

WEEK 6 PREVIEW

Games of December 19-21, 2025
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Welcome to year five of Major Arena Soccer League 3, and the second season since the combination of MASL 3 and the Premier Arena Soccer League prior to the 2024-25 season.

A total of 13 teams are back from the 2024-25 season, with some new faces, old faces, and new faces in old places making up the 20-team league. In total, MASL 2, MASL 3 and MASL, W, the foundation of the

North American's premier pro indoor soccer pyramid, the 2025-26 season will feature 70 teams in three different countries. Including the top of the pyramid – the Major Arena Soccer League – no less than 78 teams will be playing under the MASL banner this winter.



Returning are the league champions – the RGV Barracudas out of Brownsville, Texas – who ended the three-year title run of Northern Virginia FC.

New teams this season in the Atlantic Division include Cumberland Valley SC, the Maryland Storm (who will play where the DMV Gunners played for the last two seasons) and Delaware City FC who will play out of the state's capital Wilmington.

All four teams in the East – the Roc City Boom who played RGV in the championship game – along with Buffalo, Cleveland and Youngstown are all back this year. New to the Great Lakes North Division this year are the Muskegon Risers, but they are far from new to the MASL. They have for the last

eight seasons fielded a team in MASL 2, and are stepping down a level in 2025-26. Also back in the pyramid are Cincinnati Swerve while Detroit Waza Flo and Indiana United both return.

The five-team South Division will feature four teams returning from last season including the OKC Certified Lions, who will play in the brand-new 4,500 seat OG&E Coliseum in downtown Oklahoma City this winter. Also back in 2025-26: RGV, the Wichita Selection and Springfield Demize. New is The Bold Dream FC based in Austin and Deportivo Shaolin.

Each MASL 3 team plays a 10-game regular season schedule, with a national playoffs to conclude the year.



SAHARA GUNNERS at CLEVELAND SAMBA

Saturday, December 20

Kickoff at 6 p.m. EST

Soccer Sportsplex, North Olmsted, Ohio



>> PREVIOUS MEETINGS: This is the first meeting of the season between the two teams.

>> THE SKINNY: The East division is the last of the MASL 3 divisions to kick off in 2025-26, and will do so in a Battle of Lake Erie as the Gunners play out of Buffalo. The teams played two times last year, when the Samba went 6-4 with a goal differential of +12. The Gunners were 2-8 with a goal differential of -78. Cleveland won in Buffalo, 18-8, in the final game of the regular season for both teams. Earlier in the year, Cleveland won at home by a 23-9 count, led by Nick Zegarac who had six goals.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Nick Zegarac, besides his big outing against Buffalo, finished the season with 11 total points in just three games. Michael Schmid was their leading scorer with 11 goals and six assists in seven games, better than a two-points per game average.

Matiki, as he is known (Matiki Rehani Mwibeleca) was a superstar player at North High in Akron where he holds the school record for goals in one season and goals for his career, and was the 2025 OPVL Offensive Player of the Year for the Ambassadors FC ... Douglass Tshibuyi was a one-man scoring machine for Buffalo last year, scoring 43 goals to lead the league in just 10 games. He also added eight assists.

>> UP NEXT: Sahara Gunners at Youngstown Nighthawks on Saturday, January 3 at 8 p.m. EST at Farmer Jim's Sports Center, Cortland, Ohio / Cleveland Samba at Roc City Boom on Saturday, January 3 at 8:15 p.m. EST at Rochester Sports Garden, Rochester, N.Y.

BALTIMORE KINGS at VIRGINIA MARAUDERS



Saturday, December 20

Kickoff at 7 p.m. EST

Winchester Sportsplex, Winchester, Virginia

>> PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Baltimore defeated Northern Virginia back on Nov. 15 in Baltimore with Pat Flemming getting three goals and one assist and Josh Danza three assists for the Kings.

