

**INDY ELEVEN QUOTE SHEET**  
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**LUCAS OIL STADIUM – INDIANAPOLIS, IN**

**INDY ELEVEN HEAD COACH MARTIN RENNIE**

*His thoughts on getting back to action:*

“It’s been a long time coming, so it’s really nice to get a chance to play at home again – and to have fans here to watch it. I think we put together a pretty good game, especially considering all of the challenges we had to endure over the last period of time, just like everybody else has. I thought we played the game well, thought we probably could have scored even more goals, especially in the first half, but we managed possession well in the second half. It’s great to get off to a winning start – or to continue winning, since this is the second win of our season.”

“Obviously one of the things we were trying to do was to make the game as normal as possible given all the other things we had to contend with. You know, it’s not normal when you’re wearing masks and having different protocols we don’t usually have, so I think the players did a really good job of just focusing on the game and playing the game. Just like it’s been hard for everyone to not have games, it’s definitely been hard for us. So I think right away it was fun to see the players play and to see them playing well.”

*On the play of Tyler Pasher:*

“He’s just a really great threat. If the opponent’s back line is high he can get in behind them, and if they drop deep he can come short and get the ball and turn and go, so he’s just a big threat either way and it’s so hard to defend that. Usually you’ll find there’s players with speed who don’t really have the control and ability to stop and turn, but he’s got the ability to do all that. It’s been amazing to see his development over the last couple of seasons. You have to remember that he’s only been playing the position he’s in for one season. He’s doing fantastic at it and I think he can keep enjoying it and keep improving at it, and I think he will.”

*On having fans in the stands and the atmosphere tonight:*

“One of the things about Lucas Oil Stadium – obviously it’s a huge stadium, so people are able to spread out for safety – but another thing is with the roof the noise stays in, so it was actually a great atmosphere. You could hear the fans singing and that made it much more fun than playing in front of no fans. I’m sure there are some people having a look at it to see how safe it is, speaking to their friends before they come back out, so hopefully we’ll see them soon. And we’re very thankful to those that did come out, and hopefully they enjoyed the game. They saw a great performance. Great credit to Indy Eleven’s front office, to [CEO] Greg Stremelaw and to all the people who worked so hard so that we can have a crowd here. It’s nice to be starting that process of hopefully starting to get back to normal by having a sporting event with people here, and it’s great for us to be in that position.”

*On what improvements he thought could be made after one game back:*

“There’s always things you can improve upon. I think in the final third our timing was off a little bit, certain final passes that weren’t quite there, but that’s to be expected. Again, that was our first time out in about 120 days, the first time we’ve been playing against someone besides ourselves. So I don’t think we’ll be too difficult on ourselves, but we’ll analyze the game and do our best to keep getting better.”