

2022 USL CHAMPIONSHIP REGULAR SEASON – IXI GAME #31

Indy Eleven (10W-15L-5D, 35 pts., 9th in Eastern Conf.)
at

Atlanta United 2 (5W-21L-5D, 20 pts., 13th in Eastern Conf.)

Wednesday, September 28, 2022 – 7:30 p.m. ET Fifth Third Bank Stadium – Kennesaw, Ga.

NATIONAL TV: none LOCAL TV: none STREAMING VIDEO: <u>ESPN+</u> LOCAL RADIO (Spanish): none STREAMING AUDIO: none LIVE STATS: <u>#ATLvIND USLChampionship.com MatchCenter</u>

INDYOELEVEN PROJECTED LINE-UP



USL CHAMPIONSHIP EASTERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

(games played as of Sunday, Sept. 25)

Pos.			Р	W	L	T	GD	Pts
1	-	x - Louisville City FC	31	19	6	6	34	63
2	•	x - Memphis 901 FC	30	19	7	4	31	61
3	Shoots	x - Tampa Bay Rowdies	30	16	7	7	28	55
4	3	x - Birmingham Legion FC	31	16	8	7	19	55
5	0	x - Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC	31	15	8	8	11	53
6	8	x - Detroit City FC	31	13	6	12	12	51
7	8	x - The Miami FC	31	13	8	10	14	49
8	D	e - FC Tulsa	31	10	15	6	-11	36
9		e - Indy Eleven	30	10	15	5	-14	35
10	@	e - Hartford Athletic	31	9	16	6	-10	33
11	•	e - Loudoun United FC	31	8	20	3	-26	27
12	9	e - Charleston Battery	31	6	19	6	-30	24
13	@	e - Atlanta United 2	31	5	21	5	-45	20
14	-	e - New York Red Bulls II	31	3	22	6	-46	15

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,	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	W 2-1	Recap
Sat. Sept. 3	7:30 pm	Detroit City FC	Keyworth Stadium – Hamtramck, MI	D 0-0	Recap
Sat. Sept. 10	7:00 pm	Birmingham Legion FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	W 4-3	Recap
Sat. Sept. 17	10:00 pm	Monterey Bay FC	Cardinale Stadium – Seaside, CA	L 0-5	Recap
Sun. Sept. 25	5:00 pm	Loudoun United FC	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	W 1-0	Recap
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		-/WNDY
Sat. Oct. 8	7:00 pm	Charleston Battery	Carroll Stadium – Indianapolis, IN	ESPN+	-/WNDY
Wed. Oct. 12	7:30 pm	Birmingham Legion FC	Protective Stadium – Birmingham, AL		ESPN+

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

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

INDY ELEVEN 2022 USL CHAMPIONSHIP REGULAR SEASON STATISTICS 10W-15L-5D (35 pts., -14 GD, 9th place in Eastern Conference as of 09/25/22)

#	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	Α	S	SoG	Υ	R
29	FW	Stefano Pinho	28	20	1,786	10	3	45	17	4	0
29	FW	Manuel Arteaga	17	12	1,232	5	2	43	21	7	1
8	MF	Raul Aguilera	27	22	1,776	3	1	14	5	9	1
7	MF	Ayoze	21	14	1,135	3	0	9	5	4	0
13	FW	Aris Briggs	12	2	285	2	1	6	3	2	0
15	MF	Neveal Hackshaw	22	17	1,654	2	0	13	2	7	0
10	MF	Jonas Fjeldberg	16	11	920	2	0	18	6	3	0
14	FW	Solomon Asante	21	17	1,630	1	6	32	14	3	0
27	MF	Nicky Law	18	13	1,235	1	4	12	3	2	0
17	DF	Noah Powder	13	10	851	1	1	12	6	3	0
17	FW	Juan Tejada	11	9	800	1	1	11	4	5	0
22	DF	Robby Dambrot	9	7	560	1	1	4	2	3	0
5	DF	Jared Timmer	29	27	2,323	0	1	7	2	3	0
4	DF	Mechack Jerome	27	25	2,217	0	1	4	0	1	0
44	DF	Alex McQueen	20	14	1,261	0	1	3	1	3	1
25	MF	Bryam Rebellon	17	11	1,013	0	1	12	3	4	0
23	MF	Justin Ingram	29	21	1,891	0	0	16	6	4	0
6	MF	Sam Brown	24	19	1,644	0	0	4	1	9	0
3	DF	A.J. Cochran	22	17	1,525	0	0	7	1	5	0
2	DF	Jesus Vazquez	10	9	890	0	0	3	2	2	0
32	FW	Wilfredo Rivera	7	1	140	0	0	1	1	2	0
19	FW	Rodney Michael	9	1	101	0	0	2	1	1	0
20	DF	Karl Ouimette	2	1	91	0	0	1	0	0	0
28	FW	Palmer Ault	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
37	DF	Ecris Revolorio	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	MF	Aiden Benitez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
39	FW	Luca Iaccino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	MF	Diego Sanchez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	MF	Alann Torres	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>32</u>	DF	Bryce Warhaft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Eleven totals	30	30	2700	33	24	279	106	89	3
		Opponent totals	29	29	2610	47	28	350	147	79	1

