

**INDY ELEVEN QUOTE SHEET**  
**BIRMINGHAM LEGION FC 3 : 1 INDY ELEVEN**  
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**BBVA FIELD – BIRMINGHAM, ALA.**

**INDY ELEVEN INTERIM HEAD COACH MAX ROGERS**

***On overall performance...***

“Overall, we didn’t start the game well. The first goal was a good strike that took an unfortunate deflection off Jared [Timmer], I think it was Jared, and went over Jordan’s hands. We recovered well and scored a really good goal, a good cross from Nick Moon and a good finish from Nicky Law.

“From there, we just changed a few things heading into the second half. Things weren’t working out the way I wanted them to, so we made some little changes. I thought we started the second half really well and had some good moments. I thought we had the two best chances of the game – the cross from Manuel [Arteaga] to Nicky was an excellent play, a great run from Nicky and great cross from Manu. Then Gordon [Wild] came on and had a couple of opportunities as well.

“But we get the one sucker punch. It’s a poor clearance but then obviously a very opportunistic strike. It was a poor decision in my opinion to take a short corner before everyone is set and organized behind the ball, so when Jordan goes up, we caught out. Obviously 3-1 makes it look more comfortable for Birmingham, but I don’t think that was the case at all. It was really disappointing to me personally.”

***On tactical changes heading into the second half...***

“We just changed the shape slightly, so it was easier for us to defend. We were more compact through the middle than I thought we were in the first half. They were beating the press and playing through us in the midfield, so we just changed slightly. “

***On midfielder Emmanuel Ledesma’s Indy Eleven debut...***

“I thought he had some good moments; he was obviously involved in the build-up to the first goal. He showed some promising signs, he obviously needs to get that match fitness so that’s why I wanted to start him today. It’s unfortunate that he arrived when he did when there’s not many games to go.”