

# 2022 USL CHAMPIONSHIP REGULAR SEASON - IXI GAME #26

Indy Eleven (7W-14L-4D, 25 pts., 9<sup>th</sup> in Eastern Conf.)
vs.

Louisville City FC (17W-4L-4D, 55 pts., 1<sup>st</sup> in Eastern Conf.)

Wednesday, August 31, 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 Monday, August 29)

Pos.			Р	W	L	Т	GD	Pts
1	*	Louisville City FC	25	17	4	4	32	55
2	0	Memphis 901 FC	25	16	6	3	22	51
3	Blook	Tampa Bay Rowdies	26	15	5	6	25	51
4		Birmingham Legion FC	27	15	7	5	19	50
5		Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	26	14	7	5	11	47
6	0	The Miami FC	27	12	8	7	8	43
7	8	Detroit City FC	26	11	6	9	10	42
8	D	FC Tulsa	27	10	13	4	-9	34
9		Indy Eleven	25	7	14	4	-12	25
10	<b>(a)</b>	Hartford Athletic	26	6	15	5	-13	23
11	*	Loudoun United FC	25	6	16	3	-22	21
12	9	e - Charleston Battery	26	4	17	5	-26	17
13	<b>@</b>	e - Atlanta United 2	28	4	20	4	-42	16
14		e - New York Red Bulls II	26	3	19	4	-36	13

# INDY ELEVEN 2022 USL CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON SCHEDULE

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

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

# INDY ELEVEN 2022 USL CHAMPIONSHIP REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS 7W-14L-4D (25 pts., -12 GD, 9th place in Eastern Conference as of 08/29/22)

#	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	Α	5	SoG	Υ	R
29	FW	Stefano Pinho	23	16	1,484	7	3	33	13	3	0
29	FW	Manuel Arteaga	16	12	1,213	5	2	33	20	6	1
8	MF	Raul Aguilera	23	20	1,598	3	1	13	5	8	1
13	FW	Aris Briggs	12	2	285	2	1	5	3	2	0
10	MF	Jonas Fjeldberg	16	11	920	2	0	14	6	3	0
7	MF	Ayoze	16	11	881	2	0	5	3	3	0
27	MF	Nicky Law	18	13	1,235	1	4	7	3	2	0
14	FW	Solomon Asante	16	13	1,237	1	3	18	8	3	0
17	DF	Noah Powder	13	10	851	1	1	10	6	3	0
22	DF	Robby Dambrot	4	2	142	1	0	2	1	1	0
5	DF	Jared Timmer	24	22	1,963	0	1	4	1	2	0
4	DF	Mechack Jerome	22	21	1,825	0	1	3	0	1	0
44	DF	Alex McQueen	18	14	1,171	0	1	2	1	2	1
25	MF	Bryam Rebellon	14	10	866	0	1	7	2	2	0
17	FW	Juan Tejada	6	5	457	0	1	6	1	3	0
23	MF	Justin Ingram	24	18	1,601	0	0	10	6	3	0
3	DF	A.J. Cochran	21	17	1,467	0	0	6	1	5	0
15	MF	Neveal Hackshaw	19	14	1,441	0	0	7	0	6	0
6	MF	Sam Brown	20	15	1,284	0	0	3	1	8	0
2	DF	Jesus Vazquez	5	4	440	0	0	1	1	1	0
20	DF	Karl Ouimette	2	1	91	0	0	1	0	0	0
32	FW	Wilfredo Rivera	4	0	53	0	0	0	0	2	0
19	FW	Rodney Michael	6	0	45	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
		Eleven totals	25	25	2250	26	20	236	81	70	3
		Opponent totals	25	25	2250	38	22	290	120	63	1

**GAME-WINNING GOALS:** Stefano Pinho 2 (4/09 @ RGV, 4/24 v OC), Manuel Arteaga 1 (6/04 @ CHS), Ayoze 1 (4/30 v HFD), Aris Briggs 1 (4/16 v ATL), Robby Dambrot 1 (08/27 v SA)

