

# WEEK 15 PREVIEW

Games of February 20-22, 2026  
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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.



## Maryland Storm at Cumberland Valley

Saturday, February 21

Kickoff at 7 p.m.

Hagerstown Fieldhouse, Hagerstown, Maryland



**>> PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** This is the second meeting of the season, with Maryland having taken a 14-9 win in Hagerstown on Dec. 27. Maryland got big offensive performances from three players, accounting for 10 of their 14 goals, in picking up their second win of the season. Cumberland Valley, who has lost games by one, two and now three goals, dropped to 0-4. Angel Stanley Maravilla Chavez led the way for the hosts with his four goals and one assist. Edgar Godoy and Matt Yingling both had hat tricks. Adam Yingling had two goals and Jason D'Addario picked up a goal and one assist. Justin Appler got the win in goal. Five players had multi-point efforts For CVSC, led by Erick Villatora with two goals and one assist. Marcos Garcia added two goals as did Alex Alvarado. Connell Poku added a goal and one assist.

>> **GAME NOTES:** The scramble for playoff spots in the Atlantic is on in earnest, with Maryland currently tied for the top spot in the division with 15 points, same as Delaware City FC, as both have played seven games to date. Baltimore and Northern Virginia trail both, but both have only played five games so far this year. Maryland come in with a 5-2 mark and goal differential of just plus one with 66 goals scored and 65 allowed.

Cumberland Valley is 1-5 with a minus 30 goal differential with 34 scored and 64 given up.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** **Angel Stanley Maravilla Chavez** continues to be the unquestioned offensive leader for the Storm with 18 goals and six assists. **Andrew Wivell** is also dangerous with nine goals and four assists in five games. For CVSC, **Erick Villatoro** and **Jose Alvarado** each have eight points, with five and six goals respectively.

>> **UP NEXT:** Maryland Storm vs. Virginia Marauders on Sunday, March 1 at Carroll Indoor Sports Center, Westminster, Maryland / Cumberland Valley at Northern Virginia on Saturday, February 28 at 7 p.m. EST at Winchester Sportsplex, Winchester, Virginia.

## Deportivo Shaolin at RGV Barracudas



Saturday, February 21

Kickoff at 7 p.m.

Barracudas Park, Brownsville, Texas

>> **PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** This is the second meeting of the season with Shaolin taking a 10-5 home win on Jan. 17. This MASL 3 game kicked off the first-ever MASL triple header at Heartland Credit Union Arena in Park City Saturday, as the Wichita Lady Luck and Wichita Wings hosted MASL W and MASL 2 games immediately following Deportivo Shaolin's defeat of the Barracudas. Mario Venegas led the way with his four-goal effort. Leonel Espinoza had a goal and three assists while Weverson Rubim had two goals and one assist. Julian Campos added a goal and one assist as well.

>> **GAME NOTES:** One of the highlight games of the weekend, with RGV coming on strong and trying to chase down Shaolin for the top spot in the South. Shaolin comes in atop the standings at 6-2 with a goals differential of plus 17 with 97 goals scored but 80 given up. RGV, the defending league champs. Are 3-2 with a goal differential of minus 4 with 36 scored and 40 allowed.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** **Daniel Malhue**, with his MASL background, has been unstoppable for Shaolin with 26 goals in eight games. **Leonel Palma** has been the team's top playmaker with seven assists. **Jose Echavarria** leads the Barracudas with four goals.

>> **UP NEXT:** Deportivo Shaolin at Austin The Bold Dream FC on Sunday, February 22 at 12

noot at Menchaca Soccer, Austin, Texas / RGV Barracudas vs. Wichita Selection on Saturday, March 7 at 1 p.m. CST at Barracudas Park, Brownsville, Texas.

# Youngstown Nighthawks at Roc City Boom

Saturday, February 21

Kickoff at 8:15 p.m.

Rochester Sports Garden, Rochester, N.Y.



