

WEEK 9 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.



Detroit Waza Flo 6

Muskegon Risers 14

Friday, January 9

Trinity Health Arena, Muskegon, Michigan



>> GAME RECAP: New face 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.

>> UP NEXT: Detroit Waza Flo vs. Indiana United on Sunday, January 18 at 4:30 p.m. EST at

TOCA Novi East, Novi, Michigan / Muskegon Risers vs. Detroit Waza Flo on Saturday, January 24 at 7 p.m. EST at Trinity Health Arena, Muskegon, Michigan.

Roc City Boom 22 Sahara Gunners 1

Saturday, January 10
Kenan Center, Lockport, N.Y.



>> GAME RECAP: Rochester, which scored 23 in its opener, had 22 in its first road game to improve to 2-0. 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.

>> UP NEXT: Roc City Boom vs. Youngstown Nighthawks on Saturday, January 17 at 8:15 p.m. EST at Rochester Sports Garden, Rochester, N.Y. / Sahara Gunners at Cleveland Samba on Saturday, January 17 at 6:15 p.m. EST at Soccer Sportsplex, North Olmsted, Ohio.

OKC Certified Lions 16 Deportivo Shaolin 11

Saturday, January 10
Edge Sports Complex, Wichita, Kansas



>> GAME RECAP: This is the third MASL 3 game of the season where both teams reached double digits, entertaining fans in Wichita with 27 total goals. The Certified Lions scored six times in the first quarter, but Deportivo Shaolin fought all the way back and tied the game 9-9 on a goal by former MASL player Daniel Malhue just under five minutes to go in the third. But OKC scored the next four to rebuild a lead they would never relinquish. Aboubakr Diallo continued his torrid start to the season, and continues to lead the league in goals and points, scoring six times and adding two assists. Rafael Zalvidar did plenty of damage as well, but mostly as a playmaker, getting a goal and five assists. Tristan Herrera had a goal

and two assists and Marco Del Vecchio banged in two. Mario Venegas had two goals and two assist while Malhue finished with a hat trick. Joao Kawasaki had two goals and one assist and Webertson Rubi added one goals and two assists. Alex Knepper picked up the victory in goal.

UP NEXT: OKC Certified Lions at The Bold Dream FC on Saturday, January 24 at 6 p.m. CST at Menchaca Soccer, Austin, Texas / Deportivo Shaolin vs. RGV Barracudas on Saturday, January 16 at 2 p.m. CST at Heartland Credit Union Arena, Park City, Kansas.

Maryland Storm 14 Virginia Marauders 7

Saturday, January 10

Winchester Sporsplex, Winchester, Virginia



>> GAME RECAP: Maryland improved to 3-2 on the season, while the Marauders are winless in six starts now.

The Bold Dream FC at RGV Barracudas

Saturday, January 10

Kickoff at 7 p.m. CST

Barracudas Park, Brownsville, Texas



>> GAME RECAP: After overcoming a 7-2 final quarter deficit last weekend in Austin to pick up a win. RGV had a little bit easier time in their home opener in a rematch with The Bold Dream. Jose Echavarria led way with a hat trick and Aron DeLeon scored two goals and picked up one assist to lead the Barracudas to a 2-1 mark. David Herrera and Jose Martinez both had three-point nights with a goal and two assists each. Alexis Gonzalez was the winning goalkeeper. Austin's attack was led by Damian Peregrina with a goal and one assist.

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Springfield Demize 11 at Wichita Selection 9

Saturday, January 10

The Soccer Zone, Wichita, Kansas



>> GAME RECAP: This one was a barn burner, with Leonardo Borges leading the way for the visitors with three goals and one assist. Tyrell Phinn also had a hat trick for Springfield as both teams evened their records at 1-1. Alex Cunningham also added two goals for the Demize. Wichita's offense was sparked by Wesley Carson who scored three times. Luis Contreras Figueroa scored twice for the Selection.

>> UP NEXT: Springfield Demize at Deportivo Shaolin on Sunday, January 18 at 8:30 p.m. CST at Edge Sports, Wichita, Kansas / Wichita Selection at Springfield Demize on Saturday, January 24 at 8:30 p.m. CST at Lake County Soccer, Springfield, Missouri.

Delaware City FC 13 Cumberland Valley 1

Sunday, January 11

Hagerstown Fieldhouse, Hagerstown, Maryland



>> GAME RECAP: Delaware continued its great start and have now improved to 4-1 on the season with another impressive road win. The Wilmington, Delaware, visitors were up 5-0 at intermission, and were led by Carlos Lievano who scored four goals. Brandon Hernandez was the winning goalkeeper. Cumberland Valley fell to 1-5.

>> UP NEXT: Delaware City FC vs. Virginia Marauders on Sunday, January 18 at 7 p.m. EST at Kirkwood Sports, Wilmington, Delaware / Cumberland Valley vs. Northern Virginia on Saturday, January 24 at 7 p.m. EST at Hagerstown Fieldhouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.

>> 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.<<



UP NEXT

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Saturday, January 17

RGV Barracudas at Deportivo Shaolin, 2 p.m. CST

Saturday, January 17

Sahara Gunners at Cleveland Samba, 6 p.m. EST

Saturday, January 17

Northern Virginia at Maryland Storm, 7:30 p.m. EST

Saturday, January 17

Youngstown Nighthawks at Roc City Boom, 8:15 p.m. EST

Sunday, January 18

Virginia Marauders at Delaware City FC, 7 p.m. EST

Sunday January 18

Springfield Demize 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	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.*



THE STATS

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» 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

Player	Team	GP	PTS
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