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

**PENALTY KICKS TAKEN:** Ayoze 1/1 (8/13 @ HFD, goal, 47+')

# 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
1	GK	Tim Trilk	9	8	778	44	32	12	72.7	1.39	1	1	0
0	GK	Sean Lewis	4	4	360	26	18	8	69.2	2.00	0	0	0
12	GK	Bryan Meredith	3	3	212	13	5	8	38.5	3.40	0	0	0
24	GK	Hayden Vostal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0	0
26	GK	Tor Saunders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0	0
24	GK	Alex Svetanoff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0	0
		Eleven totals	25	25	2250	118	80	38	67.8	1.52	3	0	0

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



# **Sports Medicine**

# **INJURY UPDATE: 08/29/22**

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

**QUESTIONABLE**: GK Sean Lewis (L hamstring)

## **UNAVAILABLE PLAYERS**

#### SUSPENDED:

IND: Sam Brown (caution accumulation,  $8^{th}$  yellow card of season on 8/27 vs SA)

\* IND's Neveal Hackshaw will receive a one-game suspension from USL for caution accumulation should he receive an eighth caution of the season on Wednesday

**NATIONAL TEAM DUTY: none** 

#### **MATCH OFFICIALS:**

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#### LIPAFC RIVALRY RENEWS MIDWEEK IN CIRCLE CITY:

Indy Eleven's version of "Rivalry Week" kicks off on Wednesday evening with the lone home installment of the Louisville-Indianapolis Proximity Association Football Content in 2022.

Yes, it's completely cliché to say, "throw out the records when these two hook up," however it is indeed the Eleven that's had the better of the series' last five games dating back to the start of the 2021 season (2W-1L-2D), which included gaining its first point of the season — and forcing LouCity to drop their first point — via a 1-1 draw at Lynn Family Stadium back on March 26.

A courtesy glance at the teams' records and the Eastern Conference table would make one wonder if a competitive contest is in store. However, the same was likely thought by most heading into last weekend before Indy Eleven knocked off the USL Championship's top side and Western Conference leader, San Antonio FC, 1-0, at Carroll Stadium on Saturday, a shock result that likely got the attention of the Kentucky side.

For Indy Eleven, the triumph was not just a long time coming – it broke a club-record tying 12-game winless streak and marked its first victory since June 4 at Charleston Battery – it was a deserved result. What the side lacked in attacking quantity (5 shots, 2 on frame) it made up for in defensive quality, allowing zero big chances in a second half that was played to a virtual stalemate. Especially after allowing a 90<sup>th</sup> minute game-winner at Tulsa a week earlier, the result against SAFC was a much-needed confidence builder, and proof for Mark Lowry's side that it still has the resolve to finish off a game – and against the league's best, no less.

The result also broke a six-game winless stretch at "The Mike," which should help pump even more confidence into an Eleven team that all of a sudden lost the early mojo it had gained across a 4-0-1 run at Carroll across the first two months of the season. The Boys in Blue are going to have to get some extra energy from their home cooking this week, as an early injury to A.J. Cochran on Saturday added to a growing list of players on the shelf ahead of the middle game of the team's first three-game week in nearly two months' time.

Louisville also saw a lengthy streak snapped on the weekend – its 10-game undefeated streak, a 9-0-1 run that kept it on top of a growing chasing pack in the East. Despite having the better of the chances throughout, their 0-1 loss at Miami FC on Saturday in South Florida kept the Kentuckians (55 points) within arm's distance of 2<sup>nd</sup> place sharers Memphis 901 and Tampa Bay (51) as well as 4<sup>th</sup> place Birmingham (50); however, the two-time USLC champs still have command of the conference under their thumb heading down the final quarter of the season with both points to give and at least one game in hand on the latter two.

In attack, newcomers Wilson Harris (10 goals) and Enoch Mushagalusa (7 goals) have impressed after coming over from Sporting KC II in the offseason. The young duo shares the scoring stage this season with more familiar LCFC foes to Eleven fans in Brian Ownby (8) and Sean Totsch (7). Niall McCabe and Amadou Dia are co-leaders in assists with five helpers each, but five additional players have multiple assists, helping a balance Louisville side to a 49-goal haul that places fourth across the league.

