

WEEK 15 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.



Maryland Storm 9

Cumberland Valley 6



Saturday, February 21

Hagerstown Fieldhouse, Hagerstown, Maryland

>> GAME RECAP: The Storm continue to hold the top spot in the Atlantic at 6-2, but have played at least one more game than everyone else in the tight division. This one was tight too after Maryland jumped to a 3-0 lead after 1. Cumberland Valley cut that to 5-4 at the break and trailed just 8-6 going to the fourth. Gavin Shields led the way with a hat trick. Edgar Godoy had two goals and one assist and Hassan Eisayed scored twice for Maryland. Micha Laver had two goals and one assist for CVSC, while Erick Villatoro chipped in with a goal and one assist.

>> 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 6 at RGV Barracudas 10



Saturday, February 21
Barracudas Park, Brownsville, Texas

>> **GAME RECAP:** Axel Chavez had a big night as the defending-champion Barracudas continue to recover from a slow start to improve to 4-2, third place in the south. Chavez had a hat trick and teammate Martin Loya had two goals and one assist to pace RGV. They also got a goal and two assists from Oliver Luna, two goals from Oscar Garcia and a goal and one assist from Aldo Gonzalez. Abelardo Salvador got the win in goal. Jamie Romero had a goal and three helpers to lead Deportivo. Leonel Palma also scored twice.

>> **UP NEXT:** Deportivo Shaolin at Austin The Bold Dream FC on Sunday, February 22 at 12 noon 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 2 at Roc City Boom 20



Saturday, February 21
Rochester Sports Garden, Rochester, N.Y.

>> **GAME RECAP:** For the fifth time in six starts, the Boom reached the 20-goal mark, and in the game that they didn't, they posted a 17-0 shutout. In this one, Rafa Godoi led the way with two goals and seven assists while Eduardo Figueroa had four goals and two assists. Andriy Demydiv had a hat trick and Alex Harling and Jameson Railey each had two goals and two assists. Rochester netminder Alan Ibarra earned second-star-of-the-game honors in making 29 saves.

>> **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 6

The Bold Dream FC 3



Sunday, February 22

Menchaca Soccer Zone, Austin, Texas

>> **GAME RECAP:** Deportivo Shaolin is the first MASL 3 team to finish its regular season, and will now wait to see if they can be caught in the South Division. At 7-3, they are atop the standings with 20 points, with the OKC Certified Lions at 6-2 and Barracudas at 4-2 giving chase. Leonel Palma had a big night with a hat trick and Leonardo Espinoza had a goal and three assists. Daniel Malhue, who played for the MASL Kansas City Comets, added two goals.

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

Cincinnati Swerve

at Detroit WazaoFlo



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 have 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



Postponed

>> **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 6 at Northern Virginia 9



Sunday, February 22

Winchester Sportsplex, Winchester, Virginia

>> **GAME RECAP:** The Marauders continue to play very competitive soccer in the Atlantic, but haven't been able to secure that first-win yet. It is the second time they have taken the three-time league champions to the limit, having fallen to them earlier in the season by just a 12-10 count. They also lost by just to to the 4-1 Baltimore Kings earlier. NOVA, at 4-2, sits in a tie for third on point with Baltimore who has played one less game to date.

>> **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 2 OKC Certified Lions 20



Sunday, February 22

OG&E Coliseum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

>> **GAME RECAP:** Five was the number of the night at the OG&E Coliseum as the Certified Lions scored five goals in every quarter, and pounded the Springfield goal with 50 shots, in improving 6-2 with a chance to still take first in the South. First place Deportivo Shaolin is done with their regular season, finishing 7-3. In this win. Rafael Zalvidar was impressive for OKC with two goals and six assists. Aboubakr Diallo had three goals and one assist and Ronaldo Monroy added a hat trick. Michael Chavez had two goals and three helpers, Cesar Solis had two goals and one assist as did Marco Del Vecchio while Andres Quinones had one goal and two assist. Andres Fuentes picked up the win in goal.

