

WEEK 11 PREVIEW

Games of January 23-25 2026

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MAJOR ARENA SOCCER LEAGUE



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 of 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.



Detroit Waza Flo at Muskegon Risers

Saturday, January 24

Kickoff at 6 p.m.

Trinity Health Arena, Muskegon, Michigan



» PREVIOUS GAMES: These two teams tangled two weekends ago in Muskegon, with the Risers taking a 14-5 decision. New faces and old friends – and a nice big opening night crowd at the Trinity Health Arena in Muskegon – were the story lines of the Risers debut in MASL 3 as they rolled past Detroit for a season-opening win. Detroit dropped its third straight, all on the road, after a pair of losses against Cincinnati. Muskegon held a 34-21 edge in shots, and broke a 2-2 second quarter tie with five straight goals before intermission. Emmanuel Velazquez was the offensive star with three goals and one assist. Marco Real had two goals and an assist while Elmedin Zukic had a goal and two assists. Longtime Riser star Miguel Flores had two goals and Jair Real had a goal and one assist. Travis Schmid was the winning goalkeeper. Adam Mobarack had two goals and one assist.

to lead Detroit, and teammate Victor Viana had a goal and two assists. Omar Lahbiki also scored twice.

>> GAME NOTES: Muskegon at 3-0 is one of two teams in the Great Lakes North Division with an undefeated mark, Cincinnati has started the season at 4-0. (And for those inclined to look ahead, the two will tangle in February 27 in Cincinnati and March 14 in Muskegon.) The Risers have a goal differential of plus 8 with 14 goals scored and six given up. Detroit is coming off a big win over Kalamazoo where David Galaxy Kabuaya scored three goals and had three assists. They are 2-3 with 25 goals scored and 39 allowed for a minus-14 goals differential.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Muskegon has already had two snow postponements in Cincinnati this year, so to date, not counting forfeit wins over Indiana United who was expelled by the league for failure to adhere to league bylaws, they have suited up just once. Emmanuel Velazquez had the hat trick in that one, and Marcos Real scored twice ... Omar Lahbiki is off to a good start with Waza Flo, netting seven goals. David Galaxy Kabuaya has four goals on the year, as does Saeed Tawil.

>> UP NEXT: Detroit Waza Flo vs. Cincinnati Swerve on Sunday, February 1 at 4:30 p.m. EST at TOCA Novi East, Novi, Michigan / Muskegon Risers vs. Kalamazoo United on Saturday, January 31 at 6 p.m. EST at Trinity Health Arena, Muskegon, Michigan.

Cleveland Samba at Youngstown Nighthawks

Saturday, January 24

Kickoff at 6:15 p.m. EST

Farmer Jim Sports Center, Cortland, Ohio



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

>> GAME NOTES: The Samba come in with a record of 2-1 with a goals differential of plus 5 with 46 scored and 41 given up. Youngstown is 0-2 with six goals scored and 29 allowed for a minus 23 differential. The two teams played four times in 2024-25, with Cleveland winning all four. Youngstown did fall by just a goal, 4-3, in a home game in March. Otherwise, the Samba won by 20-4, 8-4 and 14-5.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Cleveland is led by Conner Hollett who has seven goals and two assists so far this season. Cannon Dees has proven to be a top-shelf playmaker with a team-high five assists ... Youngstown will be looking for more offense, with David McKinney the only Nighthawk to have more than one goal on the season.

>> UP NEXT: Cleveland Samba at Buffalo Gunners on Saturday, January 31 at 1 p.m. EST at

the Kenan Center, Lockport, N.Y. / Youngstown Nighthawks vs. Roc City Boom on Saturday, February 7 at 8 p.m. EST at Farmer Jim's Sports Complex, Cortland, Ohio.

Buffalo Gunners at Roc City Boom

Saturday, January 24

Kickoff at 8:15 p.m. EST

Rochester Sports Garden, Rochester, N.Y.



>> PREVIOUS GAMES: Rochester had little trouble in defeating Buffalo 22-1 on the road two weeks ago in their only previous meeting. Rochester, which scored 23 in its opener, had 22 in its first road game. Caleb Munski led the way with a goal and six assists, a high mark for the league this year in helpers. Konrad Zydowicz had four goals and two assists. Nuri Sarbudak and Alex Harling each had three goals and one assist. Dan Reger had a goal and three assists and Matt Schuber and Andriy Demydiv each contributed with two goals and two assists apiece. Eduardo Figueroa had two goals as well for Rochester. Jakeb Mitchell was the winning goaltender.