It's odd to say that a team that averages nearly 2 goals per game is better on the other side of the ball, but that's certainly the case thanks to a stingy defense that has allowed a USLC low 17 goals on the season – five less than second place San Antonio. And it's not just that they aren't allowing goals – they're not even allowing shots on target, of which they've faced another league low 64 of in their 25 contests. Kyle Morton has served as the primary backstop and collected 11 of their 13 clean sheets on the campaign, which ranks just one behind Miami for another league lead.

#### LIPAFC SERIES HISTORY

All official competitions: 4W-8L-6D (18 GF/29 GA) All competitions at home: 3W-5L-1D (7GF/14 GA) All competitions away: 1W-3L-5D (11 GF/15 GA)

USL Championship regular season: 3W-5L-6D (14 GF/19 GA)

USLC regular season at home: 2W-3L-1D (4 GF/8 GA) USLC regular season away: 1W-2L-5D (10 GF/11 GA)

Wednesday will mark the 19<sup>th</sup> all-time meeting in the "modern era" of the Louisville-Indianapolis Proximity Association Football Contest series (aka "The Single Most Important Sporting and Cultural Event in Human History"), marking the most games for the Eleven against an opponent in the club's nine-season run (15 games versus Tampa Bay is the next closest).

Indy Eleven continued its recent run of success on the wrong side of the river back on March 26, when Stefano Pinho's first goal for Indiana's Team – and the team's first goal of the season three games in – helped it claim a 1-1 draw. That result pushed the Eleven's undefeated streak at Lynn Family Stadium to three games dating back to the start of the 2021 season and coincides with its 2W-1L-2D run in LIPAFC play that started with a 2-1 win last April that snapped LCFC's 10-game unbeaten run in the rivalry.

Their last meeting in the Circle City came last October 16, when Manuel Arteaga's 86<sup>th</sup> minute tally made the difference in a 1-0 contest that marked the rivals' fourth and final meeting of the 2021 season. That result helped Indy capture the season series against LouCity for the first time since joining the Championship in 2018.

**FAMILIAR FACES:** Eleven fans will see a familiar face suited up for LouCity once again, as former Indy midfielder Tyler Gibson has remained on the Kentucky side's roster for a second season in 2022. Gibson was a heavy contributor for the Boys in Blue during the 2019 and 2020 seasons, tallying two assists in 2019 while leading the club in minutes played and appearances in both campaigns.

Ilija Ilic is the only other player brave enough to have cross the border lines in the series' history. The Serbian striker was a LouCity original, making 75 appearances across the club's first four seasons from 2015-18, including scoring a pair of goals and adding an assist in all six games (five starts) against Indiana's Team. Ilic then joined the Eleven for the 2019-20 seasons, and in his first game against his former side on Aug. 30, 2019, he gave a "thank you" in the form of an assist on Tyler Pasher's goal in a 1-1 draw at Slugger Field.

**BROWN & OUT:** Sam Brown will be ineligible for action on Wednesday, this after the Indy midfielder received his eighth caution of the season last Saturday against San Antonio. Brown is the first player to sit this season due to caution accumulation – although Neveal Hackshaw is on the cusp as well with seven yellow cards to date.

# LAST TIME OUT – IND 1:0 SA (SAT, AUG 27): Recap & Highlights | Stats

Indy Eleven shrugged off a 12-match winless streak by taking down the USL Championship's top side, San Antonio FC, 1-0 in front of a season-best crowd of 10,081 at IUPUI Carroll Stadium.

Robby Dambrot's first goal for the Boys in Blue late in the first half was all Indiana's Team needed, thanks in part to goalkeeper Tim Trilk's first clean sheet for the Boys in Blue – and the team's first shutout since May 21 against NY Red Bulls II – and a stout defensive effort across the field.

Dambrot's tally came on a sparkling individual effort in the 40<sup>th</sup> minute that included a hearty ball-winning slide tackle, a dribble into the heart of the area, and a well-placed effort that wound through two more defenders and beat Jordan Farr to the far post. While Trilk did have some work to do courtesy of six saves, the Boys in Blue allowed zero big chances on the evening and controlled the proceedings across the final half hour to take a vital three points.