GAME-WINNING GOALS: Stefano Pinho 4 (4/09 @ RGV, 4/24 v OC, 8/31 v LOU, 9/10 v BHM), Ayoze 2 (4/30 v HFD, 9/25 v LDN), Manuel Arteaga 1 (6/04 @ CHS), 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), Solomon Asante (9/10 v BHM)

PENALTY KICKS TAKEN: Ayoze 2/2 (8/13 @ HFD, goal, 47+'; 9/25 v LDN, goal, 68'), Pinho 1/1 (8/31 v LOU, goal, 78')

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	14	13	1228	67	46	21	68.7	1.54	3	3	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	30	30	2700	141	94	47	66.7	1.57	5	3	0

PENALTIES STOPPED/FACED: Panicco 1/1 (3/12 @ LDN, Hopkins 78', saved), Meredith 0/1 (6/18 @ COS, Barry 45+1', goal), Trilk 2/2 (6/25 @ SD, Vassell 46+', missed; 9/10 v BHM, Martinez 35', saved); Lewis 0/2 (7/30 vs TBR, Dos Santos 32', goal; 7/30 v TBR, Fernandes 96+', goal)



Sports Medicine

INJURY UPDATE: 09/26/22

OUT: FW Aris Briggs (shin), GK Bryan Meredith (R finger) **QUESTIONABLE**: none

UNAVAILABLE PLAYERS

SUSPENDED:

None

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

NATIONAL TEAM DUTY:

MF Neveal Hackshaw – Trinidad & Tobago FW Rodney Michael – Sierra Leone

MATCH OFFICIALS: Referee: Alvssa Nichols

Assistant Referee: Eduardo Jeff Assistant Referee: Art Arustamyan Fourth Official: Sergii Demianchuk

ELEVEN LOOK TO REWRITE ROAD RESULTS AT ATL:

As Hurricane Ian races into the Gulf of Mexico and the southeast United States, Indy Eleven will be looking to dart in and out of suburban Atlanta for Wednesday's contest at Atlanta United 2. As of media notes publishing time early in the week it looks as if the match will go off without a hitch, a good sign for an Eleven team looking to maintain some late season momentum in its penultimate road contest of the 2022 campaign.

However, one thing the Eleven will be looking to change up is its road results, which slumped since the summer outside of a scoreless draw at Detroit City FC on Sept. 3. Ever since a 1-1 tie at Miami FC on June 8 brought the team's road record to a respectable 2W-3L-2D it's been mostly trips to forget ever since, with that Detroit draw over Labor Day weekend marking the lone point gained from its last eight games outside the Hoosier State.

While much progress has been made in the results category over the last month, all four wins in the Eleven's current 4W-1L-1D stretch have come at home. With that, you can bet Head Coach Mark Lowry is hungry to prove the recent winning approach and the energy that fuels it can and will travel, even on just two days of rest.

Team depth is vital during these three-game weeks, and Indy got an unexpected boost on that front with the return of defender A.J. Cochran and forward Manuel Arteaga from the injury report during Sunday's 1-0 win over Loudoun. Cochran started and went nearly an hour after missing the rest of the team's September slate due to a hamstring injury suffered Aug. 31 against LouCity FC. The wait for Arteaga was even longer, as the Venezuelan striker missed the squad's previous seven matches since mid-August due to a lingering knee issue before coming off the bench for the final 20 minutes of Sunday's win. Their return gives Lowry more options to turn over the roster come Wednesday night, making life a little easier on the Eleven skipper – and perhaps the legs of a couple more of the Boys in Blue.

