

# WEEK 13 PREVIEW

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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.



## Cleveland Samba at Buffalo Gunners



Saturday, February 6  
Kickoff at 1 p.m. EST  
Kenan Center, Lockport, NY

>> PREVIOUS MEETINGS: This is the fourth and final meeting of the season and boy do these two teams like to fill up the nets. The Samba have hosted the first two games of the season series, and have wins of 22-10 and 21-8. They scored 22 on December 20. Although the game was tied on three different occasions early, the Cleveland (1-0) 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. On Jan. 17, the Samba had seven players with three or more points, including two five-point performers. George Cottenden and Conner Hollett led the Cleveland conga line with three goals and two assists each. Jake Gratzner had three goals and one assist and Hogan Kern and Cannon Dees each had two goals and two assists. Milton Evans and Mitch Boyer both scored a goal and assisted on two apiece. After giving up 43 goals in two road losses in Cleveland, Buffalo stepped up its defensive play big time to record their second win of the season last weekend at the Kenan Center. No doubt that former MASL standout defender Daniel Chamale, who played six seasons with the MASL Milwaukee Wave, helped anchor a better back line as he dressed for the first time in 2025-26 for the Gunners in this one. Ali Shawish got the game winner with just 24 seconds to play, with the pretty assist to goaltender Connor Russel whose own play got him the win in goal.

>> GAME NOTES: Everyone is chasing the high-flying Roc City Boom in the East, with Cleveland coming in with a mark of 2-2 with a goal differential of plus four with 52 goals scored and 48 given up. Buffalo is 2-4 with a goal differential of minus 57 with 38 goals scored and 95 allowed, which is most in MASL 3 this season.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Daniel Chamale has arrived midseason for Buffalo to stabilize the back line, which was evidenced last week in his debut. He played six seasons with the MASL Milwaukee Wave. Ali Shawish has been their big gun offensively with eight goals and two assists. For Cleveland, Conner Hollett has been big in the offensive third with nine goals and four assists. Cannon Dees lead the team in assists with five.

>> UP NEXT: Cleveland Samba vs. Youngstown Nighthawks on Saturday, February 14 at 6 p.m. EST at Soccer Sportsplex, North Olmsted, Ohio / Buffalo Gunners vs. Roc City Boom on Saturday, February 28 at 1 p.m. EST at Kenan Center, Lockport, N.Y.

## Delaware City FC at Northern Virginia

Saturday, February 7

Kickoff at 7 p.m. EST

Winchester Sportsplex, Winchester, Virginia



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

>> GAME NOTES: Both of these teams have sites on a top spot in the Atlantic, where four teams are over .500, led by Delaware City at 4-1 and the Baltimore Kings at 4-0. DCFC has a goals differential of plus 53 with 73 goals scored and 20 allowed. NOVA is a three-time league champion, and are 2-1 so far, with a goal differential of plus one on 26 goals scored and 25 given up.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Luis Flores has been fantastic for Delaware, with 10 goals and seven assists. Odell Johnson also has 10 goals on the season. For NOVA, Johnny De Souza has been equally fantastic with 12 points in three games, including seven assists. Jean Phillippe is always a threat to have a big offensive game as well.

>> UP NEXT: Delaware City FC vs. Northern Virginia on Sunday, February 15 at 7 p.m. EST at Kirkwood Sports, Wilmington, Delaware / Northern Virginia at Delaware City FC on Sunday, February 15 at 7 p.m. EST at Kirkwood Sports, Wilmington, Delaware .

## Baltimore Kings at Maryland Storm

Saturday, February 7

Kickoff at 7:30 p.m. EST

Carroll Indoor Sports Center, Westminster, Maryland



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

>> GAME NOTES: Baltimore has opened 2025-26 with four straight wins, but haven't played since a 6-4 win over the Virginia Marauders all the way back on December 20. They had one game in that time postponed due to bad weather. They have scored 28 goals and surrendered 15 for a plus 13 differential. Maryland is a tough out this year under veteran coach Liam Behrens. They are 4-2 with a goal differential of minus 2 with 58 goals scored and 60 given up.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Josh Danza is Baltimore's leading scorer, and one of the sports best set up men, as all nine of his points in 2025-26 have been assists. Ken Truong and Tony Araviakis are the Kings leading goal scorers with six each. Maryland is led by Angel Stanley Maravilla Chavez with 16 goals and five assists. Greg Adams, Drew Wivell and Jason D'Addario all have seven goals each.