#### **Scoring Summary:**

IND - Robby Dambrot (Juan Tejada) 40'

Indy Eleven lineup (4-4-2): Tim Trilk; Robby Dambrot (Justin Ingram 73'), A.J. Cochran (Jesus Vazquez 9'), Mechack Jerome, Alex McQueen; Neveal Hackshaw (captain), Sam Brown, Raul Aguilera (Stefano Pinho 73'), Bryam Rebellon (Jared Timmer 94+'); Juan Tejada (Rodney Michael 89'), Solomon Asante

IND substitutes: Sean Lewis (GK), Wilfredo Rivera

San Antonio FC (3-4-1-2): Jordan Farr; Mitch Taintor, Jasser Khmiri, Jordy Delem (Shannon Gomez 45), Elliot Collier (Samuel Adeniran 53'); Connor Maloney, Mohammed Abu, PC (Nicky Hernandez 91+'), Christian Parano (Deshane Beckford 76'); Justin Dhillon (Ignacio Ballone 64'), Santiago Patino

SA Substitutes: Grant Makela (GK), Ates Diouf

**TRILK STANDING TALL:** Goalkeeper Tim Trilk has quietly put together a solid first season with Indy Eleven, highlighted by his latest outing, a six-save effort on Saturday versus San Antonio FC that marked his first shutout for the Boys in Blue. To this point in the campaign, the third-year pro has registered a 72.7% save percentage and a 1.39 goals against average in nine appearances, all but one as a starter.

Trilk allowed just one goal in six of his first seven starts, including each of the last five first XI placements leading up to the SAFC contest. When omitting his four concessions on June 25 after he replaced the injured Bryan Meredith in the 32<sup>nd</sup> minute at San Diego, the native of Rockford, Ill., has posted a 1.00 GAA (8 GA in 8 matches). Trilk is one of now seven 'keepers who have been on Indy's roster in 2022, along with Sean Lewis, Meredith, original starter Elliot Panicco, Academy products Hayden Vostal and Alex Svetanoff, and loanee Tor Saunders.

AYOZE ELEVEN'S ALL-TIME CAPS KING, STARTS RECORD NEXT UP: With his start at Hartford Athletic on Aug. 13, Ayoze officially became the club's "king of caps", his 116<sup>th</sup> appearance in official competitions breaking his tie atop the category with Brad Ring. The Spanish maestro's now 117 performances after his start on Aug. 20 at Tulsa include 111 USLC regular season appearances (breaking another club mark, surpassing Karl Ouimette), 4 USLC playoff (again tied with Ouimette as well as Matt Watson), and 2 U.S. Open Cup games.

After suffering an adductor injury during the first half of that match at Tulsa, the Spaniard – and newly minted American citizen along with his wife Tamara following their United States naturalization ceremony that took place just this past Wednesday – missed last Saturday's match against San Antonio and is again listed as OUT for Wednesday's tilt against Louisville.

His most recent start at Tulsa also gave him a share of another Eleven landmark, as his 101st start in official competitions tied him for the club record that Ouimette set earlier this season on April 5 in the squad's U.S. Open Cup tilt against St Louis CITY 2.

Indy Eleven marks the third team for which Ayoze has registered 100 appearances for, stacking on top of during his standout 19-year pro career, stacking on his time with CD Tenerife in his native Spain (104) and the New York Cosmos (135). In all, Ayoze has logged 391 appearances during an impressive 19-year professional career.

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

Ayoze (2018-current): 117 capsBrad Ring (2014-2018): 115

• Karl Ouimette (2018-current/loaned): 108

Don Smart: (2014-17): 101

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

Dambrot made his debut with the Boys in Blue on Aug. 6 via a 7-minute cameo at the end of the squad's 0-2 defeat to his former Riverhounds SC side. Dambrot earned his first start on Aug. 13 at Hartford Athletic, playing 58 minutes and earning the penalty kick that led to Indy Eleven's tally in the 1-2 defeat with a nifty show of footwork inside the area that led to Modou Jadama's lunging challenge. That means Dambrot has played a hand in the team's last two goals after he opened his Eleven account on Aug. 27, courtesy of a nifty all-around play in the 40th minute that helped Indy seal a 1-0 win that snapped its 12-game winless streak.