Rest will absolutely not be an issue for an ATL UTD 2 squad that has played once over the last three weeks, claiming a 2-2 draw at Miami the last time out on Sept. 17. There's no sugar-coating the fact the Five Stripes have had a rough go of it in 2022, but on the glass-half-full side they do carry a 1-1-1 run of form from their three September contests into Wednesday, including a 2-1 home victory over FC Tulsa back on Sept. 3 that snapped a 12-game winless stretch.

While the Atlanta attack's 35 goals places in the bottom third of the league it has still served as the bright spot for the squad, led by 20-year old forward Jackson Conway's 10 goals that set the club's single-season scoring record. Another 20-year-old, Brazilian outside back Raimar, has proved adept at distributing from the flanks, providing a team-high five assists.

It's defending that has kept United 2 behind the eight-ball this season, its 80 concessions ranking far and away the most in the USL Championship, 12 more than the next closest club (NY Red Bulls II). How porous has the ATL defense been? The squad has two goalkeepers amongst the league's top 15 in saves – Vicente Reyes (7th, 72 saves) & Justin Garces (13th, 65 saves) – despite them playing in only 14 and 13 games, respectively. For an Indy Eleven side ranking last in shots across the Championship, Wednesday could provide a chance to let loose in the final third – as it did in a 2-1 win against Atlanta back on April 16, when the Boys in Blue took a season-high 21 shots.

#ATLvIND FAMILIAR FACES: While there are no players on Atlanta's roster that have suited up for the Boys in Blue, defender A.J. Cochran will be a familiar face to opposing fans. Cochran played for Atlanta United 2 during the 2018 season, making 30 appearances for the club.

Atlanta defender/midfielder Aiden McFadden is no stranger to the Hoosier State, as he played collegiately in South Bend for the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. Atlanta's David Mejia also bears a connection to new Eleven Head Coach Mark Lowry, as the two crossed paths while at Jacksonville Armada FC from 2016-17, when Lowry was helming the first and Mejia was in the club's youth ranks.

IXI SERIES VS. ATL:

USL Championship regular season: 3W-3L-3D (11 GF/13 GA)

USL Championship at home: 3W-1L-1D (6 GF/3 GA)
USL Championship on the road: 0W-2L-2D (5 GF/10 GA)

Indy Eleven's 2-1 win at Carroll Stadium back on April 16 brought the all-time series against Atlanta United 2 to three's in every column. In that match, Nicky Law's 12th minute banger of a free kick was cancelled out by a Jackson Conway finish in the 68th minute, setting up some nervy moments until Aris Briggs' 92nd minute tally gave the Boys in Blue their first win of the 2022 season and Mark Lowry Era in Indy.

However, Indiana's Team is still looking for its first threepoint result in the Peach State. The Eleven took two visits to Fifth Third Bank Field last season, starting with a 1-1 draw on July 7 and ending with a 6-2 defeat on August 8.

LAST TIME OUT - IND 1:0 LDN (SUN, SEPT 25): Recap & Highlights | Stats

Indy Eleven used a second half penalty kick conversion from its captain Ayoze and a dominant defensive performance to capture a hard-fought 1-0 win Sunday night at IUPUI Carroll Stadium. The victory marked the Eleven's fourth straight at Carroll Stadium across a successful last month in the Circle City.

The first half was a stingy affair, with only one of the teams' eight combined shots forcing a save. The second half started much the same, but the Eleven's first shot on goal in the 55th minute – a sidewinding effort from the penalty spot by Bryam Rebellon that forced United FC 'keeper Dane Jacomen into a save – sparked the Indy attack, which saw A.J. Cochran head a corner kick service over the bar two minutes later.

In the 67th minute, Eleven midfielder Ayoze earned a point to the spot by drawing a foul just inside the corner of the area, and the captain took the ensuing PK chance himself, wrong-footing Jacomen to easily finish inside the left post to give Indy the 1-0 advantage. Indy carried the better of the possession and chances through the rest of the night, and should have found an insurance goal through Wilfredo Rivera's dipping effort in the 90th minute and Manuel Arteaga's shot through traffic that was cleared off the line a minute later. That said, the Eleven also dodged a late bullet in the 93rd minute when Azaad Liadi's back post header flashed just wide right of frame, allowing Indy to claim the full three points for a fourth straight outing at Carroll.

