

WEEK 16 REVIEW

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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.



Cincinnati Swerve 4 Muskegon Risers 12

Friday, February 27

Trinity Health Arena, Muskegon, Michigan



>> GAME RECAP: Both teams came in at 6-0 in the Great Lakes North division, but the Risers left little doubt who was the better side, at least on this night. The two will rematch later this month in Cincinnati. On Friday, the Risers fell behind early, 3-1, but turned it on from there, filling the nets and allowing just one additional goal over the final 40 minutes of the game. Elmedin Zukic led the way with two goals and four assists. Fikert Hasovic added two goals and two assists. Arman Zahidic and Jair Real had two goals each and Damir Sabanovic had a goal and two assists for the Risers. For Cincinnati Eddie Zavala had two goals and Andrej Novakovic had one goal and one assist.

>> UP NEXT: Cincinnati Swerve vs. Muskegon Risers on Saturday, March 14 at 7 p.m. EDT at Game Time Training Center, Fairfield, Ohio / Muskegon Risers at Detroit Waza Flo on Saturday, February 28 at 7 p.m. EST at TOCA Novi East, Novi, Michigan.

Roc City Boom 8 Buffalo Gunners 5



Saturday, February 28
Kenan Center, Lockport, N.Y.

>> **GAME RECAP:** The spirited Gunners gave Roc City its biggest regular season scare in two years, holding the high flying Boom to just eight goals. Their previous low output in a game this season was 17, and the closest game they have played in 2025-26 they won by 16 goals, also against the Gunners. In going 10-0 during the regular season last year, they did have a one-goal win against Cleveland, but otherwise their closest margin of victory was nine, once again against Buffalo. Eduardo Figueroa led the way for Rochester with three goals and one assist. Andrew Coughlin, the former MASL goalkeeper, scored twice as well. For Buffalo, Douglass Tshibuyi scored two and had two assist and Ali Shawish had two goals and one assist. Alan Ibarra got the win in goal, credited with 28 saves.

>> **UP NEXT:** Roc City Boom at Cleveland Samba on Saturday, March 7 at 6 p.m. Soccer Sportsplex, North Olmsted, Ohio / Buffalo Gunners vs. Youngstown Nighthawks on Saturday, March 7 at 1 p.m. EST at Kenan Center, Lockport, N.Y.

Muskegon Risers 15 Detroit Waza Flo 5



Saturday, February 28

Muskegon Risers 15 Detroit Waza Flo 7



Sunday, March 1
TOCA Novi East, Novi, Michigan

>> **GAME RECAP:** The Risers completed a sweep of their rare three-games-in-three-days weekend by putting up 15 in back to back road games in Detroit. On Saturday, Waza Flo broke out to an early 2-1 lead but Muskegon scored the game's next five goals to build an

8-5 lead at the intermission. The Risers then slammed the door shut defensively in the second half to pull away. As the website www.localsportsjournal.com noted – they cover the Risers extensively – Firkert Hasovic went “mental” in this one, scoring nine goals and adding five assists. Elmedin Zukic also did a ton of damage with seven goals and three assists. Travis Schmid played the second half in goal and made 14 saves. Jake Lofgren played the first half and got credit for the win. George McCatty had two goals and Abdulah Eselah had a goal and an assist for Detroit. On Sunday, Waza Flo made it tougher, and trailed just 6-5 midway through the third quarter before the Risers turned on the after burners, scoring eight of the game's final nine goals. Muskegon held a 37-29 edge in shots. Hasovic was again great, with five goals and one assist. Zukic had three goals and three assists. Marcos Real had four goals and two assists. Brandon Kurmas got the win in goal. For Detroit, Silas Rustin had a hat trick.

>> **UP NEXT:** Muskegon Risers at Cincinnati Swerve on Saturday, March 14 at 7 p.m. EDT at Game Atime Training Center, Fairfield, Ohio / Detroit Waza Flo end regular season.

Cumberland Valley 5 at Northern Virginia 19



Saturday, February 28

Winchester Sportsplex, Winchester, Virginia

>> **GAME RECAP:** Northern Virginia had a 10-4 lead at the break, good buddy, and kept the pedal to the metal in the second half, led by the duo of Jean Philippe who had seven goals and two assists and Adam Guennouni who had five goals and two assists. Joel Musa led the Cumberland offense with two goals and one assist.

>> **UP NEXT:** Cumberland Valley vs. Virginia Marauders on Sunday, March 8 at 7 p.m. EDT at Hagerstown Fieldhouse, Hagerstown, Maryland / Northern Virginia at Baltimore Kings on Sunday, March 1 at 6 p.m. EST at Goals Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland.

Cleveland Samba 10 Youngstown Nighthawks 2



Saturday, February 28

Farmer Jim's Sports Complex, Cortland, Ohio



>> **GAME RECAP:** Dylan Keeling had a hat trick for Cleveland as they prepare for the league playoffs later this month. George Cottenden had a goal and two assists and Will Grubbs and Sylvester Messiah each had a goal and one assist.

>> **UP NEXT:** Cleveland Samba vs. Roc City Boom on Saturday, March 7 at 6 p.m. EST at Soccer Sportsplex, North Olmsted, Ohio / Youngstown Nighthawks at Buffalo Gunners on Saturday, March 7 at 1 p.m. EST at Kenan Center, Lockport, N.Y.