>> THE SKINNY: The Marauders are coming off maybe their best performance in their four-year MASL 3 history, taking the three-time league champion Northern Virginia FC right to the wire before falling last weekend 12-10. The game was tied heading into the fourth quarter. The Kings and NOVA FC are the two teams that have played all five seasons of MASL 3 soccer, and are the most veteran team in the league with virtually their entire 2024-25 roster returning for this season.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Josh Danza continues to set the pace league wide as a premier playmaker for Baltimore (3-0). All seven of his team-high seven points have been assists. Tony Araviakis continues to be a deadly finisher, with six goals in three starts. For Virginia, they got a huge effort from one of their best, Bethson Fuentes, who had five goals and one assist in the recent loss to NOVA FC. Matthew Martinez was also a big contributor in that game with two goals and two assists.

>> UP NEXT: Baltimore Kings at Cumberland Valley SC on Sunday, January 25 at 7:30 p.m. EST at Kirwood Sports, Wilmington, Delaware / Virginia Marauders vs. Northern Virginia on Saturday, January 3 at 7 p.m. EST at Winchester Sportsplex, Winchester, Virginia.

CUMBERLAND VALLEY at DELAWARE CITY FC



Saturday, December 20

Kickoff at 7 p.m. EST

Kirkwood Sports, Wilmington, Delaware

>> **PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** This is the first meeting of the season between these two teams. **THE SKINNY:** On paper, this is a pretty enticing matchup with two first-year teams that have put together local and talented rosters with both making early statements in the very competitive Atlantic Division. CVSC comes in at 0-2, but both losses were down-to-the-wire affairs with the hugely more experienced Baltimore Kings, who won their games by just one and two goals. Meanwhile, Delaware City has put up no less than 12 goals in all three of their games, two of which were wins including a 20-3 win over the Maryland Storm, avenging a 12-10 loss to the Storm earlier in the season.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Luis Flores made his DCFC debut last weekend in the win over Maryland, and scored six goals and added four assists. Odell Johnson and Kel Ordonez each have nine points in three starts. Johnson has seven goals and Ordonez five ... For Cumberland Valley, MASL veteran Joel Musa has been an expected offensive leader, with two goals and three assists so far. Marcos Garcia and Erick Villatoro each have scored twice as well in two starts.

>> **UP NEXT:** Cumberland Valley at Maryland Storm on Saturday, December 27 at 6 p.m. EST at Carroll Indoor Sports, Westminster, Maryland / Delaware City FC at Cumberland Valley on Sunday, January 11 at 7 p.m. EST at the Hagerstown Fieldhouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.

DETROIT WAZA FLO at CINCINNATI SWERVE



Saturday, December 20

Kickoff at 8 p.m. EST

Game Time Training Center, Fairfield, Ohio

>> **PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** This is the first meeting of the year between these two teams.

>> **THE SKINNY:** The Swerve will just be happy to get a match in after two different attempts on different weekends to host the Muskegon Risers. Both games were snowed out with

treacherous travel conditions due to major winter storms. So for both teams – who both have a long and successful history of indoor soccer action – this will be the season opener. Detroit Waza Flo dates back to its founding in 2008

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Sam Fiore is a key veteran to help bring the younger Swerve players along. He played his college soccer at Xavier and at Wayne High School. He has appeared in games in both the PASL and MASL indoors and will also serve on the team's coaching staff this season ... Andrej Novakovic is another indoor veteran that will be asked to be a leader. Dangerous offensive threat, led the Swerve in points in the 2021-22 PASL season ... Eddie Zavala played collegiately at Cincinnati State and the University of Pikeville. Played in 23 games for UPIKE, with five points. Native of Maysville, Kentucky. For Waza Flo, Omar Lahbiki played collegiately at Cleary University and Muskingum University. He also appeared in four games for the MASL San Diego Sockers in 2024-25.

>> **UP NEXT:** Detroit Waza Flo at Muskegon Risers on Friday, January 9 at 7 p.m. EST at Trinity Health Arena, Muskegon, Michigan / Cincinnati Swerve at Indiana United on Saturday, January 10 at 6 p.m. CST at Dyer Indoor Arena, Dyer, Indiana.

AUSTIN TBD FC at OKC CERTIFIED LIONS

Saturday, December 20

Kickoff at 6:30 p.m. CST

OG&E Coliseum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



>> **PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** This is the first game of the season between the two teams.