>> UP NEXT: Baltimore Kings vs. Delaware City FC on Sunday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. EST at Goals Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland / Maryland Storm at Cumberland Valley on Saturday, February 21 at 7 p.m. EST at Hagerstown Fieldhouse, Hagerstown, Maryland.

# Roc City Boom at Youngstown Nighthawks



Saturday, February 7

Kickoff at 8 p.m. EST

Farmer Jim's Sports Complex, Fairfield, Ohio

>> **PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** Roc City won at home against Youngstown 22-3 back on Jan. 17. Upstate New York's "Roc" show continued unabated at the Rochester Sports Garden as Andrew Coughlin showed he's more than just a goal stopper. Coughlin, who had a distinguished MASL career as a netminder for the Syracuse Silver Knights and most recently Utica City FC, played up front in this one, and whaddya know, scored five goals and added two assists to lead the Boom (3-0) offensively. In his MASL goaltender career, he was 93-62 in 159 regular season games with a fine .553 goals against average. And, in fact, in those games, he did score three goals and picked up 31 assists. Eduardo Figueroa had two goals and four assist and Andriy Demydiv had two goals and three assists as Roc City has scored 67 goals – and given up just seven -- in their three starts, all wins. Luca Dodge had two goals and one assist as did Juan Lucena while teammate Alex Vega had a goal and two assists. Alan Ibarra got the win in goal, playing three quarters. Youngstown (0-2) got its goals from David McKinney and Tyshawn Skinner.

>> **GAME NOTES:** Roc City (4-0) is the league's most prolific offense with 88 goals in four games, while giving up just 12 for a goal differential of plus 76, best in the league. Youngstown is a young team looking to build for the future and is 0-2 with six goals scored and 29 given up for a minus 23 goal spread.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Andrew Coughlin is tied for the team lead in goals with Eduardo Figueroa who both have 10 each. Andriy Demydiv is Rochester's leading scorer with 17 points including 12 assists. For Youngstown, David McKinney is their offensive leader with two goals on the seasn.

>> **UP NEXT:** Roc City Boom vs. Youngstown Nighthawks on Saturday, February 21 at 8:15 p.m. EST at Rochester Sports Garden, Rochester, N.Y. / Youngstown Nighthawks at Cleveland Samba on Saturday, February 14 at 6 p.m. EST at Soccer Sportsplex, North Olmsted, Ohio.

# OKC Certified Lions at RGV Barracudas

Saturday, February 7

Kickoff at 7 p.m. CST

Barracudas Park, Brownsville, Texas



>> **PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** These two tangled in OKC two days after Christmas, with the Certified Lions taking a solid 13-4 win. OKC scored four goals in the opening 13 minutes of play, and handled the defending MASL 3 champions in fine fashion. It was the season-opener for RGV. The Barracudas recovered a bit in the second quarter, pulling to within 6-3 on a goal by Jose Echavarria with just over six minutes before the break, but the Certified Lions defenses stiffened and allowed just one more goal for the visitors the rest of the way. OKC fired 62 shots in the game, while RGV had 39. Aboubakr Diallo continues to terrorize defenses with five goals and two assists. Rafael Zalvidar and Fabian Romero did not score but both contributed with three assists each. Marco Del Vecchio had two goals and one assist and Teejay Chiororo chipped in with one goal and two assists. Andres Fuentes picked up the win in goal, splitting time with Alex Knepper. Jamie Ochoa led the RGV attack with two goals while Marco Don Juan also picked up a goal and one assist for a two-point night.

>> **GAME NOTES:** OKC is coming off a hard fought 7-5 win on the road against the Wichita Selection last weekend, and is atop the South Division at 5-0. They have scored 66 goals and allowed 28 for a goal differential of plus 38. RGV is 2-2 with a goal differential of minus 10 with 26 scored and 36 surrendered.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Aboubakr Diallo leads MASL 3 in points with 29 including 21 goals and eight assists for OKC. Rafael Zalvidar has been an impressive set up man with 11 assists. For RGV, Jose Echavarria is their leading goal scorer with four.

>> **UP NEXT:** OKC Certified Lions vs. Deportivo Shaolin on Friday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. CST at OG&E Coliseum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma / RGV Barracudas vs. Deportivo Shaolin on Saturday, February 21 at 7 p.m. CST at Barracudas Park, Brownsville, Texas.