**>> PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** These two teams have played twice, with Roc City holding a cumulative scoring advantage of 39-3. On Jan. 17, the Boom won 22-3 at home. 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 got its goals from David McKinney and Tyshawn Skinner. On February 7, they won 17-0 at Youngstown. he big news might just be that Youngstown held Roc City to under 20 goals for the first time this season. That, and Boom netminder Jakeb Mitchell posted the rare indoor soccer shutout. Jameson Railey led the attack with five goals and one assist. Rafa Godoi had two goals and three assists while Eduardo Figueroa and Andriy Demydiv each scored two goals and picked up two assists. Caleb Munski also scored twice.

**>> GAME NOTES:** Rochester is running away with the East at 5-0 with 105 goals scored and just 12 given up for a differential of plus 93. Youngstown is 0-4 with a goal differential of minus 72 with 10 scored and 82 allowed.

**>> PLAYERS TO WATCH:** **Andriy Demydiv** has been the "boomiest" of the Boom, leading in scoring with seven goals and 14 assists. **Eduardo Figueroa** leads in goals with 12. **Cole Clausen** can provide a spark offensive for Youngstown, has he has appeared just once but had a hat trick in that game February 14 against Cleveland.

**>> UP NEXT:** Youngstown Nighthawks vs. Cleveland Samba on Saturday, February 28 at 8

p.m. EST at Farmer Jim's Sports Center, Cortland, Ohio / Roc City Boom at Buffalo Gunners on Saturday, February 1 at 1 p.m. EST at Kenan Center, Lockport, N.Y.

# Deportivo Shaolin at The Bold Dream FC



Sunday, February 22

Kickoff at 12 noon CST

Menchaca Soccer Zone, Austin, Texas

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

>> **GAME NOTES:** For Shaolin game notes and players to watch, see above. Austin TBDFC comes in with a 0-4 mark with 21 goals scored and 38 given up for a minus 17 goal differential.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** **Damian Peregrina** is a big offensive threat for Austin.

>> **UP NEXT:** Deportivo Shaolin end regular season / Austin TBDFC at Wichita Selection on Saturday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. CST at The Sports Zone, Wichita, Kansas.

# Cincinnati Swerve at Detroit Waza Flo



Sunday, February 22

Kickoff at 4:30 p.m. EST

TOCA Novi East, Novi, Michigan

>> **PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** This is the fourth and final meeting of the season between these two long-time rivals. On Dec. 20, Cincinnati took a 12-1 home win. Nathan Neal led the charge with four goals for Cincy. Shawn Lamar and Jacob Pokorski each scored twice. Alex Pinkney was the winning goaltender. Dominic Scicluna got the lone Detroit score. On Jan. 4, also in Cincy, the Swerve won 11-4. Andrej Novakovic was going to make sure the Cincinnati Swerve continued to put its best foot forward in the 2025-26 season. A longtime veteran of the Swerve roster, Novakovic banged in six goals and added one assist in leading Cincinnati to its second win in as many starts this winter. Novakovic, who was the 2025 Ohio Valley Premier League Player of the Year in the outdoor league with the Northern Kentucky Nitro with 15 goals and three assists, also picked up one assist for a

seven-point night. Jacob Pokorski had a goal and three assists and teammate Shawn Lamar added two goals and one assist. Alex Pinkney got the win in goal. Omar Lahbiki did what he could to keep Detroit in the match, netting a hat trick. On February 1, Detroit fell at home 19-10. Cincinnati held just a three-goal edge heading into the final quarter, then exploded for nine goals in the final 15 minutes to pull away. Andrew Nephew led the charge with four goals and two assists for the Swerve. Kees Ciric had three goals and one assist and Conner Ammon had three goals for Cincinnati as well. Detroit was led by Omar Lahbiki, their leading scorer this year, who had four goals and picked up an assist.

>> **GAME NOTES:** Cincinnati is on a collision course with the Muskegon Risers. Both enter the weekend undefeated, with the two set to showdown Friday in Muskegon. The Swerve have a goal differential of plus 27 with 42 scored and just 15 given up. Detroit is 2-5 with 43 scored and 70 surrendered for a goal differential of minus 27.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Omar Lahbiki is having a great season for Detroit with 14 goals. For Cincy, Andrej Novakovic and Nathan Neal have been among their best offensively.