Scoring Summary:

IND - Ayoze (penalty kick) 68'

Indy Eleven lineup (4-4-2): Tim Trilk; Robby Dambrot (Justin Ingram 58'), A.J. Cochran (Mechack Jerome 58'), Jesus Vazquez, Jared Timmer; Ayoze (captain) (Manuel Arteaga 71'), Sam Brown, Juan Tejada (Raul Aguilera 71'), Bryam Rebellon; Stefano Pinho, Solomon Asante (Wilfredo Rivera 80')

IND substitutes: Hayden Vostal (GK), Ecris Revolorio

Loudoun United FC (4-2-3-1): Dane Jacoman; Nicky Downs, Carson Vom Steeg; Abdellatif Aboukoura (Zoumana Diarra 45'), Jacob Greene; Jalen Robinson, Ted Ku-Dipietro; Kimani Smith (Kristian Fletcher 66'), Gavin Turner (Azaad Liadi 66'), Houssou Landry (Zanne Abdoul 45'); Skage Lehland (Rio Hope-Gund 83')

LDN Substitutes: Luis Zamudio (GK), Matia Akinmboni

TRIO EARNS NATIONAL TEAM CALLS: Indy Eleven saw three players – midfielder Neveal Hackshaw (Trinidad & Tobago) and forwards Rodney Michael (Sierra Leone) and Wilfredo Rivera (Puerto Rico) – earn call ups to their respective national teams last week, but all three have had differing timetables away from Indiana's Team.

Hackshaw earned his 26th and 27th senior appearances for Trinidad & Tobago during play in the King's Cup tournament in Chiang Mai, Thailand over the last week. Hack went the full 90 minutes in a pair of 1-2 defeats last Thursday against Tajikistan and in Sunday's third place game against the host Thailand. After missing only Sunday's match against Loudoun, Hackshaw is currently hustling back to the United States and is expected to join the rest of the Boys in Blue for Wednesday's match at Atlanta.

Meanwhile, Michael will be looking to make his full international debut for his native Sierra Leone after getting called into the West African nation's camp last week. Michael did not feature when the *Leone Stars* fell 4-0 to South Africa in Johannesburg on Saturday, but is hoping to debut for a neutral ground friendly in Rabat, Morocco, against the Democratic Republic of Congo this Tuesday, Sept. 27.

Forward Wilfredo Rivera (8 caps) was beckoned by the Puerto Rican Men's National Team ahead of its scheduled friendly last Thursday against the Dominican Republic; however, that contest was cancelled as both nations bore the brunt of Hurricane Fiona in previous days. That gave Rivera time to get back to Indianapolis for Sunday's match against Loudoun, during which he played the final 10 minutes in the 1-0 win.

BRACE YOURSELVES: When midfielder Neveal Hackshaw put away carbon copy back-post headers five minutes apart to open the scoring on Sept. 10 against Birmingham Legion FC, it registered as the first brace for the vice-captain in his 88th appearance for Indiana's Team (which tied him with Marco Franco for 6th place in career Indy caps). Hack's brace was Indy's fifth multi-goal performance of the 2022 season:

- Stefano Pinho 2 goals @ RGV on Apr. 9 (2-1 W)
- Manuel Arteaga 3 goals @ CHS on June 4 (4-3 W)
- Manuel Arteaga 2 goals @ COS on June 18 (3-4 L)
- Stefano Pinho 2 goals v LOU on Aug. 31 (2-1 W)
- Neveal Hackshaw 2 goals v BHM on Sep. 10 (4-3 W)

PINHO'S RENAISSANCE PERFORMANCE: Veteran forward Stefano Pinho has proven he has plenty left in the tank with 10 goals and three assists while appearing in 28 of the team's 30 games this season. The Brazilian has rekindled his red-hot start to 2022 (seven goals and three assists during the team's first 14 games) as of late with three goals in his last five contests, including the game-winner – his team-high fourth of the season – late in a 4-3 triumph over Birmingham on Sept. 10 and a crucial brace on Aug. 31 against Louisville City FC that led to massive 2-1 rivalry win and the USL Championship's Player of the Week presented by Konami eFootball honor for Week 26.

