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### **INDY ELEVEN INTERIM HEAD COACH MAX ROGERS**

#### ***On getting back-to-back home wins for the first time in 2021:***

“It’s a start. It’s good to have two wins at home and start to build that confidence, but we have to now go again and do it against Atlanta United 2 next weekend and make sure that we continue to pick up three points and deliver good performances. We wouldn’t get carried away ... we’ll just keep focusing on the next one.”

#### ***On forward Manuel Arteaga’s play:***

“It was obviously a great performance by him. I thought all the frontline players did really well. Obviously with him getting two goals it’s fantastic for him. He works so hard for the team and everyone feeds off the work rate of the striker, the forward, and he led that line really well tonight.

“He could have had his hat trick, but it shows his mentality to work for the team that he decided to tee up [Gershon] Koffie. Unfortunately, we couldn’t get that third goal, but that’s what we want all of our players to embody – that fighting spirit, to keep going right to the end of the game. That’s what we want out of our football club.”

#### ***On the play of Jordan Farr and the defense:***

“I think he distributed the ball well and communicated well with the back line. We did well to stay focused, to not panic, when [SLC] had their chances. I thought the defensive performance, not just from Jordan, but from the back three as well, to dominate the box, was good.”

#### ***On midfielder Carl Haworth getting his first minutes of 2021 late off the bench:***

“It’s great for him, he’s such a good professional. Coming back from injury, doing the rehab work and training hard, it’s an experience that’s very difficult to understand unless you’ve had it. Great for him to come out on the field, great for the fans, great for the squad to see him. And now that will give him a lot of confidence, and us – it’s like having a new signing. So it gives us that freshness. I’m delighted we were able to get him onto the field, and full credit to the medical staff as well for the work they have done with him.

### **INDY ELVEN DEFENDER A.J. COCHRAN**

#### ***On the play of the back three and Jordan Farr:***

“We came in tonight as a team just wanting to get a shutout. To get the three points first, obviously, but also to get a shutout. It’s been a little bit since we had one, and [Jared] Timmer, myself and [Neveal] Hackshaw really wanted to make sure our communication was good tonight because we knew that would be important to getting a shutout. Compliments to Jordan Farr, he made some big saves behind us, and the amount of work that everyone put in front of us deserves compliments as well. It was a true team effort; was great to get the zero and it was even better to get the win at home.”

***On the Eleven seeming to start to figure things out at home:***

“We know that this is our home field and we have an incredible fan base here that comes and supports us game in and game out, and it was really hurting us, as a team, not getting results earlier on in the season in front of them. These last two games we’ve really made an effort to not concede goals, to really continue to work as a group, as a block as 11, to not give up any easy goals.

“We know we were going to create opportunities and score goals, and that starts with the backline by making sure we stay solid, then the goals will come. Tonight was a perfect example of that. Jordan helped us out with a couple of good saves, and those comes in a game like that where it’s 2-0 and the other team is pushing for theirs. We look forward to keeping this going and having the fans out next Saturday and getting a third in a row at home.”