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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.



RGV Barracudas at Deportivo Shaolin



Saturday, January 17

Kickoff at 12:30 p.m.

Heartland Credit Union Arena, Park City, Kansas

- >> PREVIOUS MEETINGS: This is the first meeting of the season between the two teams.
- >> GAME NOTES: RGV is the defending MASL 3 champions, defeating Roc City in last spring's championship game. They come into this game 2-1 with a goal differential of minus 5 with 21 goals scored and 16 against. Deportivo Shaolin is 0-2 with a minus 8 goal differential with 20 goals scored but 28 allowed.
- >> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Deportivo Shaolin is anchored by former MASL player Daniel Malhue who in two games has already accounted for seven goals. Joao Kawasaki is second on the team in goals with four ... For RGV, Jose Martinez has six goals on the year, including five in a win over Austin earlier this winter. Jose Echavarria has in two games four goals. Four other players have at least three points so far this year, including Jamie Ochoa with

three goals.

>> UP NEXT: RGV Barracudas vs. OKC Certified Lions on Saturday, February 7 at 7 p.m. CST at Barracudas Park, Brownsville, Texas / Deportivo Shaolin vs. Springfield Demize on Sunday, January 18 at 2 p.m. CST at the Sports Edge, Wichita Kansas.

Buffalo Gunners at Cleveland Samba

Saturday, January 17

Kickoff at 6 p.m. EST

Soccer Sportsplex, North Olmsted, Ohio



>> PREVIOUS MEETINGS: This is the second meeting of the year between the two, with Cleveland taking a 22-10 home win in December. Although the game was tied on three different occasions early, the Cleveland offensive overwhelmed the Sahara Gunners (0-1) with 10 fourth quarter goals to pull away for a season opening win. The Samba outshot the Buffalo based Gunners, 63-33, and in fact, Gunner netminder Conner Russell earned third-star of the game honors for his 41 saves. Conner Hollet had four goals and two assists to lead Cleveland and Mikey Schmid had five goals. Silvester Messiah had a hat trick, and five other players had at least three points including Jake Gratzner with two goals and one assist and George Kephart, Dylan Keeling and Remik Niewiarowski all had one goal and two assists. P.J. Derksen got the win in goal, credited with 10 saves, in splitting time with Keiffer Reed in the Samba net. For the Gunners. Douglass Tshibuyi picked up where he left off last year when he led the league in goals, netting four in this one and adding one assist. Ali Shawish also had a five-point effort with three goals and two assists. Freddy Fakir added two goals.

>> GAME NOTES: This is the first game for the re-branded "Buffalo" Gunners, who have always been based out of the Queen City, but previously had gone by the Sahara Gunners. They come into the game. 1-1 with a minus 8 goals differential on 25 goals scored and 33 allowed. The Gunners are 1-2 with 18 goals scored and 47 goals given up for a minus 29 goal differential. Both have face the mighty Roc City Boom, with Buffalo falling 22-1 and Cleveland falling 23-3 to account for the high minus differentials.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: For Cleveland, Conner Hollett is leading the offense with four goals and two assists. The overall goals leader for the Samba is Mikey Schmid with five goals in his two appearances ... For Buffalo, Ali Shawish is leading the way with five goals and two assists. Douglass Tshibuyi, the leading goal scorer in the league last season, has five goals and one assist.

>> UP NEXT: Buffalo Gunners at Roc City Boom on Saturday, January 24 at 8:15 p.m. EST at Rochester Sports Garden, Rochester, N.Y. / Cleveland Samba at Youngstown Nighthawks on Saturday, January 24 at 8 p.m. EST at Farmer Jim's Sports Complex, Cortland, Ohio.

Northern Virginia at Maryland Storm

Saturday, January 17

Kickoff at 7:30 p.m. EST

Carroll Indoor Sports Center, Westminister, Maryland



>> PREVIOUS MEETINGS: These two teams are meeting for the second time this season, after a dandy contest in Virginia the first time around won by NOVA, 6-4. The Storm led exactly once in this game, less than three minutes into the first quarter on a goal from Michael Curter, but NOVA (2-0) – who has three MASL 3 championship trophies in their case – scored the next two to take a lead they would never fully surrender. Maryland tied the game on three different occasions – the latest with a minute to go in the third on a goal by Drew Wivell to level the game at 4-4 going into the final 15 minutes – but Northern Virginia showed their championship pedigree by scoring the only two goals of the fourth, including the game winner from Jordan Savage with just under 10 minutes to play. Savage was the only NOVA player to have a multi-point afternoon as he tallied twice. Gavin Shields scored twice for Maryland while Wivell had a goal and one assist and Edgar Godoy had two assists. Huber Latona got the win in goal for NVFC.