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

When Dambrot earned the above-mentioned penalty kick last Saturday, it felt like a long time coming for Indiana's Team, which had not had the opportunity to take a penalty kick in its previous 22 games in 2022. Meanwhile, the penalties taken against Indy by Tampa Bay on July 30 were the fourth and fifth taken by the opposition in 2022 – and marked the first game during Indy Eleven's USL Championship era dating back to 2018 in which the squad conceded two penalty kick opportunities in a game. A trio of Indy goalkeepers have seen three of the five attempts converted past them ...

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

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

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

- The 12-game drought is twice as lengthy as the longest previous winless stretches during the Eleven's USLC era, doubling six-game droughts from Sept.-Oct of 2021 and the last two games of last season and the first four games of 2022.
- Included in that run was a six-game losing streak that the longest in the club's nine-year history (started with 3-4 loss on June 18 at Colorado Springs, snapped via a 1-1 draw with Memphis on July 23).
- Solomon Asante's account opener in the 9<sup>th</sup> minute on July 23 vs. Memphis ended Indy Eleven's club-record scoreless streak at 459 minutes. The longest previous scoring drought in USL play for the squad was a 341minute stretch in 2019 (Kelly 13' @ NY on Apr. 28 through Pasher 84' on May 18 vs. CHS).
  - Indy Eleven has not scored multiple goals in the
     10 games since the 3-4 loss at Colorado Springs
  - Indy's dry summer has seen the squad tally just four times across its last 11 appearances, starting with its match on June 25 at San Diego:
    - Asante (9') vs. MEM (1-1 D on 7/23)
    - Aguilera (24') vs. TBR (1-3 L on 7/30)
    - Ayoze (47+' PK) at HFD (1-2 L on 8/13)
    - Dambrot (40') vs. SA (1-0 W on 8/27)

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

**TIMMER SEES RARE REST:** When it comes to seeing the field in 2022, defender Jared Timmer has been setting the pace for Indiana's Team. The former Butler Bulldog was poised to be the first player to cross the 2,000-minute threshold for Indiana's Team last weekend against San Antonio; however, with Head Coach Mark Lowry managing minutes during a three-game week, he chose to sit Timmer until a stoppage time cameo late in the 1-0 win.

You can rest assured you'll see Timmer on Wednesday evening ... here's how the squad's "Ironman" stats are shaping up:

#### Games Played:

24 – Justin Ingram, Jared Timmer

23 - Raul Aguilera, Stefano Pinho

22 - Mechack Jerome

#### Games Started:

22 – Jared Timmer

21 - Mechack Jerome

20 - Raul Aguilera

# Minutes Played:

Jared Timmer (1,963) Mechack Jerome (1,825) Justin Ingram (1,601) Raul Aguilera (1,598)

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

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

earned IHSCAA All-State honors for his efforts.

ONE IS THE LONLIEST NUMBER: The Eleven's 1-0 win on Aug. 27 over San Antonio FC turned a disturbing trend on its head, as Indy had dropped its last seven outings in games decided by one goal — including five by a 1-0 scoreline. The Boys in Blue have collected 5 wins against 10 losses in one-goal contests thus far in 2022, this after starting the season with 4 wins and 3 losses in such contests through a 4-3 win at Charleston on June 4.

Indy Eleven will have a puncher's chance if it can keep things close on Wednesday. Louisville has split its six onegoal results on the road down the middle with 3 wins and 3 losses, including a 0-1 defeat in its last contest over the weekend at The Miami FC.

