

**INDY ELEVEN QUOTE SHEET
MEMPHIS 901 FC 2 : 4 INDY ELEVEN
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INDY ELEVEN HEAD COACH MARTIN RENNIE

Overall thoughts on the match:

“First all credit to Memphis because they started the game and with a lot of energy, and I think they caught us cold a little bit. They were 2-nil up very early on and showed us things we definitely could improve upon. But even at 2-nil down I still felt confident that we would come back and do well in the game, and it was really important to get the goal just before halftime because that gave us a bit of momentum going into the break.

“As we came out in the second half thought we improved a lot, had better possession and obviously finished better with three scores, and we could have had even more. Hopefully this will help us brighten up and start the next game better, and overall we can still take a lot from this game in how we finished it off. In the end it was exciting to watch and fun to be a part of.”

On how Ayoze’s first half stoppage time goal changed the complexion of the match:

“At 2-nil they probably could have sat back more (in the second half) and covered a lot of the spaces, but at 2-1 it would be difficult for them to defend for the full half, especially because we were attacking the better half of the field and the ball would be moving a little more precisely for us. I think the guys that came on in, Ilija Ilic and Nick Moon, I thought had a big impact on the game and how we were able to attack effectively in the final half hour.”

On how a result like this can bring a team together:

“I’ve always thought the best team-building event you can ever do is to go and win a game, especially on the road, and that’s what we did tonight. Everybody enjoys winning and especially a comeback win like that. Obviously scoring four goals on the road – I don’t think we’ve done that since I’ve been coaching here. There are a lot of things there that can help bring the team together and obviously we’re just getting started and have a lot to look forward to.”

On what was behind the sluggish start:

“Ever after the slow start I felt confident because we’ve got a different type of team now. We’ve got to get back to the basics of defending a bit, but I felt it was one of those things where we’ve come a long way on a bus, a preseason where you’ve dominated games and won a lot of them pretty easily and you’re finding yourself in someone’s home opener so, no matter who it is, they are going to get energy from the crowd and have confidence in themselves.”