>> **UP NEXT:** Cincinnati Swerve at Muskegon Risers on Friday, February 27 at 7 p.m. EST at Trinity Health Arena, Muskegon, Michigan / Detroit Waza Flo vs. Muskegon Risers on Saturday, February 28 at 4:30 p.m. EST at TOCA Novi East, Novi, Michigan.

## Delaware City FC at Baltimore Kings

Sunday, February 22

Kickoff at 6:30 p.m. EST

Goals Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland



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

>> **GAME NOTES:** Four teams continue to battle for the top spot in the Atlantic, so this one will have big implications for who qualifies for the playoffs. Delaware is 5-2 with a goal differential of plus 53 with 84 scored and 31 allowed. Baltimore is 4-1 and has scored 33 goals while giving up 23 for a plus 10 differential.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Luis Flores has been huge for DCFC with 11 goals and seven assists, as has Agi Pacheco with 10 goals and four assists. For Baltimore, Josh Danza is their leading scorer with 10 points, all assists. Tony Araviakis leads the team in goals with eight.

>> **UP NEXT:** Delaware City FC TBD, postponed games / Baltimore Kings vs. Northern Virginia on Sunday, March 1 at 6 p.m. EST at Goals Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland.

# Virginia Marauders at Northern Virginia



Sunday, February 22

Kickoff at 7:45 p.m. EST

Winchester Sportsplex, Winchester, Virginia

>> **PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** These two, who share a home field, played in early December and the Marauders losing just 12-10. The Marauders almost pulled off the biggest shocker in MASL 3 history, taking the three-time league champion Northern Virginia FC to the wire. In fact, the two teams were tied going into the fourth quarter before NOVA was able to seal the deal. Jean Philippe got the game winner, part of a four-point night that included three goals and one assist. Johnny Desouza was the offensive start, however, with three goals and five assists. Virginia got a five-goal night from Bethson Fuentes.

>> **GAME NOTES:** Northern Virginia is in fourth in the highly competitive Atlantic, but have played fewer games than two of the teams above them. They are 3-2 with a goal differential of plus one with 37 scored and 36 given up. The Marauders are winless in six starts with 34 goals scored and 69 given up for a differential of minus 35.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Bethson Fuentes has eight goals to lead the team in that department, while their leading scorer is Matthew Martinez with three goals and eight assists for 11 points. For NOVA, Johnny DeSouza has been their big gun, in four games getting five goals and seven assists.

>> **UP NEXT:** Virginia Marauders at Maryland Storm on Sunday, March 1 at 12 p.m. EST at Carroll Indoor Sports Center, Westminster, Maryland / Northern Virginia vs Cumberland Valley on Saturday, February 28 at 7 p.m. EST at Winchester Sportsplex, Winchester, Virginia.

# Springfield Demize at OKC Certified Lions



Sunday, February 22

Kickoff at 7 p.m.CST

OG&E Coliseum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

>> **PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** These two played Dec. 13 in Springfield, with OKC taking a 15-4

triumph. New year, same story for the OKC Certified Lions. With 25 goals last year, Aboubakr Diallo was one of the leading players in MASL 3, and on Saturday, he started his 2025-26 season with a five-goal performance as OKC built a 6-1 lead at the break. Michael Chavez had a hat trick while Rafael Zalvidar and Ramon Tirana each scored twice for the Lions. Alex Knepper got the win in goal as OKC outshot Springfield, 27-15. Jose Ortega had the hat trick for the Demize.

**>> GAME NOTES:** OKC is just behind Shaolin for the top spot in the South, with games in hand. The Lions have a goal differential of plus 28 with 78 scored and 50 allowed. The Demize are 2-3-1 with a minus 16 differential on 52 scored and 68 allowed.

**>> PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Aboubakr Diallo continues to play at a different level than most in MASL 3, scoring 22 goals and adding 13 assists to lead the league in total points. Rafael Zalvidar is one of his key wingmen, having 12 assist so far on the season. Leonardo Borges leads Springfield with seven goals and one assist.