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

• Goals Scored: 26 (26th)

• Goals Conceded: 38 (T-14th fewest)

• Shots: 236 (27th)

Conversion Rate: 14% (T-16th)

Passing Accuracy: 77% (T-17th)

• Fouls Conceded: 355 (14th)

• Cautions: 70 (T-7th)

Ejections: 3 (T-17th)

## **ELEVEN ON THE CHARTS, SOLO EDITION:**

- Goalkeeper Sean Lewis' 58 saves on the season between Indy (18) and Tulsa (40) rank him 8<sup>th</sup> leaguewide.
- Stefano Pinho is T-28<sup>th</sup> place on the league's Golden Boot chart with 7 goals (T-12<sup>th</sup> in the Eastern Conf.).
- The 33 shots for Manuel Arteaga & Stefano Pinho rank the duo T-37<sup>th</sup> across the league (T-17<sup>th</sup> in East)

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

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

Manuel Arteaga – July 23 vs. MIA (94+') Alex McQueen – March 12 at LDN (90') Raul Aguilera – March 19 at TBR (59')

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

The last time Indy suffered a loss when scoring first was in the 2019 Eastern Conference Final, a painful 3-1 setback to Louisville City FC in added extra time on Nov. 9, 2019. You have to go all the way back to April 28, 2019, to find the last occasion in regular season play, when Dane Kelly's 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.

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

**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 55 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.

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. His hat trick on June 4 at Charleston Battery helped him become the only member of Indiana's Team (thus far) to win the Player of the Week honor as well ...

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)

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

USL regular season home record (2018-22): 36W-18L-16D (62.9 win %)

- At Carroll Stadium: 10W-11L-6D (48.2 win %)
- At Lucas Oil Stadium: 26W-8L-10D (70.5 win %)

All competitions record at Carroll: 41W-32L-23D (54.7%)

- 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): 10W-11L-6D
- USLC postseason (2019): 2W-1L-0D

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

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

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

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

Lewis' debut for the Boys in Blue at home on July 23 against Memphis was a trial by fire, as he made six of his seven saves on the night in the first half of the 1-1 draw, a performance that equaled the most stops in a single half for an Eleven netminder since joining the USL Championship. He also faced seven more shots on July 30 against Tampa Bay, making four saves in a 1-3 defeat.

While Lewis tied Tim Trilk for a season-high in single-game saves vs. Memphis, the performance was nothing new; he also made seven stops for Tulsa against Colorado Springs on April 23 (0-2 L) and eight in the squad's following outing at El Paso on May 4 (1-3 L). Lewis had started four consecutive matches until a hamstring injury forced him to sit on both Aug. 20 at Tulsa and Aug. 27 vs. San Antonio.

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

**ELEVEN ADD TWO MORE IN VAZQUEZ & RIVERA, SEND FJELDBERG TO RGV:** Indy Eleven announced a pair of additions on July 25 in Rio Grande Valley FC defender Jesus Vazquez and Orlando City loanee forward Wilfredo Rivera. Both players saw their debut on July 30 against Tampa Bay, with Vazquez playing nearly every minute of the five matches he's been eligible for and Rivera entering off the bench in his first four games, sitting only for the team's Aug. 27 game against San Antonio.

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

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

**ELEVEN ADD TEJEDA, SEND LAW TO TAMPA:** Lowry began to shake up his roster on July 21, when Indiana's Team brought forward Juan Tejada to the Circle City in a trade that sent midfielder Nicky Law to the Tampa Bay Rowdies in return. Tejada started in his first four eligible contests, starting with his debut against the Rowdies on July 30, before making his first appearance off the bench on Aug. 20 at FC Tulsa.

Tejada came to the Circle City after three-and-a-half seasons with Tampa Bay, where he tallied 13 goals and 5 assists in 68 regular season appearances and also played in five postseason contests. Law departed after a season in a half with the Boys in Blue, having scored four goals and notched five assists in 49 appearances following a 15-year career in England and Scotland.

**ASANTE ASCENDING:** Solomon Asante's first goal in an Indy Eleven uniform was nearly two months in the making, as the attacking dynamo got off the schneid with a 9<sup>th</sup> minute finish on July 23 vs. Memphis – nearly two months after making his debut for the Boys in Blue on May 28 (11 minutes vs. NYRB II).

