

WEEK 7 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.



CUMBERLAND VALLEY at MARYLAND STORM



Saturday, December 27

Kickoff at 6 p.m. EST

Carroll Indoor Sports Complex, Westminster, Maryland

- >> **PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** This is the first game of the season between these two teams.
- >> **THE SKINNY:** Charles Dickens has its Tale of Two Cities, and MASL 3 as two first-year teams coliding two days after Christmas, with both teams having impressive performances and lopsided losses on their resume in the early going. So, we'll see which team(s) will show up in Westminster. CVSC is 0-3, but has two close losses to the undefeated Baltimore Kings, one by one goal on the road and one by two goals at home. But, they also lost 15-1 to Delaware City as well on the road. Maryland (1-1) opened with a road win at Delaware, 12-0, then was shorthanded in a rematch in Maryland where they lost 20-3.
- >> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** For CVSC, Erick Villatoro leads the team in goals with three. Joel Musa is their leading points getter with five on two goals and three assists. The health of

Drew Wivell is a key for Maryland. He scored five goals in the Storm's season opening win at Delaware Valley, but tweaked an ankle and did not dress in his teams' 20-3 loss in the rematch in Maryland. Angel Stanley Maravilla Chavez had a hatrick in the first game against Delaware, but also did not dress in his club's home loss.

>> UP NEXT: Cumberland Valley at Virginia Marauders on Sunday, January 4 at 6 p.m. EST at Winchester Sportsplex, Winchester, Virginia / Maryland Storm at Northern Virginia on Sunday, January 4 at 2 p.m. EST at Winchester Sportsplex, Winchester, Virginia.

RGV BARRACUDAS at OKC CERTIFIED LIONS



Saturday, December 27

Kickoff at 6:30 p.m. CST

OG&E Coliseum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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

>> THE SKINNY: It took a minute, and they won't even be the last MASL 3 team to debut in 2025-26, but the defending champion RGV Barracudas (0-0) out of Brownsville, Texas, will take to the floor in defense of their title. They defeated the Roc City Boom – who ironically still haven't started their new year either – in last spring's Championship game, 8-6. More than a decade after they made their debut in indoor soccer, the RGV Barracudas can call themselves "champions". RGV, which as an organization goes back to 2004 in Brownsville, Texas, made its debut in the Major Arena Soccer League in the 2014-15 season. After three seasons in the MASL, the Barracudas tried their hand at Major Arena Soccer League 2 for two seasons, starting in 2021-22, and finally settled last year at Major Arena Soccer League 3. They have had much indoor success without ever having won a title. In their first season in MASL 2, they finished 10-1-1, good for second place in the West behind only the San Diego Sockers 2. In 2022-23, they were 7-5 before going darn for one season in 2023-24. The roared back to life in MASL 3, however, and went right down the final weekend of the regular season before earning their spot in the postseason, defeating the Houston Bolt 6-2 in a winner-take-all matchup. RGV won in their quarterfinals matchup over Northern Virginia, the three-time defending MASL 3 champions, and then earned their spot in the finals with a 5-4 win over Kalamazoo. The title tilt was a roller-coaster affair, with RGV racing to a 7-1 lead. But this being indoor soccer, where just about anything and everything can happen and usually does, Rochester turned on the offensive jets in the fourth quarter, and pulled to within two goals with almost six minutes to play before RGV slammed the door. In fact, the Barracudas pitched a shut out for over two quarters after Taner Bay

opened the scoring for the Boom a little more than five minutes into the first. Back to back goals four minutes apart in the first from Ivan Martinez, however, started the RGV string of seven unanswered. Jameson Raily finally broke that string with 66 seconds to play in the third quarter, and Roc City outscored RGV 5-1 in the final 15 minutes, but it wasn't quite enough. Martinez finished with a hat trick, and capped off a sterling weekend as he totaled seven goals. Jose Echavarria also had three goals and John Ponce chipped in with two assists. Abelado Reyes made 24 saves to pick up the win as Roc City held the edge in shots, 30-28 ... This is the second year of the Certified Lions in MASL 2 and MASL 3. In two MASL 3 starts so far, they are 2-0 with an impressive goals differential of +21, with 28 goals scored.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Aboubakr Diallo continues to terrorize MASL 3 teams as he has eight goals and two assists to start the season for OKC ... Michael Chavez has also been tough to stop in the offensive zone with five goals in two games ... Goaltender Andres Fuentes has been sharp in net, with a 4.57 goal against average in his two wins ... Jose Martinez had nine goals in six starts last year for RGV and added three more in the playoffs ... Luis Garza had seven goals in five regular season games last year.

>> **UP NEXT:** RGV Barracudas at The Bold Dream FC on Saturday, January 3 at 6 p.m. CST at Menchaca Soccer Zone, Austin, Texas / OKC Certified Lions at Deportivo Shaolin on Saturday, January 10 at 8:30 p.m. CST at Wichita Edge Sports Complex, Wichita, Kansas

DEPORTIVO SHAOLIN at WICHITA SELECTION



Saturday, December 27

Kickoff at 7:30 p.m. CST

The Sports Zone, Wichita Kansas

>> **PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** This is the first game of the season between these two teams.