In addition to his team-best three Team of the Week placements and a third-place finish in April's USL Championship Player of the Month voting, Pinho's 10-goal output (T-16th in USL Championship, T-8th in Eastern Conference) stands tied for the fourth-most in a single season in the Eleven's record books and also has him tied for seventh on the squad's career scoring chart. Here's how the single-season and career lists currently lay out:

Indy Eleven Single-season Goal Leaders:

- 1) Eamon Zayed 16 goals, 2016 (15 league, 1 USOC)
- 2) Tyler Pasher 13 goals, 2019 (11 league, 2 playoff)
- 3) Eamon Zayed 11 goals, 2017 (all league)
- T-4) Stefano Pinho 10 goals, 2022 (all league)
- T-4) Manuel Arteaga 10 goals, 2021 (all league)
- T-4) Tyler Pasher 10 goals, 2020 (all league)
- T-4) Dane Kelly 10 goals, 2019 (all league)
- T-4) Jack McInerney 10 goals, 2018 (all league)

Indy Eleven Career Goal Leaders:

- 1) Eamon Zayed 27 goals, 2016-17
- 2) Tyler Pasher 24 goals, 2018-20
- 3) Justin Braun 19 goals, 2016-18
- 4) Manuel Arteaga 15 goals, 2021-22
- 5) Dylan Mares 13 goals, 2014-16 & 2018
- T-6) Stefano Pinho 10 goals, 2022
- T-6) Dane Kelly 10 goals, 2019
- T-6) Jack McInerney 10 goals, 2018
- T-6) Don Smart 10 goals, 2014-17

ASANTE'S ASSISTS ADD UP TO CLUB RECORD: Solomon Asante's trio of assists in the 4-3 win over Birmingham on Sept. 10 contributed to a dizzying list of impressive feats both for the two-time MVP, Indiana's Team and the USL Championship. The performance ...

- marked the first three-assist game by a player in Indy Eleven's nine-year history, at the time spanning 281 games in official competition (USL/NASL regular season and playoffs plus U.S. Open Cup)
- made Asante the first player in club history to notch a pair of multi-assist games for the Boys in Blue. Eight different players have recorded multi-assist games on now nine occasions, including Asante on June 4 at Charleston Battery (4-3 W) and the now-departed Nicky Law on June 18 at Colorado Springs (3-4 L) in 6/08 @ COS) thus far in 2022.
- gave Asante the first three-assist performance in USLC play in 2022. It marked the 25th such occasion in league play since 2014 – and Asante's second (w/ Phoenix Rising on July 17, 2021 vs. LA), making him one of three players in league history to accomplish the feat twice (Emmanuel Ledesma & Jose Barril).
- Moved him back into a tie for third place on the league's career assist chart on 47 alongside former Phoenix teammate Aodhan Quinn and just one behind Hartford's Danny Barrera; all chase Pittsburgh's Kenardo Forbes and his 54 career helpers.
- pushed Asante alone into the team lead with six assists on the season, which is tied also tied for the second-most helpers in a single-season for Indy:
 - 1) Ayoze 8 assists, 2018 (all league)
 - T-2) Solomon Asante 6 assists, 2022 (all league)
 - T-2) Dane Kelly 6 assists, 2019 (5 league, 1 playoff)
 - T-2) Dylan Mares 6 assists, 2016 (all league)
 - T-2) Eamon Zayed 6 assists, 2016 (all league)

The only "40-40" goal & assist player in Championship regular season history hit another milestone with his Indy account opener back on July 9 against Memphis, becoming just the 17th player in the 12-year history of the USL Championship to score 50 regular season goals with the 9th minute tally. The two-time USL Championship MVP (2019 & 2020) became the second fastest player to hit the half-century mark, doing so in just 114 matches (Chandler Hoffman, 100). Asante has now collected 55 goals and 48 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.

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

That 40% win percentage jives with the team's record in its 17 games decided by one goal, in which the Eleven have collected 8 wins and 10 losses (44%). Again, a 3W-1L record in one-goal games to start the season was offset by an agonizing 1W-9L run that began on May 14 at Memphis 901 FC. The close-game pendulum has swung back in Indy's direction, with four wins in as many weeks coming via the closest of margins (1-0 over SA, 2-1 over LOU, 4-3 over BHM & 1-0 over LDN).

TRILK STANDING TALL: Goalkeeper Tim Trilk has put together a solid first season with Indy Eleven, highlighted by a recent four-game undefeated run across late August and early September that saw him post his first two shutouts in an Eleven uniform and his third shutout the last time out against Loudoun United FC on Sunday.