The only "40-40" goal & assist player in Championship regular season history hit another milestone with his Indy account opener, becoming just the 17th player in the 12-year history of the USL Championship to score 50 regular season goals with the tally. The two-time USL Championship MVP (2019 & 2020) became the second fastest player to hit the half-century mark, doing so in just 114 matches; only Chandler Hoffman made it to 50 quicker, doing so in 100 games. Asante has now collected 55 goals and 45 assists in regular season and postseason games combined since he hit the ground running with a USLC All-First Team season with Phoenix Rising in 2018.

While the goal was worth the wait, it's not as if "Solo" wasn't contributing – his three assists are tied with Stefano Pinho for the club lead. Meanwhile, his now 44 career assists in regular season play are the fourth most in USLC annals, placing him behind only Hartford's Danny Barrera (45), former Phoenix Rising FC teammate Aodhan Quinn (46), and Pittsburgh's Kenardo Forbes (53).

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

After scoring multiple goals in only 8 of 32 games (25%) in 2021 (and none in its final 12 games), Indy did so in 6 of its first 14 games this season (43%) to start the season. However, since then the Boys in Blue have tallied just four times over their last 11 matches.

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

PINHO PRIMED FOR SUCCESS: Speaking of, Stefano Pinho continued his renaissance season 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 28<sup>th</sup> place on the USL Championship's Golden Boot chart and T-12<sup>th</sup> amongst Eastern Conference players. The Brazilian is the only player to score in three straight matches for Indy this season, his streak ending 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).

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

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

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 141-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 141 games, and while only six of those have come in the 69 games since the start of 2020, three of them came during an 8-game span from April through June, starting with that result against OCSC in late-April. Indy Eleven's all-time ledger of games with at least four goals includes:

## 5 goals:

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

#### 4 doals:

- 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)

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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 dipped under the .500 mark at 55W-56L-30D record in its 141 regular season contests (49.7 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: 7W-14L-4D, 25 pts., -12 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): 36W-18L-16D (62.9 win %)
USL away record (reg. season): 19W-38L-14D

USL away record (reg. season): 19W-38L-14D (36.6 win %)

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

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

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

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

**INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN:** While the Indy Eleven brass did plenty to back up its claim as "Indiana's Team" on the roster side, it also balanced out the other half of its motto – "The World's Game" – by stocking its roster with talent from across the globe. The active roster (not included loaned out players) features 11 players who are either full or dual internationals:

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

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

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

**SUCCESSUFL 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:
  - o Last: 8/19/17 vs NY Cosmos (3-3 D)

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

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

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

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

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

ELEVEN U19s CAPTURE SECOND TROPHY AT USL ACADEMY CUP: Indy Eleven entered four teams in the USL Academy Cup down in Tampa from March 31-April 3 – and all four returned with "podium finishes" in the top 3, including the Boys U19 squad that won its Elite Group, following in the footsteps of their 2021 USL Academy League triumph last December. USL Academy Contract signings FW Palmer Ault, FW Luca 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Dec. 21, 2021:** Club signs MF Sam Brown **Jan. 13, 2022:** Club signs MF Raul Aguilera

Jan. 14, 2022: Club signs DF Noah Powder

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

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

Jan. 31, 2022: Club signs Stefano Pinho

Feb. 11, 2022: Club signs MF Jonas Fjeldberg

Feb. 15, 2022: Club signs MF Justin Ingram

Feb. 16, 2022: Club signs GK Tim Trilk

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

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

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

April 11, 2022: Eleven sign FW Samuel Asante

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

May 24, 2022: GK Elliot Panicco recalled by Nashville SC May 26, 2022: Club acquires GK Bryan Meredith on loan from Nashville SC

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

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

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

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

**Aug. 2, 2022:** Indy Eleven signs defender Robby Dambrot **Aug 18, 2022:** Eleven terminate loan of Jesus Vazquez with RGV in order to sign him to a new contract