>> GAME NOTES: Maryland comes in with a record of 3-2 with 47 goals scored and 52 allowed for a minus 5 differential. NOVA is now 2-0 on the season with a plus 4 differential on 18 goals scored and 14 goals allowed. Liam Behrens is the coach for the Storm, which is the reborn DMV Gunners from the last two seasons of MASL 3 play, also in Westminister. He was their coach as well.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Johnny De Souza is off to a big start for Northern Virginia with 3 goals and an impressive six assists in two starts. Three additional players have four points each for Virginia ... Angel Stanley Maravilla Chavez has proven to be a big threat with 12 goals and four assists on the year. Andrew Wivell has a five-goal game to his credit, and has seven total in three starts after missing a couple of games with a tweaked ankle.

>> UP NEXT: Northern Virginia at Cumberland Valley at 7 p.m. Saturday, January 24 at 7 p.m. EST at Hagerstown Fieldhouse, Hagerstown, Maryland / Maryland Storm vs. Baltimore Kings on Saturday, February 7 at 7:30 p.m. EST at Carroll Indoor Sports Center, Westminister, Maryland.

Youngstown Nighthawks at Roc City Boom



Saturday, January 17

Kickoff at 8:15 p.m. EST

Rochester Sports Garden, Rochester, N.Y.

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

>> GAME NOTES: Deep, experienced and talented, it defines Roc City who is hoping to take that final step this year after falling in last year's championship game. In two games, they have allowed just four goals and scored 45. Youngstown is at the other end, young, inexperienced and growing. They are 0-1 with a 7-3 loss to Buffalo in their only start.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Pick a name, any name, on the Roc City Boom. Goalkeeper Jakeb Mitchell is clearly one of the league's best. Offensively, there are many scorers, led by Austin Gerber with seven goals and two assists, Alex Harling with three goals and five assists and Andriy Demydiv with two goals and six assists. Caleb Munski had six assists in the Boom's last win ... Kyle Benson, David McKinney and Shawn Mackay were the Nighthawks goal scorers in their lone start.

>> UP NEXT: Youngstown Nighthawks vs. Cleveland Samba on Saturday, January 24 at 8 p.m. EST at Farmer Jim's Sports Complex, Cortland, Ohio / Roc City Boom vs. Buffalo Gunners on Saturday, January 24 at 8:15 p.m. EST at Rochester Sports Garden, Rochester, N.Y.

Springfield Demize at Deportivo Shaolin



Sunday, January 18

Kickoff at 2 p.m. CST

The Sports Edge, Wichita, Kansas

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

>> GAME NOTES: For Deportivo Shaolin game notes and players to watch, see above.

Springfield is 1-1 with 15 goals scored and 24 goals allowed.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: The Demize has been led by Jose Ortega who has four goals in two

games. Leonardo Borges and Tyrell Phinn have three goals each to date.

>> UP NEXT: Springfield Demize vs. Wichita Selection on Saturday, January 24 at 8:30 p.m. CST at Lake County Soccer, Springfield, Missouri / Deportivo Shaolin vs. Wichita Selection on Sunday, February 1 at 8:30 p.m. CST at Edge Sports, Wichita, Kansas.

Kalamazoo United at Detroit Waza Flo



Sunday, January 18

Kickoff at 4:30 p.m. EST

TOCA Novi East, Novi, Michigan

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

>> GAME NOTES: Kalamazoo is playing road games only to fulfill home dates for teams who were left a game short due to the expulsion of Indiana United due to a violation of league bylaws. Detroit is looking for its first win of the season after falling twice on the road at Cincinnati and once to Muskegon, two of the better teams in MASL 3. So this is the home opener for Waza Flo. Kalamazoo was 9-0-1 in league play last year, with 100 goals scored and just 33 allowed.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: For Kalamazoo, Charlie Salvidar was their leading goal scorer last year with 11 ... For Detroit, Omar Lahbiki has been stout up front ;with five goals this winter. Adam Morbarack has three points on two goals and one assist so far in 2025-26.

>> UP NEXT: Kalamazoo United at Muskegon Risers on Saturday, January 21 at 6 p.m. EST at Trinity Health Arena, Muskegon, Michigan / Detroit Waza Flo at Muskegon Risers on Saturday, January 24 at 6 p.m. EST at Trinity Health Arena, Muskegon, Michigan.

Virginia Marauders at Delaware City FC



Sunday, January 18

Kickoff at 7 p.m. EST

Kirkwood Sports, Wilmington, Delaware

>> PREVIOUS MEETINGS: This is the second meeting of the season with Delaware City taking

a 15-3 win in November in Virginia. Two DCFC forwards led the offensive onslaught as both Agi Pacheco – who has played both in MASL 2 and MASL 3 previously – and Myles Hoodie recorded hat tricks.