The third-year pro has been especially impressive at Carroll Stadium in league play, allowing 1.14 goals per game and registering all three of his shutouts across seven starts at "The Mike". Trilk is one of now seven 'keepers who have been on Indy's roster in 2022, along with Sean Lewis, Bryan Meredith, Elliot Panicco, Academy products Hayden Vostal and Alex Svetanoff, and loanee Tor Saunders.

IXI ON THE TEAM OF THE WEEK: The Week 27 Team of the Week nods to Neveal Hackshaw & Solomon Asante on Sept. 13 were the fourth and fifth given to Indy Eleven players in three weeks' time. Hackshaw's placement gave him a weekly distinction in each of his four campaigns in Indy since 2019. Asante became the third Eleven player with multiple weekly honors this season, joining Manuel Arteaga (2) and Stefano Pinho (3). Nine Indy Eleven players have now been named to the USL Championship Team of the Week on 13 occasions in 2022 – which includes Player of the Week performances for Pinho the week prior and Arteaga's similar star turn in Week 13.

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

Solomon Asante – Week 14 (bench) & Week 27

Robby Dambrot – Week 25 (bench)

Neveal Hackshaw – Week 27

Mechack Jerome – Week 5 (bench)

Nicky Law – Week 6

Elliot Panicco – Week 3

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

Tim Trilk – Week 25 (bench)

COMEBACK AROUND: Indy's 2-1 win on Aug. 31 over LouCity FC marked its second comeback victory of 2022, joining a 3-1 win over Orange County SC on April 24. The win against OCSC marked Indy's first come-from-behind win since a 2-1 triumph at LouCity FC last May 29. Of Indy Eleven's 58 victories in USLC regular season play since the start of the 2018 campaign, that win over LCFC was the eighth accomplished in comeback fashion — while the triumph over OCSC was the third such won by multiple goals. The only time Indy Eleven overcame a multiple goal deficit was on March 7, 2020, at Memphis 901 FC, when the Eleven put four straight past Tim Howard to storm back from an 0-2 hole within the first 15 minutes to post an emphatic win 4-2.

AYOZE CONTINUES TO CLIMB CLUB'S CAPS RECORD: With his start at Hartford Athletic on Aug. 13, Ayoze officially became the club's "king of caps", his 116th appearance in official competitions breaking his tie atop the category with Brad Ring. The Spanish maestro's now 122 performances include 116 USLC regular season appearances (breaking another club mark, surpassing Karl Ouimette), 4 USLC playoff (again tied with Ouimette as well as Matt Watson), and 2 U.S. Open Cup games.

The newly minted American citizen (along with his wife, Tamara, following their United States naturalization ceremony on Aug. 24) also claimed the club's top spot for career starts as his own on Sept. 3 at Detroit, his 102nd first XI placement surpassing the mark Ouimette set earlier this season on April 5 in the squad's U.S. Open Cup tilt against St Louis CITY 2. Ayoze was long ago crowned the club's leader in assists, as his 21 helpers outpace second place Dylan Mares by six in the category.

Indy Eleven marks the third team for which Ayoze has registered 100 appearances for, stacking on top of during his standout 19-year pro career, stacking on his time with CD Tenerife in his native Spain (104) and the New York Cosmos (135). In all, Ayoze has logged 396 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): 122 caps
- Brad Ring (2014-2018): 115
- Karl Ouimette (2018-current/loaned): 108
- Don Smart: (2014-17): 101

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

- Goals Scored: 33 (25th)
- Goals Conceded: 47 (T-15 fewest)
- Shots: 279 (27th)
- Conversion Rate: 15% (T-12th)
- Passing Accuracy: 77% (T-19th)
- Fouls Conceded: 435 (7th)
- Cautions: 89 (4th)
- Ejections: 3 (T-18th)

ELEVEN ON THE CHARTS, SOLO EDITION:

- Stefano Pinho's season goal haul of 10 has him T-18th on the league's Golden Boot chart (T-9th in East)
- Solomon Asante's six assists are T-22nd most across the USLC (T-12th in East)
- Goalkeeper Sean Lewis' 58 saves on the season between Indy (18) and Tulsa (40) rank 19th leaguewide.