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

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

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

C	Name	Pos.	Ŧ.	Wt.	Hometown	Nationality	DoB	Last Club
,	Sean Lewis	S S	6'1"	181	Rockford, MI	USA	04/17/92	FC Tulsa (USLC)
⊣	Tim Trilk	Α̈́	6,2,,	195	Rockford, IL	USA	08/15/98	Chattanooga Red Wolves SC (USL1)
2	Jesus Vazquez	Α	6,5,,	175	San Luis Obispo, CA	USA / Mexico	03/22/95	Rio Grande Valley FC (USLC)
ĸ	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	PF	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	08/02/99	Orlando City SC (MLS)
6	Manuel Arteaga	Α	6,1,,	160	Maracaibo, Venezuela	Venezuela	06/17/94	FC Zulia (Venezuela/1)
10	# Jonas Fjeldberg	MF	5′10″	165	Jessheim, Norway	Norway	86/08/60	FC Cincinnati (MLS)
12	* Bryan Meredith	Α̈́	6,2,,	196	Scotch Plains, NJ	USA	08/05/89	Nashville SC (MLS)
13	Aris Briggs	Α	6'4"	200	Memphis, TN	USA	11/09/96	Real Monarchs SLC (USLC)
14	Solomon Asante	Α	2,5,,	135	Kumasi, Ghana	Ghana	03/06/90	Phoenix Rising FC (USLC)
15	Neveal Hackshaw	MF	6,1,,	175	La Horquetta, Arima, Trinidad	Trinidad & Tobago	09/21/95	Charleston Battery (USLC)
17	Juan Tejada	Α	2,1,,	170	Panama City, Panama	Panama	01/14/97	Tampa Bay Rowdies (USLC)
18	# Alann Torres	MF	5′10″	163	Elkhart, IN	USA	09/24/03	# Forward Madison FC (USL1)
19	Rodney Michael	Α	2,8,,	157	Freetown, Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone	08/10/99	South Georgia Tormenta FC (USL1)
20	# Karl Ouimette	DF	,0,9	192	Terrebonne, Quebec, Canada	Canada	06/18/92	# Detroit City FC (USLC)
22	Robby Dambrot	DF	6,2,,	172	Akron, Ohio	USA	10/19/94	Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC (USLC)
23	Justin Ingram	MF	2,8,,	155	Indianapolis, IN	USA	12/21/98	Loyola University Maryland (NCAA)
24	^ Hayden Vostal	ΑŞ	6'4"	185	Geneva, IL	USA	10/18/05	Indiana Fire Academy (MLS Next)
25	Bryam Rebellón	MF	5′11″	175	Puerto Gaitan, Colombia	Colombia	01/22/92	El Paso Locomotive FC (USLC)
56	# Tor Saunders	Α̈́	6,2,,	215	Bothell, WA	USA	04/30/98	# Chattanooga Red Wolves SC (USL1)
59	Stefano Pinho	Α	,0,9	170	Minas Gerais, Brazil	Brazil	01/12/91	Austin Bold FC (USLC)
32	* Wilfredo Rivera	¥	2,6,,	150	San Juan, Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico / USA	10/14/03	Orlando City SC (MLS)
35	^ Diego Sanchez	MF	2,1,,	130	Indianapolis, IN	USA	12/12/04	Indiana Fire Academy (MLS Next)
37	^ Ecris Revolorio	占	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	MF	,,0,9	165	Romford, England	England / Grenada	03/24/95	Barnet (English National League)

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

<b>Pronunciation Guide</b>			
Raul Aguilera	rah-OOL ah-gee-LARE-ah	Luca laccino	ee-ya-CHEE-no
Manuel Arteaga	are-tee-AH-ga	Mechack Jérôme	meh-ZHACK ZHAY-rome
Solomon Asante	ah-SAHN-tay	Karl Ouimette	we-MET
Palmer Ault	ALT	Stefano Pinho	STEH-fuh-no PEEN-yo
Ayoze	eye-YO-zay	Bryam Rebellón	BRY-am reh-bay-YONE
Aiden Benitez	A-den beh-KNEE-tezz	Ecris Revolorio	EE-creese REV-o-LO-rio
Aris Briggs	are-EEZ	Diego Sanchez	dee-YAY-go
Robby Dambrot	dam-brought	Alex Svetanoff	SVEH-ta-noff
Jonas Fjeldberg	YO-nahs FYELD-berg	Juan Tejada	tay-HA-da
Neveal Hackshaw	NEV-ee-ell	Jesus Vazquez	HAY-zeus VAZZ-kezz