>> GAME NOTES: The Marauders continue to play some of their most consistent soccer, but are still yet to be rewarded as they come in 0-6 with 34 goals scored and 69 allowed for a goal differential of minus 35. Delaware City is a club to be reckoned with as they are 4-1 with a goal differential of plus 53 with 73 goals scored and just 20 against.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Leonel Sanchez Pena had two goals for the Marauders in their first meeting this year with Delaware. Bethson Fuentes leads the offense with eight goals (and two assists) while the leading points getter is Matthew Martinez with three goals and eight assists ... For Delaware, Luis Flores has had the hot hand with 10 goals and seven assists. Odell Johnson also had 10 goals. Carlos Lievano had 13 points in four starts.

>> UP NEXT: Virginia Marauders at Maryland Storm on Sunday, March 1 at 12 noon EST at Carroll Indoor Sports, Westminster, Maryland / Delaware City vs. Baltimore Kings on Sunday, January 25 at 7 p.m. EST at Kirkwood Sports, Wilmington, Delaware.

>> For all the latest information on your favorite team – including streaming options for their home and away games – visit those team social sites for the most up to date information.<<



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OKC Certified Lions at The Bold Dream FC, 6 p.m. CST

Detroit Waza Flo at Muskegon Risers, 6 p.m. EST

Northern Virginia at Cumberland Valley, 7 p.m. EST

Cleveland Samba at Youngstown Nighthawks, 8 p.m. EST

Buffalo Gunners at Roc City Boom, 8:15 p.m. EST

Wichita Selection at Springfield Demize, 8:30 p.m. CST

Baltimore Kings at Delaware City FC, 7 p.m. EST



STANDINGS

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» ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Delaware City FC	5	4	1	0	12	4	73	20	+53
Baltimore Kings	4	4	0	0	12	4	28	15	+13
Maryland Storm	5	3	2	0	9	3	47	54	-5
Northern Virginia FC	2	2	0	0	6	2	18	14	+4
Cumberland Valley	6	1	5	0	3	1	34	64	-30
Virginia Marauders	0	0	6	0	0	0	34	69	-35

» EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Roc City Boom	2	2	0	0	6	2	45	4	+41
Cleveland Samba	2	1	1	0	3	1	25	33	-8
Sahara Gunners (Buffalo)	3	1	2	0	3	1	18	47	-29
Youngstown Nighthawks	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	7	-4

» GREAT LAKES NORTH*

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Cincinnati Swerve	2	2	0	0	3	2	23	5	+18
Muskegon Risers	1	1	0	0	3	1	14	5	+9
Detroit Waza Flo	3	0	3	0	0	0	10	37	-18

» SOUTH DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
OKC Certified Lions	4	4	0	0	12	4	58	23	+35
RGV Barracudas	3	2	1	0	6	2	21	26	-5
Springfield Demize	2	2	1	0	3	3	15	24	-9
Wichita Selection	2	1	2	0	3	1	21	20	+1
Deportivo Shaolin	2	0	2	0	0	0	20	28	-8
The Bold Dream FC (Austin)	3	0	3	0	0	0	17	31	-14

**Indiana United, which was also part of the Great Lakes North division, was expelled by the league for failure to abide by league by-laws. Additional dates for affected teams who had home games scheduled against the United will be announced as they are scheduled.*



» 2025-26 GOAL LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	GL
Aboubakr Diallo	OKC Certified Lions	4	19
Odell Johnson	Delaware City	5	10
Agi Pacheco	Delaware City	5	10
Carlos Lievano	Delaware City	5	10
Bethson Fuentes	Virginia Marauders	4	8
Angel Stanley Chavez	Maryland Storm	4	8
Luis Flores	Delaware City	2	7
Miles Hood	Delaware City	4	7
Austin Gerber	Roc City Boom	2	7
Daniel Malhue	Deportivo Shaolin	2	7
Michael Chavez	OKC Certified Lions	4	7
Wesley Carson	Wichita Selection	2	7

» 2025-26 ASSIST LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	AS
Rafael Zalvidar	OKC Certified Lions	4	11
Josh Danza	Baltimore Kings	4	9
Aboubakr Diallo	OKC Certified Lions	4	7
Andriy Demydiv	Roc City Boom	2	6
Johnny DeSouza	Northern Virginia	2	6
Luis Flores	Delaware City	2	6

» 2025-26 TOTAL POINTS LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Aboubakr Diallo	OKC Certified Lions	4	26
Luis Flores	Delaware City	3	14
Rafael Zalvidar	OKC Certified Lions	4	14
Carlos Lievano	Delaware City FC	4	13
Odell Johnson	Delaware City FC	5	13
Agi Pacheco	Delaware City FC	5	12
Kel Ordonez	Delaware City FC	5	11
Bethseon Fuentes	Virginia Marauders	4	10
Marco Del Vecchio	OKC Certified Lions	4	10
Miles Hood	Delaware City	4	9
Josh Danza	Baltimore Kings	4	9
Johnny De Souza	Northern Virginia	2	9
Austin Gerber	Roc City Boom	2	9