THE SKINNY: This will serve as the back end of a MASL 2. / MASL 3 doubleheader as the MASL 2 OKC Certified Lions will take on the Iowa Raptors at 4 p.m. CST at the new 4,500 seat OG&E Coliseum in downtown Oklahoma City. OKC is the only MASL 3 team to also have an MASL 2 side. This is the season opener for Austin, while OKC opened its season a week ago with a 15-4 win on the road against the Springfield Demize. Aboubakr Diallo scored five goals to lead the attack.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Aboubakr Diallo was a standout last year for OKC as well. He scored 25 goals and added 17 assists in nine games in 2024-25. Michael Chavez is another offensive threat to keep an eye on after scoring a hat trick in the opener.

UP NEXT: The Bold Dream FC vs. RGV Barracudas on Saturday, January 3 at 6 p.m. CST at Menchaca Soccer Zone, Austin, Texas / OKC Certified Lions vs. RGV Barracudas on Saturday, January 27 at 6:30 p.m. CST at OG&E Coliseum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Saturday, December 27	Cumberland Valley at Maryland Storm, 6 p.m. EST
Saturday, December 27	RGV Barracudas at OKC Certified Lions, 6:30 p.m. CST
Saturday, December 27	Deportivo Shaolin at Wichita Selection, 7:30 p.m. CST
Saturday, January 3	RGV Barracudas at Austin TBD FC, 6 p.m. CST
Saturday, January 3	Northern Virginia at Virginia Marauders, 7 p.m. EST
Saturday, January 3	Sahara Gunners at Youngstown Nighthawks, 8 p.m. EST
Saturday, January 3	Cleveland Samba at Roc City Boom, 8:15 p.m. EST
Sunday, January 4	Maryland Storm at Northern Virginia, 2 p.m. EST
Sunday, January 4	Cumberland Valley at Virginia Marauders, 6 p.m. EST



STANDINGS

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>> ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	DIF
Baltimore Kings	3	3	0	0	9	22	11	+11
Delaware City FC	3	2	1	0	6	45	18	+27
Northern Virginia FC	1	1	0	0	3	12	10	10
Maryland Storm	2	1	2	0	3	15	30	-15
Cumberland Valley	2	0	2	0	0	10	13	-3
Virginia Marauders	3	0	3	0	0	14	36	-21

» EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	DIF
Cleveland Samba	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roc City Boom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sahara Gunners (Buffalo)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youngstown Nighthawks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

» GREAT LAKES NORTH

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	DIF
Cincinnati Swerve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Detroit Waza Flo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indiana United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muskegon Risers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

» SOUTH DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	DIF
OKC Certified Lions	1	1	0	0	3	15	4	+11
RGV Barracudas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
The Bold Dream FC (Austin)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wichita Selection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Springfield Demize	1	0	1	0	0	4	15	-11



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» 2025-26 GOAL LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	GL
Odell Johnson	Delaware City	3	7
Tony Araviakis	Baltimore Kings	3	6
Luis Flores	Delaware City	1	6
Agi Pacheco	Delaware City	3	6
Aboubakr Diallo	OKC Certified Lions	1	5

Andrew Wivell	Maryland Storm	1	5
Kel Ordonez	Delaware City	3	5
Miles Hood	Delaware City	3	5

» 2025-26 ASSIST LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	AS
Josh Danza	Baltimore Kings	3	7
Gavin Boyer	Baltimore Kings	2	5
Kel Ordonez	Delaware City	3	4
Luis Flores	Delaware City	1	4
Mac Smith	Delaware City	3	4

» 2025-26 TOTAL POINTS LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	PTS
Luis Flores	Delware City	1	10
Kel Ordonez	Delaware City FC	3	9
Odell Johnson	Delaware City FC	3	9
Johnny Desouza	Northern Virginia	1	8
Agi Pacheco	Delaware City FC	3	8
Josh Danza	Baltimore Kings	3	7
Tony Araviakis	Baltimore Kings	3	6
Ken Truong	Baltimore Kings	3	6
Andrew Wivell	Maryland Storm	1	5
Gavin Boyer	Baltimore Kings	3	5
Miles Hood	Delaware City	3	5