>> GAME NOTES: Roc City (3-0) comes in as the offensive juggernauts of MASL 3, at least through three games. They are 3-0 and have scored 67 goals, while allowing just seven. Buffalo has scored 28 and given up 68 in posting a 1-3 mark so far.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Pick just about any Boom player, and you'd likely be impressed by their numbers. They have three players with 10 or more points including Andriy Demydiv with four goals and nine assists, Eduardo Figueroa with eight goals and four assists and Alex Harling with four goals and six assist. Buffalo has gotten big output from Ali Shawish with five goals and two assists. Douglass Tshibuyi is also a threat, with five goals as well so far in 2025-26.

>> UP NEXT: Buffalo Gunners vs. Cleveland Samba on Saturday, January 31 at 1 p.m. EST at the Kenan Center, Lockport, N.Y. / Roc City Boom at Youngstown Nighthawks on Saturday, February 7 at 8:15 p.m. EST at Farmer Jim's Sports Complex, Cortland, Ohio.

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Cleveland Samba at Buffalo Gunners, 1 p.m. EST
Kalamazoo United at Muskegon Risers, 6 p.m. EST
OKC Lions at Wichita Selection, 7:30 p.m. CST
Cincinnati Swerve at Detroit Waza Flo, 4:30 p.m. EST
Wichita Selection at Deportivo Shaolin, 8:30 p.m. CST



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	6	4	2	0	12	4	58	60	-2
Northern Virginia FC	3	2	1	0	6	2	26	25	+11
Cumberland Valley	6	1	5	0	3	1	34	64	-30
Virginia Marauders	6	0	6	0	0	0	34	69	-35

» EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Roc City Boom	3	3	0	0	9	3	67	7	+60
Cleveland Samba	3	2	1	0	6	2	46	41	+5
Buffalo Gunners	4	1	3	0	3	1	26	68	-42
Youngstown Nighthawks	2	0	2	0	0	0	6	29	-23

» GREAT LAKES NORTH*

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Cincinnati Swerve	4	4	0	0	9	4	23	5	+18
Muskegon Risers	3	3	0	0	9	3	14	6	+8
Detroit Waza Flo	5	2	3	0	6	2	25	39	-14
Kalamazoo United	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	14	-12

(*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.)

» **SOUTHDIVISION**

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
OKC Certified Lions	4	4	0	0	12	4	59	23	+36
Deportivo Shaolin	4	2	2	0	6	2	44	43	+1
RGV Barracudas	4	2	2	0	6	2	26	36	-10
Springfield Demize	3	1	2	0	3	3	24	38	-14
Wichita Selection	2	1	1	0	3	1	21	20	+1
The Bold Dream FC (Austin)	3	0	3	0	0	0	17	31	-14



» **2025-26 GOAL LEADERS**

Player	Team	GP	GL
Aboubakr Diallo	OKC Certified Lions	4	19
Angel Stanley Chavez	Maryland Storm	5	16
Daniel Malhue	Deportivo Shaolin	4	12
Odell Johnson	Delaware City	5	10
Agi Pacheco	Delaware City	5	9
Carlos Lievano	Delaware City	4	8
Bethson Fuentes	Virginia Marauders	4	8
Eduardo Figueroa	Roc City Boom	3	8
Mario Venegas	Deportivo Shaolin	4	8

» **2025-26 ASSIST LEADERS**

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>AS</u>
Rafael Zalvidar	OKC Certified Lions	4	11
Josh Danza	Baltimore Kings	4	9
Andriy Demydiv	Roc City Boom	3	9
Matthew Martinez	Virginia Marauders	5	8
Aboubakr Diallo	OKC Certified Lions	4	7
Johnny DeSouza	Northern Virginia	3	7
Luis Flores	Delaware City	3	7

» 2025-26 TOTAL POINTS LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Aboubakr Diallo	OKC Certified Lions	4	26
Angel Stanley Chavez	Maryland Storm	5	21
Luis Flores	Delaware City	3	17
Rafael Zalvidar	OKC Certified Lions	4	14
Andriy Demydiv	Roc City Boom	3	13
Carlos Lievano	Delaware City FC	4	13
Odell Johnson	Delaware City FC	5	13
Agi Pacheco	Delaware City FC	5	12
Daniel Malhue	Deportivo Shaolin	4	12
Eduardo Figueroa	Roc City Boom	3	12