Virginia Marauders 6 at Maryland Storm 27



Sunday, March 1

Carroll Indoor Sports Center, Westminster, Maryland

>> **PREVIOUS MATCHUPS:** The Storm's offense was on point all night, with two players turing in 10-point games for Maryland. Edgar Godoy had five goals and five assists and Angel Stanley Maravilla Chavez had four goals and six assists. Gavin Shiels had five goals and two assists while Andrew Wivell had four goals and one assist and Hassan Elsayed four goals. For the Marauders, Matthew Martinez had two goals and two assists and Oscar Garcia added two goals and one assist.

>> **UP NEXT:** Virginia Marauders at Cumberland Valley on Sunday, March 8 at 7 p.m. EDT at Hagerstown Fieldhouse, Hagerstown, Maryland / Maryland Storm at Baltimore Kings on Sunday, March 8 at 6 p.m. EDT at Goals Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland.

Northern Virginia 11 at Baltimore Kings 8



Sunday, March 1

Goals Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland

>> **PREVIOUS MATCHUPS:** The three-time champions from Northern Virginia are hoping for a chance to reclaim a league title, and kept that hope alive with this big road win. They are a game back of the first-place Maryland Storm, and have played one less game than the Storm. Baltimore, as host teams, will get an automatic playoff berth. They fell to 4-2 on the year, NOVA is 6-2.

>> **UP NEXT:** Northern Virginia vs. Baltimore Kings on Saturday, March 7 EDT at Wichester

Sportsplex, Winchester, Virginia / Baltimore Kings at Northern Virginia on Saturday, March 7 EDT at Wichester Sportsplex, Winchester, Virginia.

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Saturday, March 7	Youngstown Nighthawks at Buffalo Gunners, 1 p.m. EST
Saturday, March 7	Wichita Selection at RGV Barracudas, 1 p.m. CST
Saturday, March 7	Roc City Boom at Cleveland Samba, 6 p.m. EST
Saturday, March 7	Baltimore Kings at Northern Virginia, 7:45 p.m. EST
Sunday, March 8	Maryland Storm at Baltimore Kings, 6 p.m. EDT
Sunday, March 8	Virginia Marauders at Cumberland Valley, 7 p.m. EDT



STANDINGS

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»» ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Maryland Storm	9	7	2	0	21	7	102	78	+24
Northern Virginia FC	9	7	2	0	21	7	87	63	+24
Delaware City FC	7	5	2	0	15	5	84	31	+53
Baltimore Kings	7	4	3	0	12	4	49	45	+4
Cumberland Valley	8	1	7	0	3	1	46	92	-46
Virginia Marauders	8	0	8	0	0	0	46	105	-59

» EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Roc City Boom	7	7	0	0	21	7	133	19	+114
Cleveland Samba	7	5	2	0	15	5	114	63	+51
Buffalo Gunners	8	2	6	0	6	2	52	119	-67
Youngstown Nighthawks	6	0	6	0	0	0	14	112	-98

» GREAT LAKES NORTH*

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Muskegon Risers	9	9	0	0	27	9	93	39	+54
Cincinnati Swerve	7	6	1	0	18	6	46	27	+19
Detroit Waza Flo	9	2	7	0	6	2	55	100	-45
Kalamazoo United	4	0	4	0	0	0	11	39	-28

(*Records include forfeit wins awarded to teams scheduled against Indiana United, who was expelled from the league early in the season for violation of league bylaws. Kalamazoo is playing the United's schedule of away games.)

» SOUTH DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
OKC Certified Lions	9	7	2	0	21	7	98	52	+46
Deportivo Shaolin	10	7	3	0	20	6	109	93	+16
RGV Barracudas	7	5	2	0	15	5	46	46	0
Springfield Demize	8	3	4	1	10	3	54	88	-34
Wichita Selection	6	3	3	0	9	3	34	42	-8
The Bold Dream FC (Austin)	10	0	10	0	0	0	24	44	-20



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» 2025-26 GOAL LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	GL
Daniel Malhue	Deportivo Shaolin	9	28
Aboubakr Diallo	OKC Certified Lions	7	25

Angel Stanley Chavez	Maryland Storm	7	22
Eduardo Figueroa	Roc City Boom	7	19
Fikret Hasovic	Muskegon Risers	6	19
Ali Shawish	Buffalo Gunners	7	18
Elmedin Zukic	Muskegon Risers	6	15
Conner Hollett	Cleveland Samba	5	14
Jake Gratzner	Cleveland Samba	6	14
Douglass Tshibuyi	Buffalo Gunners	8	14

»» 2025-26 ASSIST LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	AS
Rafael Zalvidar	OKC Certified Lions	7	18
Andriy Demydiv	Roc City Boom	7	17
Elmedin Zukic	Muskegon Risers	6	17
Aboubakr Diallo	OKC Certified Lions	7	14
Alex Harling	Roc City Boom	7	13
Angel Chavez	Maryland Storm	7	12
Firket Haskovic	Muskegon Risers	6	11
Matthew Martinez	Virginia Marauders	7	11

»» 2025-26 TOTAL POINTS LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	PTS
Aboubakr Diallo	OKC Certified Lions	7	39
Angel Stanley Chavez	Maryland Storm	7	34
Elmedin Zukic	Muskegon Risers	6	32
Daniel Malhue	Deportovo Shaolin	9	31
Fikert Haskovic	Muskegon Risers	6	30
Andriy Demydiv	Roc City Boom	7	28
Eduardo Figueroa	Roc City Boom	7	28
Ali Shawish	Buffalo Gunners	7	27
Rafael Zalvidar	OKC Certified Lions	7	25

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