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# NUVO Live: Eleven vs. FC Edmonton

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Physicality was in no short demand during Saturday's match. *Rebecca Townsend*

After dropping a pair of 2-3 results in the past two games the Indy Eleven (0-2-2, 2 pts.) look to earn their first win of the season against FC Edmonton (0-3-1, 1 pt.) Saturday night at Michael Carroll Stadium.

Perfect weather for soccer: 78 degrees F



West goal and final third will be in the shade for the entire game tonight. Eleven will attack that goal in the first half.

Starting lineups are announced as both teams take the pitch.

Referee blows his whistle and we are underway at The Mike

1' – Early foul on Eleven but nothing brewing from the free kick

2' – Dangerous cross into the box from Edmonton, Jonke unable to get a head on it

3' – First shot comes from Edmonton in the form of a bicycle kick, cleared by Mendes

6' – Back and forth possession from both teams as Eleven is struggling to connect passes early on

8' – Edward with the cross for Edmonton, deflected off Ramirez for the games first corner kick

8' – Corner taken well but covered easily by Nicht



Ramirez dusts himself off from a tough foul as his teammates confer with the ref. *Rebecca Townsend*

10' – Foul on Edmonton as Ramirez goes down hard. Yellow card shown to Banner

12' – Chippy play early as Eleven's Ring picks up the 2nd yellow card in two minutes

16' – First real chance for the Eleven as Ambersley snuck into the 18 yard box but was unable to get off a shot before Edmonton was able to step in and clear

20' – Foul by Ramirez gives Edmonton a free kick but it's sent directly into the arms of Nicht

21' – Plenty of fouls from each side in the first 20 minutes as the referee has a quick whistle tonight

22' – Frias free kick is sent into the 18 yard box but a foul

24' – Goal FC Edmonton – Fordyce unassisted 1-0



Members of the defense absorb the sinking reality of a goal they did not foresee and could not prevent. *Rebecca Townsend*



More on the goal: A Frias back pass fails to connect with an Indy target, leads Fordyce directly on goal as Nicht is left helpless as he sent it into the back of the net.



Edmonton celebrates its second goal in less than a minute. *Rebecca Townsend*

25' – Goal FC Edmonton – Moses assisted by Jones 2–0

29' – Own goal FC Edmonton – Deflection off an Ambersley shot catches Smits off guard 2–1 Edmonton

32' – Edmonton shot goes wide as Nicht watches without any pressure

36' – Ramirez header is cut into the 6–yard box but Norales heads it over

38' – Corrado works hard to earn the Eleven another corner. Sent in deep but no player was able to get a head on it.

38' – Mares shoots from 20 yards out but it goes well wide and high of the goal



Pedro Mendes, one of the team's two Brazilian players and one of the NASL's top scorers in 2013, helped fuel Indy's attack. *Rebecca Townsend*

40' – Mendes collects a ball a few yards out of the 18 box, takes a few dribbles and takes a bending shot that goes just over the goal

42' – More pressure from the Eleven as Corrado's shot trickles wide left of the goal

43' – A Corrado cross meets the head of Ambersley but he can't control it and once again it trickles wide of the goal

44' – Edmonton finally breaks the continued Eleven pressure with a shot from Jones, Nicht catches it easily

45'+1' – Corrado shot is deflected, Eleven have looked much more lively since the Edmonton own goal

Halftime whistle blows and it's 2-1 FC Edmonton at the half



The stands were packed with a sold-out crowd of over 10,000. *Rebecca Townsend*

Naptown Roller Girls t-shirt toss during halftime getting the crowd pretty hype for the second half

Team taking the pitch to start the second half. Entire field is now in the shade as the Eleven will attack the east goal.

Whistle blows and the second half is underway at The Mike

48' – Free kick for the Eleven is sent into the box but a foul allows Edmonton to clear the pressure

50' – A Corrado through ball almost meets the feet of Ambersley but the Edmonton back line gets back just in time to clear

52' – A Banner shot goes wide, the first of the half for Edmonton

53' – A Mendez foul draws some groans from the crowd, can't say it's been the first time today

56' – Ambersley works hard to gain possession and then sends a cross into the box.

57' – Hlavaty earns a yellow card by arguing a non-call for a foul on Laing



Head Coach Jurgen Sommer offers direction from the sideline. *Rebecca Townsend*

58' – Eleven substitution as Ben Spencer comes on for Mendes

60' – Edmonton substitution: Mirabelli on for Banner

61' – Yellow card issued to Ambersley

62' – Ramirez sends a ball into the box, Mares slices it off his foot and it's cleared easily

65' – Hlavaty free kick finds Mirabelli who takes a laser of a shot. Nicht forced to come off his line and make the save, which he does

66' – Yellow card issued to Laing for a rash challenge on Corrado. Free kick in a dangerous spot for the Eleven

67' – Ramirez cross is met by two Edmonton defenders and is headed away

68' – Long run down the right flank by Edward earns Edmonton a corner kick. Headed away easily by Ring

70' – Norales with a prayer of a shot from 40 yards out goes well wide of goal





73' – Fantastic ball from Corrado to Ring allows a cross into the 6-yard box but it's cleared before it reaches Spencer

73' – Edmonton substitution: James for Nonni

75' – Eleven substitution: Smart for Ramirez



A header from Edmonton's Jonke. *Rebecca Townsend*

77' – Hlavaty corner kick finds the head of Jonke but it's headed away at the line by Mares

78' – Great deep throw from Ring gives Norales a free shot on goal but his header (for unknown reasons) hits the ground before the goal and goes straight into Smits arms

80' – Weird play as Smits is called for a 6-second delay giving the Eleven an in-direct kick. It's taken by Kleberston but goes straight into the arms of Smits

81' – Yellow card shown to Hyland



83' – Eleven substitution: Moore for Mares

83' – Dangerous corner by Kleberson forces Smits off his line. He skies to grab it and goes down hard causing a little scuffle between Norales and Edward

84' – Norales and Edward shown yellow cards



Mike Ambersley striking the ball. *Rebecca Townsend*

85' – Ambersley with a chance as the Edmonton back line falters but Smits covers to dispel the pressure

88' – Foul on Eleven and Smits trots all the way up from goal to take it, time wasting at it's finest. Still 2–1 Edmonton

90' – 5 minutes of stoppage time added

90'+1' – Hyland deep throw drops to Ambersley who chests it down to himself and takes a shot that is deflected for a corner kick. Nothing brewing from it

90'+3' – Ball drops to Norales inside the 18–yard box, he attempts to chip it over Smits and fails

90'+6' – Edmonton foul gives Eleven a free kick. Kleberson sends it into the box but an Eleven foul hears the final whistle blow

Final score: FC Edmonton 2–1 Indy Eleven

An announced attendance of 10,285 and the third consecutive sellout.



Ben Spencer greets fans after the game. All players take time to thank those who attended. A highlight of the post-game activities, Erick Norales (in an unstaged, non-photo op setting) is seen taking the shirt off his back to give to a young, wheelchair-bound Indy Eleven fan.

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