> **Sean Lewis, Bryan Meredith**, **Tor Saunders**, ^Alex Svetanoff, **Tim Trilk** 

<u>Defender:</u> A.J. Cochran, **Mechack Jérôme**, **Alex McQueen**, Karl Ouimette, ^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** 

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, while new GK Sean Lewis also suited up in JAX. 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, leaving just seven regular "senior" returnees – defenders A.J. Cochran, Karl Ouimette, and Jared Timmer; midfielders Ayoze, Neveal Hackshaw, and Nicky Law; and forward Manuel Arteaga – from last year's side to carryover, marking the second straight season of such overhauling.

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 (Noblesville H.S.), 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 (Washington H.S.), played with Indiana Fire Academy

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

GK **Alex Svetanoff**: Crown Point native (Crown Point H.S.), 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

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 Iaccino, the latter two having officially inked with the squad days prior to the open of the season on March 10.

So far in 2022, Ault has made three appearances via late cameos off the bench with the latest coming June 4 at Charleston, which is also when Revolorio made his prodebut 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 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.

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

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 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; 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

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

# INDV&ELEVEN 2022 ROSTER (as of 07/05/22)

#	Name	Pos.	Ħ.	Wt.	Hometown	Nationality	DoB	Last Club
0	Sean Lewis	ЭĞ	6,1,,	181	Rockford, MI	USA	04/17/92	FC Tulsa (USLC)
1	Tim Trilk	SK GK	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	2,1,,	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	ΡW	6,1"	160	Maracaibo, Venezuela	Venezuela	06/17/94	FC Zulia (Venezuela/1)
10	Jonas Fjeldberg	MF	5′10″		Jessheim, Norway	Norway	86/08/60	FC Cincinnati (MLS)
12	* Bryan Meredith	ЭĞ	6,2,,		Scotch Plains, NJ	USA	08/05/89	Nashville SC (MLS)
13	Aris Briggs	ΡW	6'4"		Memphis, TN	USA	11/09/96	Real Monarchs SLC (USLC)
14	Solomon Asante	Α	2,5,,		Kumasi, Ghana	Ghana	06/90/80	Phoenix Rising FC (USLC)
15	Neveal Hackshaw	MF	6,1"		La Horquetta, Arima, Trinidad	Trinidad & Tobago	09/21/95	Charleston Battery (USLC)
18	# Alann Torres	MF	5′10″		Elkhart, IN	USA	09/24/03	# Forward Madison FC (USL1)
19	Rodney Michael	Α	2,8,,		Freetown, Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone	08/10/99	South Georgia Tormenta FC (USL1)
20	# Karl Ouimette	PF	,,0,9		Terrebonne, Quebec, Canada	Canada	06/18/92	# Detroit City FC (USLC)
23	Justin Ingram	MF	2,8,,		Indianapolis, IN	USA	12/21/98	Loyola University Maryland (NCAA)
24	^ Alex Svetanoff	ЭŠ	6,3,,		Crown Point, IN	USA	04/02/03	Indiana Fire Academy (MLS Next)
25	Bryam Rebellón	MF	5′11″		Puerto Gaitan, Colombia	Colombia	01/22/92	El Paso Locomotive FC (USLC)
56	# Tor Saunders	ЭĞ	6,2,,		Bothell, WA	USA	04/30/98	# Chattanooga Red Wolves SC (USL1)
27	Nicky Law	MF	5′10″		Plymouth, England	England	03/29/88	Exeter City (English League 2)
28	^ Palmer Ault	ΡW	5′10″		Noblesville, IN	USA	04/19/04	Indiana Fire Academy (MLS Next)
59	Stefano Pinho	ΡW	,,0,9		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	2,1,,	130	Indianapolis, IN	USA	12/12/04	Indiana Fire Academy (MLS Next)
36	^ Aiden Benitez	MF	2,1,,	147	Westfield, IN	USA	04/14/07	Indiana Fire Academy (MLS Next)
37	^ Ecris Revolorio	님	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)

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Assistant Coach: Matt Williams
Asst. Coach/Dir., Sport Performance: Gabe Zapponi
Manuel Arteaga

^ USL Academy Contract player

# player away from club on loan

\* player with club on loan

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Goalkeeper Coach: Andy Swift

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	Stefano Pinho
Ayoze	eye-YO-zay	Bryam Rebellón
Aiden Benitez	A-den beh-KNEE-tezz	<b>Ecris Revolorio</b>
Aris Briggs	are-EEZ	Diego Sanchez
Jonas Fjeldberg	YO-nahs FYELD-berg	Alex Svetanoff
Neveal Hackshaw	NEV-ee-ell	

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

dee-YAY-go SVEH-ta-noff