>> **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 14 at 6 p.m. CST at Menchaca Soccer Zone, Austin, Texas.

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Friday, February 27	Cincinnati Swerve at Muskegon Risers, 7 p.m. EST
Saturday, February 28	Roc City Boom at Buffalo Gunners, 1 p.m. EST
Saturday, February 28	Cumberland Valley at Northern Virginia, 7 p.m. EST
Saturday, February 28	Muskegon Risers at Detroit Waza Flo, 7 p.m. EST
Saturday, February 28	Wichita Selection at The Bold Dream FC, 7:30 p.m. CST
Saturday, February 28	Cleveland Samba at Youngstown Nighthawks, 8 p.m. EST
Sunday, March 1	The Bold Dream FC at Springfield Demize, 10 a.m. CST
Sunday, March 1	Virginia Marauders at Maryland Storm, 12 p.m. EST
Sunday, March 1	Northern Virginia at Baltimore Kings, 6 p.m. EST
Sunday, March 1	Muskegon Risers at Detroit Waza Flo, 7 p.m. EST



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»» ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Maryland Storm	8	6	2	0	18	6	75	71	+4
Delaware City FC	7	5	2	0	15	5	84	31	+53
Baltimore Kings	5	4	1	0	12	4	33	23	+10
Northern Virginia FC	6	4	2	0	12	4	46	42	+4
Cumberland Valley	7	1	6	0	3	1	41	73	-32
Virginia Marauders	7	0	7	0	0	0	40	78	-38

» EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Roc City Boom	6	6	0	0	18	6	125	14	+111
Cleveland Samba	6	4	2	0	12	4	104	61	+43
Buffalo Gunners	7	2	5	0	6	2	47	111	-64
Youngstown Nighthawks	5	0	5	0	0	0	12	102	-90

» GREAT LAKES NORTH*

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Muskegon Risers	6	6	0	0	18	6	51	23	+28
Cincinnati Swerve	6	6	0	0	18	6	42	15	+27
Detroit Waza Flo	7	2	5	0	6	2	43	70	-27
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
Deportivo Shaolin	10	7	3	0	17	6	109	93	+16
OKC Certified Lions	8	6	2	0	18	6	98	52	+46
RGV Barracudas	6	4	2	0	12	4	46	46	0
Springfield Demize	7	2	4	1	6	2	54	88	-34
Wichita Selection	4	1	3	0	4	1	34	42	-8
The Bold Dream FC (Austin)	5	0	5	0	0	0	24	44	-20



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» 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	6	18
Ali Shawish	Buffalo Gunners	6	16
Eduardo Figueroa	Roc City Boom	6	16
Conner Hollett	Cleveland Samba	4	14
Jake Gratzer	Cleveland Samba	6	14
Omar Lahbiki	Detroit Waza Flo	6	13
Douglass Tshibuyi	Buffalo Gunners	7	12
Jameson Railey	Roc City Boom	5	12
Luis Flores	Delaware City	5	11
Marco Del Vecchio	OKC Certified Lions	8	11

»» 2025-26 ASSIST LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	AS
Rafael Zalvidar	OKC Certified Lions	7	18
Andriy Demydiv	Roc City Boom	6	16
Aboubakr Diallo	OKC Certified Lions	7	14
Alex Harling	Roc City Boom	6	12
Josh Danza	Baltimore Kings	5	10
Cameron Dees	Cleveland Samba	5	10
Rafa Godoi	Roc City Boom	2	10

»» 2025-26 TOTAL POINTS LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	PTS
Aboubakr Diallo	OKC Certified Lions	7	39
Daniel Malhue	Deportovo Shaolin	9	31
Andriy Demydiv	Roc City Boom	6	26
Rafael Zalvidar	OKC Certified Lions	7	25
Angel Stanley Chavez	Maryland Storm	7	24
Ali Shawish	Buffalo Gunners	6	24
Eduardo Figueroa	Roc City Boom	6	24
Conner Hollett	Cleveland Samba	4	21
Alex Harling	Roc City Boom	6	21
Jameson Railey	Roc City Boom	5	21

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