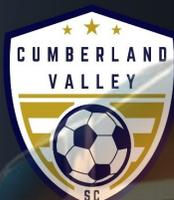


WEEK 18 PREVIEW

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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.



Youngstown Nighthawks at Cleveland Samba

Saturday, March 14

Kickoff at 6 p.m.

Soccer Sportsplex, North Olmsted, Ohio



>> PREVIOUS GAMES: This is the third meeting of the season between the two teams. On Febr. 14, Cleveland set a league record for goals in a game and largest margin of win with a 36-4 victory. Conner Hollett and Jack Gratzler had five goals each for the winners. On Feb. 28 in Youngstown, the Samba scored a 10-2 triumph. 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

>> GAME NOTES: Cleveland is locked into second place in the East Division, which will earn them a trip to the MASL 3 playoffs March 27-29 in Virginia. They come in with a mark of 5-3 with a goal differential of plus 50 with 120 scored and 70 surrendered. Youngstown is

coming in off its first win of the season, 15-13 over the Buffalo Gunners in Buffalo. They have scored 29 goals and given up 125 for a minus 16 goal differential

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Youngstown's leading scorer is David McKinney. Conner Hollett is Cleveland's leading scorer with 18 goals and six assists. Jake Gratzler has also been an offensive force with 15 goals and five assists.

>> **UP NEXT:** Youngstown Nighthawks vs. Roc City Boom on Saturday, March 21 at 8 p.m. EDT at Farmer Jim's Sports Complex, Cortland, Ohio / Cleveland Samba end regular season.

Muskegon Risers at Cincinnati Swerve

Saturday, March 14

Kickoff at 7 p.m. EDT

Game Time Training Center, Fairfield, Ohio



>> **PREVIOUS GAMES:** These two played two weekend's ago in Michigan with the Risers taking a 12-4 win which clinched the division title in the Great Lakes North. 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. Fiskert 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. Muskegon played three game in three days on that weekend, also defeating the Detroit Waza Flo twice on the road.

>> **GAME NOTES:** Cincinnati will play two less games because of games that were postponed due to significant weather-related travel issues. They come in 6-1 with a goal differential of plus 19 with 46 scored and 27 surrendered. Muskegon is 9-0 and has a differential of plus 54 with 93 scored and 39 given up.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** For the Swerve, Andrej Novakovic and Nathan Neal are among their big offensive threats along with Jacob Porowski. Fiskert Hasovic (19 goals and 11 assists) and Elmedin Zukic (15 goals, 17 assists) are the Risers top threats.

>> **UP NEXT:** Last game of the regular season for both teams.

RGV Barracudas at Springfield Demize

Sunday, March 15

Kickoff at 1 p.m. CDT

Lake County Soccer, Springfield, Missouri



>> **PREVIOUS GAMES:** These two teams have not played each other yet this season.

>> **GAME NOTES:** RGV, the defending league champions, have won five straight in their push to the MASL playoffs which will be March 27-29 in Virginia. They are on a five-game win streak, longest in the South Division, and are 7-2 with an even goal differential as they have both scored and given up 46 goals this year. The Demize are 4-4-1 and have a differential of -34 on 54 goals for and 88 against.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Jose Echiverria and Jose Martinez are key offensive threats for RGV. Leonardo Borges and Jose Ortega, along with Tyrell Phinn, lead the Springfield offense.

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

Buffalo Gunners at Roc City Boom

Sunday, March 15

Kickoff at 8:15 p.m.

Rochester Sports Garden, Rochester, N.Y.



>> **PREVIOUS GAMES:** This is the fourth meeting of the season between the two teams. On Jan. 21, Roc City took a 22-1 win in Buffalo. 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. On Jan. 24, Roc City took a 21-5 win.

For the fourth time in four starts, Rochester eclipsed the 20 goal mark as they now have 88 goals in starting 4-0. Equally impressive is, even after Buffalo netted five in this one, Rochester has only given up 12 goals in the four games as well. Alex Harling led the way with two goals and three assists. Fernando Furioso and Andrew Coughlin banged in four goals each and Matt Schuber had two goals and two assists. Andriy Demydiv had a goal and three assists while MASL veteran Jake Schindler had three assists. Rochester also got two goals and a helper from Jameson Railey. Jakeb Mitchell was credited with 23 saves in picking up the win. On Feb. 28 in Buffalo, Roc City won 8-5. 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 th is 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.

>> GAME NOTES: For game notes on both teams and players to watch, see above.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: See above.

>> UP NEXT: Buffalo Gunners end regular season / Roc City Boom at Youngstown Nighthawks on Saturday, March 21 at 8 p.m. EDT at Farmer Jim's Sports Complex, Cortland, Ohio.

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Friday, March 20
Saturday, March 21
END REGULAR SEASON

Delaware City FC at Baltimore Kings, 6 p.m. EDT
Roc City Boom at Youngstown Nighthawks, 8 p.m. EDT



STANDINGS

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» ATLANTIC DIVISION

| | GP | W | L | OTL | PTS | RW | GF | GA | DIF |
|----------------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Northern Virginia FC | 10 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 24 | 8 | 113 | 65 | +48 |
| Maryland Storm | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 7 | 110 | 87 | +23 |
| Delaware City FC | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 6 | 84 | 31 | +53 |
| Baltimore Kings | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 14 | 4 | 57 | 63 | +4 |
| Cumberland Valley | 9 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 49 | 108 | -59 |
| Virginia Marauders | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 105 | -59 |

» EAST DIVISION

| | GP | W | L | OTL | PTS | RW | GF | GA | DIF |
|-----------------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|------|
| Roc City Boom | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 140 | 25 | +115 |
| Cleveland Samba | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 15 | 5 | 120 | 70 | +50 |
| Buffalo Gunners | 9 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 65 | 134 | -69 |
| Youngstown Nighthawks | 7 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 29 | 125 | -96 |

» 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 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 24 | 8 | 98 | 52 | +46 |
| RGV Barracudas | 9 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 21 | 7 | 46 | 46 | 0 |

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|----------------------------|----|---|----|---|----|---|-----|----|-----|
| Deportivo Shaolin | 10 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 20 | 6 | 109 | 93 | +16 |
| Springfield Demize | 9 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 3 | 54 | 88 | -34 |
| Wichita Selection | 10 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 34 | 42 | -8 |
| The Bold Dream FC (Austin) | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 44 | -20 |



»» 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 |
| Conner Hollett | Cleveland Samba | 6 | 16 |
| Elmedin Zukic | Muskegon Risers | 6 | 15 |
| Jake Gratzner | Cleveland Samba | 7 | 15 |
| Jameson Railey | Roc City Boom | 6 | 15 |
| 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 | 8 | 18 |
| Elmedin Zukic | Muskegon Risers | 6 | 17 |
| Alex Harling | Roc City Boom | 8 | 15 |
| Aboubakr Diallo | OKC Certified Lions | 7 | 14 |
| Angel Chavez | Maryland Storm | 7 | 12 |
| Firket Haskovic | Muskegon Risers | 6 | 11 |
| Matthew Martinez | Virginia Marauders | 7 | 11 |

>> 2025-26 TOTAL POINTS LEADERS

| <u>Player</u> | <u>Team</u> | <u>GP</u> | <u>PTS</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|
| 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 | 8 | 30 |
| Eduardo Figueroa | Roc City Boom | 8 | 29 |
| Ali Shawish | Buffalo Gunners | 7 | 27 |
| Rafael Zalvidar | OKC Certified Lions | 7 | 25 |
| Alex Harling | Roc City Boom | 8 | 25 |

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