

INDY ELEVEN QUOTE SHEET
INDY ELEVEN 1 : 1 ST. LOUIS FC
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LUCAS OIL STADIUM – INDIANAPOLIS, IN

INDY ELEVEN HEAD COACH MARTIN RENNIE

Overall thoughts on the match:

“It was a game that I felt we were in control of the entire time. We created a lot of chances tonight and I think we need to be a little bit more clinical with those chances, there’s no doubt about that. I’m happy overall with that performance; the one disappointing moment was losing that goal on the counterattack. There were a few things there that we should’ve done better and we just lost a little bit of concentration. That could have been deadly for us, but we kept fighting and kept coming back. In the end we created a lot more chances and scored a good goal from a second phase of a set play.

“We did everything we could to try and get that second goal. There were so many bodies in the box by that point at the end of the game, it was hard to get that clear chance. I think we deserved to get a little bit more out of it, but it’s an important point.”

On the halftime talk and what was said after the first goal:

“In the first half I thought we played well, we created some good chances and we hardly gave up any. The message at halftime really was just keep going, pushing, and doing things a little bit quicker. When we lost the goal, it was obvious we needed to push and get that equalizer, which we did reasonably early. That gave us time to push for that second goal, but by then [Saint Louis FC] were really bunkered in and we weren’t able to get that clear chance that we needed.”

On preparing for the last two regular season games:

“We need to learn a few things from tonight and then we need to get ourselves in the right place mentally to go get an important win, which is what we need, come next Wednesday night. I think that’s as far as we need to focus at the moment. That’s important enough, to make sure we take care of business in that game first and foremost.”

Thoughts on the goal-scoring play:

“It was an excellent ball in from Ayoze, and Neveal [Hackshaw] managed to find a little bit of space and headed it well. We’ve been working on that and we will keep working on that. The biggest thing from me tonight is taking our chances and taking them earlier in the game when it’s nil-nil. We need to be better at taking those chances and really staying switched on during the counterattacks. When we are on top in a game, we have to make sure we don’t give away chances.”

INDY ELEVEN DEFENDER NEVEAL HACKSHAW

On the goal:

“It was actually done in a split-second, and we had not thought of that in practice. Adjusting to it was a bit tough, but I got on the ball and we scored.”

How his ability to win headers against taller opponents:

“Size doesn’t really matter – once you get the flight of the ball you can attack it. It’s tough on anyone to adjust – he and I were fighting for the ball. I just got a step in front of him, got the opportunity and I took it.”

On all the cards shown and playing against nine men:

“I mean, they are physical, we know that. We have guys who are really fast and skillful, so as soon as we knew that someone got a yellow card and the referee started showing yellow cards that we had to yell at him to get other cards. Our tactic was go at anyone with a yellow card and eventually red cards were just shown. After that happened, it was much easier since they had to drop back a lot. They were just getting out of their positions, so our winning emotions were high. I wanted the three points so bad, but after taking the point...we are fine with that for now.”