# Deportivo Shaolin vs. Springfield Demize



Saturday, February 7

Kickoff at 7:30 p.m. CST

Lake County Soccer, Springfield Missouri

Sunday, February 8

Kickoff at 10 a.m. CST

Allison Sports Town, Springfield, Missouri

>> PREVIOUS MEETINGS: This is the second and third meetings of the season, with Deportivo Shaolin taking a 14-9 slugfest win over Springfield in mid January. Daniel Malhue had four goals to lead the victor's attack. Leonel Espinoza also had two goals and one assist and Leonel Palma had one goal and two assists. Weverson Rubim chipped in with a goal and one assist. For Springfield, Alex Cunningham had three goals and two assists. Jerimiah Musa had a hat trick and Alex Harsh had a goal and one assist.

>> GAME NOTES: Deportivo Shaolin is 3-2 with 59 goals scored and 51 given up for a minus 8 difference in goals. Springfield is 1-2 with 24 goals scored and 38 surrendered.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Daniel Malhue, who has played in the MASL, is leading Deportivo with 13 goals and four assists. Mario Venegas has also been big offensively with eight goals and two assists. For Springfield, Alex Cunningham is leading the way with five goals and two assists.

>> UP NEXT: Deportivo Shaolin at OKC Certified Lions on Friday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. CST at OG&E Coliseum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma / Springfield Demize at The Bold Dream FC on Saturday, February 14 at 6 p.m. CST at Menchaca Soccer Center, Austin, Texas.

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# UP NEXT

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Saturday, February 7	Cincinnati Swerve at Detroit Waza Flo, 6 p.m. EST
Saturday, February 7	OKC Certified Lions at RGV Barracudas, 7 p.m. CST
Saturday, February 7	Delaware City at Northern Virginia, 7 p.m. EST
Saturday, February 7	Baltimore Kings at Maryland Storm, 7:30 p.m. EST
Saturday, February 7	Deportivo Shaolin at Springfield Demize, 7:30 p.m. CST
Saturday, February 7	Roc City Boom at Youngstown Nighthawks, 8 p.m. EST
Sunday, February 8	Springfield Demize at Deportivo Shaolin, 6:45 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	4	4	0	0	12	4	88	12	+76
Cleveland Samba	4	2	2	0	6	2	52	48	+6
Buffalo Gunners	6	2	4	0	6	2	38	95	-57
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	5	5	0	0	15	5	42	15	+27
Muskegon Risers	5	5	0	0	15	5	38	18	+20
Detroit Waza Flo	7	2	5	0	6	2	43	70	-27
Kalamazoo United	2	0	2	0	0	0	6	26	-20

(\*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	5	5	0	0	15	5	66	28	+38
Deportivo Shaolin	5	3	2	0	9	3	59	51	+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	4	1	3	0	3	1	34	42	-8
The Bold Dream FC (Austin)	3	0	3	0	0	0	17	31	-14



# THE STATS

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## » 2025-26 GOAL LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	GL
Aboubakr Diallo	OKC Certified Lions	5	21
Angel Stanley Chavez	Maryland Storm	5	16
Daniel Malhue	Deportivo Shaolin	5	14
Omar Lahbiki	Detroit Waza Flo	6	13
Andrew Coughlin	Roc City Boom	3	10
Odell Johnson	Delaware City	5	10
Eduardo Figueroa	Roc City Boom	4	10
Luis Flores	Delaware City	4	10
Agi Pacheco	Delaware City	5	9

## » 2025-26 ASSIST LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	AS
Andriy Demydiv	Roc City Boom	4	12
Rafael Zalvidar	OKC Certified Lions	5	11
Josh Danza	Baltimore Kings	4	9
Alex Harling	Roc City Boom	4	9
Aboubakr Diallo	OKC Certified Lions	5	8
Matthew Martinez	Virginia Marauders	5	8
Johnny DeSouza	Northern Virginia	3	7
Luis Flores	Delaware City	3	7

## » 2025-26 TOTAL POINTS LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	PTS
Aboubakr Diallo	OKC Certified Lions	5	29
Angel Stanley Chavez	Maryland Storm	5	21
Omar Lahbiki	Detroit Waza Flo	5	19
Daniel Malhue	Deportovo Shaolin	5	17
Andriy Demydiv	Roc City Boom	4	17
Luis Flores	Delaware City	3	17
Alex Harling	Roc City Boom	4	15
Rafael Zalvidar	OKC Certified Lions	5	14
Eduardo Figueroa	Roc City Boom	4	14
Carlos Lievano	Delaware City FC	4	13
Odell Johnson	Delaware City FC	5	13
Andrew Coughlin	Roc City Boom	3	13

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