**>> UP NEXT:** Springfield Demize vs. The Bold Dream FC on Sunday, March 1 at 10 .m. EST at Lake County Soccer, Springfield, Missouri / OKC Certified Lions at Austin The Bold Dream FC on Saturday, March 1 at 6 p.m. CST at Menchaca Soccer Zone, Austin, Texas.

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# UP NEXT

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Friday, February 27

Saturday, February 28

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Cincinnati Swerve at Muskegon Risers, 7 p.m. EST

Roc City Boom at Buffalo Gunners, 1 p.m. EST

Cumberland Valley at Northern Virginia, 7 p.m. EST

Muskegon Risers at Detroit Waza Flo, 7 p.m. EST

Wichita Selection at The Bold Dream FC, 7:30 p.m. CST

Cleveland Samba at Youngstown Nighthawks, 8 p.m. EST

The Bold Dream FC at Springfield Demize, 10 a.m. CST

Virginia Marauders at Maryland Storm, 12 p.m. EST

Northern Virginia at Baltimore Kings, 6 p.m. EST

Muskegon Risers at Detroit Waza Flo, 7 p.m. EST



# STANDINGS

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## » ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Delaware City FC	7	5	2	0	15	5	84	31	+53
Maryland Storm	7	5	2	0	15	5	66	65	+1
Baltimore Kings	5	4	1	0	12	4	33	23	+10
Northern Virginia FC	5	3	2	0	9	3	37	36	+1
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	5	5	0	0	15	6	105	12	+93
Cleveland Samba	6	4	2	0	12	4	104	61	+43
Buffalo Gunners	7	2	5	0	6	2	47	111	-64
Youngstown Nighthawks	4	0	4	0	0	0	10	82	-72

## » GREAT LAKES NORTH\*

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Muskegon Risers	6	6	0	0	15	6	51	23	+28
Cincinnati Swerve	5	5	0	0	15	5	42	15	+27
Detroit Waza Flo	7	2	5	0	6	2	43	70	-27
Kalamazoo United	3	0	3	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
Deportivo Shaolin	8	6	2	0	17	5	97	80	+17
OKC Certified Lions	7	5	2	0	15	5	78	50	+28

RGV Barracudas	5	3	2	0	9	3	36	40	-4
Springfield Demize	6	2	3	1	6	2	52	68	-16
Wichita Selection	4	1	3	0	4	1	34	42	-8
The Bold Dream FC (Austin)	4	0	4	0	0	0	21	38	-17



## »» 2025-26 GOAL LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	GL
Daniel Malhue	Deportivo Shaolin	8	26
Aboubakr Diallo	OKC Certified Lions	6	22
Angel Stanley Chavez	Maryland Storm	5	18
Ali Shawish	Buffalo Gunners	6	14
Conner Hollett	Cleveland Samba	4	14
Jake Gratzner	Cleveland Samba	6	14
Omar Lahbiki	Detroit Waza Flo	6	13
Douglass Tshibuyi	Buffalo Gunners	7	12
Eduardo Figueroa	Roc City Boom	4	12
Luis Flores	Delaware City	6	12
Weverson Rubim	Deportivo Shaolin	6	11

## »» 2025-26 ASSIST LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	AS
Andriy Demydiv	Roc City Boom	5	14
Aboubakr Diallo	OKC Certified Lions	6	13
Rafael Zalvidar	OKC Certified Lions	6	12
Alex Harling	Roc City Boom	5	10
Josh Danza	Baltimore Kings	5	10
Cameron Dees	Cleveland Samba	5	10
Matthew Martinez	Virginia Marauders	5	8

Ali Shawish                      Buffalo Gunners                      6                      8

**>> 2025-26 TOTAL POINTS LEADERS**

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Aboubakr Diallo	OKC Certified Lions	6	35
Daniel Malhue	Deportovo Shaolin	8	29
Angel Stanley Chavez	Maryland Storm	6	24
Ali Shawish	Buffalo Gunners	6	22
Andriy Demydiv	Roc City Boom	5	21
Conner Hollett	Cleveland Samba	4	21
Omar Lahbiki	Detroit Waza Flo	5	19
Jake Gratzner	Cleveland Samba	6	19
Eduardo Figueroa	Roc City Boom	5	18
Luis Flories	Delaware City	6	18

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