JEROME JOINS TIMMER IN 2,000-MINUTE CLUB: When it comes to seeing the field in 2022, defender Jared Timmer has been setting the pace for Indiana's Team – but he's got plenty of competition on his heels. The former Butler Bulldog became the first player to cross the 2,000-minute threshold for Indiana's Team on Aug. 27 against Louisville, and center back Mechack Jerome surpassed with a 90-minute outing on Sept. 3 at Detroit. Here's how the squad's "Ironman" stats currently shake out:

Games Played:

29 - Justin Ingram, Jared Timmer

28 - Stefano Pinho

27 - Raul Aguilera, Mechack Jerome

Games Started:

27 - Jared Timmer

25 - Mechack Jerome

22 - Raul Aguilera

21 – Justin Ingram

20 - Stefano Pinho

Minutes Played:

Jared Timmer (2,323)

Mechack Jerome (2,217)

Justin Ingram (1,891)

Stefano Pinho (1,786)

Raul Aguilera (1,776)

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.

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.

Despite a small sample (9GP/7GS, 560 min.) since making his debut with the Boys in Blue on Aug. 6 via late cameo against his former Riverhounds SC side, Dambrot has made noticeable contributions on both sides of the ball, including involvements in 3 of the squad's last 9 goals:

- Dambrot earned his first start on Aug. 13 at Hartford Athletic, playing 58 minutes and earning the penalty kick that led to Indy Eleven's tally in the 1-2 defeat with a nifty show of footwork inside the area that led to Modou Jadama's lunging challenge.
- Dambrot went a step further to open his Eleven scoring account on Aug. 27, courtesy of a gritty all-around play in the 40th minute that helped Indy seal a 1-0 win over San Antonio.
- The Akron, Ohio-native registered his first assist on Sept. 10, finding Juan Tejada for Indy's third goal in a 4-3 win at Carroll Stadium
- Started both of Indy Eleven's recent shutouts over San Antonio (73 min) and at Detroit City FC (full 90), the club's first clean sheets since May 21 vs. NYRB II.

YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT (TO THE SPOT): After going 22 matches without taking a penalty kick to start the season, Indy Eleven has earned – and converted – three in its last eight matches:

- Ayoze on Aug. 13 at Hartford, 47+' (1-2)
 - o Earned by Robby Dambrot
- Pinho on Aug. 31 vs. Louisville, 78' (GWG, 2-1)
 - o Earned by Juan Tejada
- Ayoze on Sept. 25 vs. Loudoun, 68' (GWG, 1-0)
 - Earned by Ayoze

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. Tim Trilk saved the sixth attempt on Indy's frame on Sept. 10 vs. Birmingham, although Enzo Martinez was able to convert the rebound. A quartet of Indy goalkeepers have seen only half of those six 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 Trilk: 9/10 vs. BHM, Martinez 35', saved

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.

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.

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

Front foot wins over San Antonio, Birmingham, and Loudoun in the last month have started a new streak for Indiana's Team. It's a trend the squad would love to see more of after scoring first in only 11 of its 30 matches to date in 2022 (8W-1L-2D).

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

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

21 MAKE DEBUTS IN '22: Of the now 25 new members added to the Indy Eleven roster at some point in 2022, 21 have debuted with the club. Robby Dambrot became the latest newbie, putting in the final 7 minutes of the squad's match on Aug. 6 vs. Pittsburgh at Carroll Stadium, just four

days after joining the squad from the Riverhounds. Season Lewis and Juan Tejada saw their first time for Indiana's Team on July 23 in 90-minute stints versus Memphis 901 FC, while Jesus Vazquez (start, full 90 minutes) and Wilfredo Rivera (26 minutes off the bench) first featured on July 30 against Tampa Bay.

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

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

STEPPING UP TO "THE MIKE": Indy Eleven had enjoyed its home cooking at IUPUI Carroll Stadium to start the season after a draw and four straight wins resulted in an eight-game home undefeated streak in USLC play that included the final three games of 2021. A 1-2 loss to New Mexico on May 28 began a six-game slide (0W-5L-1D), but the Boys in Blue reclaimed their home-field advantage with four consecutive wins at "The Mike" wins over the last month

USL regular season home record (2018-22): 39W-18L-16D (64.4 win %)

- At Carroll Stadium: 13W-11L-6D (53.3 win %)
- At Lucas Oil Stadium: 26W-8L-10D (70.5 win %)

All competitions record at Carroll: 44W-32L-23D (56.1%)

- 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): 13W-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.