>> **THE SKINNY:** Wichita is coming off a 3-7 season in 2024-25, while this is Deportivo Shaolin's first year in MASL 3. They were established in 2023 ... Wichita finished the season, however, on a high note, defeating a very good KC Barilleros side, 11-10. Bader Nassar had four goals in the win and Josh Rojas the hat trick. Their 114 goals allowed last year was fourth worst in the league.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Joao Kawasaki has played two seasons of college soccer at Park University where he has appeared in 29 games with two goals and four assist. Is a native of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Played nine games for MASL 3 KC Barilleros last season, scoring five goals ... Daniel Malhue signed with the MASL KC Comets in November, 2024. The Santiago, Chile native matured in the development academy of Colo-Colo, the most successful club in

Chile, and signed his first professional contract for the club as a teenager in 2014. As a young prospect, Malhue spent time with Colo-Colo B and on loan with Trasadino de Los Andes and Coquimbo Unido in the lower tiers of Chile. Those early experiences gave him the opportunity to get to Chile's first division. He debuted in some of South America's most prestigious competitions in 2018 after signing for Deportes Temuco, where he featured in the Chilean Primera División and Copa Sudamerica. Malhue recorded two assists in eight matches for Deportivo Temuco. Malhue joined Rodelindo Román in 2019 and helped his new side earn promotion twice. First, they won the Tercera B title in 2019 to earn promotion to Tercera A. Malhue was among the leading scorers to help Rodelindo Román earn promotion to the Segunda División. He appeared in 12 games with the Comets last year, picking up two goals and adding three assists ... Tico Rodriguez is one of the Selection's veteran and steadiest players. He is also an excellent playmaker. In nine starts last year, he had six goals and 10 assists, good for second overall in scoring on the Selection. Wesley Carson was one of the league's best finisher's last year, netting 26 goals in 10 games. He was named a First Team All MASL 3 all star last year. Played collegiately for the University of Central Arkansas, where in 68 games, he scored 24 goals.

>> UP NEXT: Deportivo Shaolin vs. OKC Certified Lions on Saturday, January 10 at 8:30 p.m. CST at Wichita Edge Sports Complex, Wichita, Kansas / Wichita Selection vs. Springfield Demize on Saturday, January 10 at 7:30 p.m. CST at The Sports Zone, Wichita, Kansas.

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RGV Barracudas at Austin TBD FC, 6 p.m. CST
Northern Virginia at Virginia Marauders, 7 p.m. EST
Sahara Gunners at Youngstown Nighthawks, 8 p.m. EST
Cleveland Samba at Roc City Boom, 8:15 p.m. EST
Maryland Storm at Northern Virginia, 2 p.m. EST
Cumberland Valley at Virginia Marauders, 6 p.m. EST



STANDINGS

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» ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	DIF
Baltimore Kings	4	3	0	0	12	28	15	+13
Delaware City FC	4	3	1	0	9	60	19	+41
Northern Virginia FC	1	1	0	0	3	12	10	+2
Maryland Storm	2	1	1	0	3	15	30	-15
Cumberland Valley	3	0	3	0	0	11	28	-17
Virginia Marauders	4	0	4	0	0	18	42	-24

» EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	DIF
Cleveland Samba	1	1	0	0	3	22	10	+12
Roc City Boom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youngstown Nighthawks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sahara Gunners (Buffalo)	1	0	1	0	0	10	22	-12

» GREAT LAKES NORTH

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	DIF
Cincinnati Swerve	1	1	0	0	3	12	1	+11
Indiana United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muskegon Risers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Detroit Waza Flo	1	0	1	0	0	1	12	-11

» SOUTH DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	DIF
OKC Certified Lions	2	1	0	0	6	29	8	+21
RGV Barracudas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deportivo Shaolin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wichita Selection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
The Bold Dream FC (Austin)	1	0	1	0	0	4	14	-10

Springfield Demize

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»» 2025-26 GOAL LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	GL
Odell Johnson	Delaware City	4	9
Agi Pacheco	Delaware City	4	9
Aboubakr Diallo	OKC Certified Lions	2	8
Luis Flores	Delaware City	2	7
Miles Hood	Delaware City	4	7
Tony Araviakis	Baltimore Kings	3	6
Bethson Fuentes	Virginia Marauders	3	6
Carlos Lievano	Delaware City	3	6
Ken Truong	Baltimore Kings	4	6

»» 2025-26 ASSIST LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	AS
Josh Danza	Baltimore Kings	4	9
Luis Flores	Delaware City	2	6
Johnny DeSouza	Northern Virginia	1	5
Gavin Boyer	Baltimore Kings	2	5
Kel Ordonez	Delaware City	4	5
Mac Smith	Delaware City	4	5

»» 2025-26 TOTAL POINTS LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	PTS
Luis Flores	Delaware City	2	13
Odell Johnson	Delaware City FC	4	12
Agi Pacheco	Delaware City FC	4	11

Kel Ordonez	Delaware City FC	4	10
Aboubakr Diallo	OKC Certified Lions	2	10
Carlos Lievano	Delaware City FC	3	9
Miles Hood	Delaware City	4	9
Josh Danza	Baltimore Kings	4	9