

INDY ELEVEN QUOTE SHEET
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LYNN FAMILY STADIUM – LOUISVILLE, KY

INDY ELEVEN HEAD COACH MARTIN RENNIE

Overall thoughts on the match:

“I think we played pretty decent in spells, even in the one where we lost the goal. We were disappointed by the chances we didn’t take as well as we could have, not hitting the target or not making their goalkeeper make a save. It feels like we could have gotten more from the game tonight, but we need to make sure we get it right next time. Sometimes when you have a disappointing result like tonight it’s good to see that team again the next time out. So we’ll recharge our focus and our energy and look forward to seeing [Louisville] at our place next weekend.”

On where Indy stands entering the final month of the regular season:

“With where we are at now in the season, we have set ourselves up in a good spot with a lead in the group and almost all of our games at home to finish out. Maybe we are even in a better spot than we thought we might be at this point. We are really excited to get back home in September and to take advantage of the opportunity we’ve given ourselves.

On the play of goalkeeper Evan Newton:

I thought Evan played great again tonight. His distribution was really good, I think he managed the game quite well, and he made big saves in the second half when we needed him to. He’s been playing really well this season and has showed how important he is to us.”

On the return of midfielder Carl Haworth:

“He’s a really important player for us, a difference maker and it’s been unfortunate to have him out for the last month or so. I didn’t want to give him more than the 70 minutes we gave him just to be safe because it’s his first game back, but I thought he performed really well tonight.”

On supporting Eleven captain Matt Watson:

“There’s just so much going on in the world, and I don’t know if many people fully realize the pressures these players are working through right now. Between constantly managing the protocols with coronavirus, which impacts these guys’ families as well, the emotion that comes with where to fit in and make an impact with the fight against social injustice ... add to that the pressures of being asked to win every game every time out and it really is just a lot to handle.

“I’ve coached Matt for eight years, and I know him really well, so it was painful to see how emotionally hurt he was. He was devastated. He’s our captain and he wanted to play, but just felt like he just could not do it tonight. I understand, and his teammates understand, and we are absolutely 100% supportive of him and the decision he made.”