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

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

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.

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

SEEING RED: It took 21-and-a-half games, but a member of the opposition was finally shown a red card on Aug. 6, when Pittsburgh midfielder Marc Ybarra picked up his second yellow card of the match in the 54th minute. While Indy Eleven failed to capitalize on the man advantage over

the final 36+ minutes, it did mark a refreshing change after thrice being on the wrong side of the numerical advantage.

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

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

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. This year's results have the Boys in Blue flirting with the .500 mark in 146 games of USLC regular season play (58W-57L-31D); 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 tenure at a glance:

2022 season: 10W-15L-5D, 34 pts., -14 GD 2021 season: 9W-15L-8D, 35 pts, -15 GD (6th/8 in Central) 2020 season: 7W-7L-2D, 23 pts., +2 GD (3rd/4 in Group E) 2019 season: 19W-9L-6D, 63 pts., +19 GD (3rd /18 in East) - Lost in Eastern Conf. Final (1-3 L in aet vs. LOU) 2018 record: 13W-11L-10D, 49 pts., +3 GD (7th/16 in East) - Lost in East. Quarters (4-1 @ LOU)

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 (May 14 @ MEM & May 21 vs. NYRB II). Aris Briggs was the first to go back-to-back, doing so in stoppage time in wins over both Orange County SC (April 24) and Atlanta United 2 (April 16).

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

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

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 in 4-3 wins over Birmingham on Sept. 10 and at Charleston on June 4 equaled the highest scoring output of Indy's now 146-game USLC regular season tenure, matching its previous high during a 4-2 season-opening win at Memphis 901 FC on March 7, 2020. The latter contest against the Battery also equaled the most road goals scored in club history.

That four-goal haul against Legion FC marked the 19th output of 3+ goals in those 146 games, and while only seven of those have come in the 73 games since the start of 2020, four of them have come this season. Indy'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)
 - o Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup (3rd Rd.)

4 goals:

- 7/10/22 vs. Birmingham Legion FC (4-3 W)
- 6/04/22 at Charleston Battery (4-3 W)
- 7/29/20 vs Hartford Athletic (4-1 W)
- 3/07/20 at Memphis 901 FC (4-2 W)
- 6/11/16 vs Carolina RailHawks (4-1 W) (NASL)
- 5/21/16 vs Minnesota United FC (4-2 W) (NASL)

SEVEN-UP: It wasn't just Indy putting up prolific numbers on Sept. 10 at Carroll Stadium, as the Eleven and Legion FC combined for a seven-goal shootout – and the third game decided by a 4-3 for the Eleven in 2022 (this after none such scores across the team's first eight seasons). Six of the now 15 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:

- 9/10/22 vs. Birmingham Legion (4-3 W)
- 6/04/22 at Charleston Battery (4-3 W)
- 06/18/22 at Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC (4-3 L)
- 8/03/16 vs Jacksonville Armada FC (5-2 W) (NASL)

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)

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 Ioanee forward Wilfredo Rivera. Both players saw their debut on July 30 against Tampa Bay, with Vazquez playing nearly every minute of the six matches he's been eligible for and Rivera entering off the bench in his five of six available outings.

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

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

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

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

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

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, facing 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.

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 has been on hiatus for nearly the last two months of the season after suffering a knee injury in late July.

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 nineseason history. Arteaga became just the third Eleven player to register a hat trick when he put goals low and to the left of Charleston 'keeper Daniel Kuzemka in the 25th, 28th, and 37th minutes of a 4-3 win over the Battery on June 4 – with the last blast ending up serving as an unlikely game-winner.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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 (27 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dec. 21, 2021: Club signs MF Sam Brown

Jan. 13, 2022: Club signs MF Raul Aguilera

Jan. 14, 2022: Club signs DF Noah Powder

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

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

Jan. 31, 2022: Club signs Stefano Pinho

Feb. 11, 2022: Club signs MF Jonas Fjeldberg

Feb. 15, 2022: Club signs MF Justin Ingram

Feb. 16, 2022: Club signs GK Tim Trilk

March 3, 2022: Club acquires GK Elliot Panicco on 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

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

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

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

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

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

2022 PLAYER BIOS: Please visit IndyEleven.com/roster 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	Α̈́	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)

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

Pronunciation Guide			
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