

# WEEK 17 PREVIEW

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# THE LEAGUE

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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 Buffalo Gunners

Saturday, March 7

Kickoff at 1 p.m.

Kenan Center, Lockport, N.Y.



**>> PREVIOUS GAMES:** These two teams played Jan. 3 in Youngstown with the Gunners coming home with a 7-3 win. The Nighthawks did a nice job defensively, holding the usually high-flying gunners to just seven goals – and in fact it was just a 3-2 game late into the first half – before the Buffalo based visitors slowly pulled away. Ali Shawish led the Gunners attack with a pair of goals and Conner Russell got the win in net. David McKinney, Kyle Bensoin and Shawn Mackay were the Youngstown goal getters.

**>> GAME NOTES:** The Gunners are probably coming off their best performance of the year, falling at home to the undefeated Roc City Boom 8-5. The Boom came in scoring at least 17 goals in each of their wins in 2025-26, but the improved Gunners defense made this a close

game. The Gunners come in at 2-6 with a goal differential of minus 67 with 52 scored and 119 allowed. Youngstown is 0-6 with 14 goals scored and 112 given up for a minus 98 differential.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Buffalo has a pair of clear offensive leaders, including Ali Shawish who has 18 goals and nine assist. Douglas Tshibuyi is second in points with 14 goals and seven assists. Youngstown's leading scorer is David McKinney.

>> **UP NEXT:** Youngstown Nighthawks at Cleveland Samba, Saturday, March 14 at 6 p.m. EDT, Soccer Sportsplex, North Olmsted, Ohio / Buffalo Gunners at Roc City Boom on Sunday, March 15 at 8:15 p.m. EDT at Rochester Sports Garden, Rochester, N.Y.

## Roc City Boom at Cleveland Samba

Saturday, March 7

Kickoff at 6 p.m. EST

Soccer Sportsplex, North Olmsted, Ohio



>> **PREVIOUS GAMES:** These two matched up Jan. 3 in Rochester, with the Boom rolling to a 22-3 win. Rochester led 11-1 at the break, led by five first half goals from Austin Gerber who finished the night with six to go along with two assists. In fact, Gerber had his five goals in the first 17 minutes of play as Rochester outshot Cleveland, 41-18. Six additional Boom standouts had at least three-point nights including Jameson Railey (3G, 4A), Eduardo Figueroa (4G), Alex Harling (4A), Andriy Demydiv (4A), and Jake Schindler and Fernando Furioso who each had two goals and one assist. Jakeb Mitchell got the win in goal, credited with seven saves. Cleveland got a two-point night from Milton Evans who had a goal and one assist.

>> **GAME NOTES:** These two teams are on a march to the MASL 3 playoffs March 27-29 in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Roc City will be one of the post-season favorites as they come in 7-0 with 133 goals scored and just 19 given up for a differential of a league-best 114. Cleveland is 5-2 with 114 scored and 63 allowed for a goal differential of plus 51.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** There are plenty of scorers on both sides. Roc City is led by Eduardo Figueroa (19 goals, 9 assists) and Andriy Demydiv (11 goals, 17 assists). Cleveland's offense is paced by Conner Hollett and Jake Gratzner who share the team lead in goals with 14 apiece.

>> **UP NEXT:** Roc City Boom at Cleveland Samba on Saturday, March 7 at 6 p.m. Soccer Sportsplex, North Olmsted, Ohio / Buffalo Gunners vs. Youngstown Nighthawks on Saturday, March 7 at 1 p.m. EST at Kenan Center, Lockport, N.Y.

# Baltimore Kings at Northern Virginia



Saturday, March 7

Kickoff at 7:45 p.m. EST

Winchester Sportsplex, Winchester, Virginia

**>> PREVIOUS GAMES:** These two teams played March 1 in Baltimore with NOVA securing an 11-8 win. Jean Philippe led the offense for Northern Virginia along with Guywon Chong as both had a hat trick. A.J. Sheta added a pair. For Baltimore, Gavin Boyer had a goal and three assists and Pat Fleming scored a pair.

**>> GAME NOTES:** The race for the top two spots in the Atlantic – which qualifies them to advance to the MASL 3 playoffs in late March – is still undecided with four teams in the hunt. Baltimore, as host of the playoffs, will advance regardless of their finish in the division. Maryland and Northern Virginia could be on a collision course for a first-place finish in the division which could go all the way down to a goal differential tiebreaker. Northern Virginia is 6-2 with 76 goals scored and 55 given up for a plus 21 differential. The Kings are 4-2 with 41 scored and 34 allowed for a plus 7 differential.

**>> PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Josh Danza is actually the Kings leading scorer with 10 points, all assists. Tony Araviakis leads the team in goals with eight. For NOVA, their big offensive guns include Johnny De Souza and A.J. Sheta.

**>> 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.

# Maryland Storm at Baltimore Kings



Sunday, March 8

Kickoff at 6 p.m. EDT

Goals Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland

**>> PREVIOUS GAMES:** This is the second meeting of the season, with Maryland taking an 8-5 home win back in early February. Andrew Wivell, who had a five-goal performance in his

MASL 3 debut earlier this year, led the attack again with two goals and two assists. Maryland's top performer in 2025-26, Angel Stanley Maravilla Chavez, had a goal and two assists. Tony Araviakis led the Kings offense with a pair of scores.

>> **GAME NOTES:** Maryland and Northern Virginia are battling for the top spot in the division, and it all could very much come down to a fourth or fifth tiebreaker, that's how close the race for first is. The Storm are 7-2 with a goal differential of plus 24 with 102 goals scored and 78 allowed. For Baltimore game noted and players to watch, see above.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Angel Stanley Maravilla Chavez has proven to be one of the top players in the league for Maryland, leading them in scoring with 22 goals and 12 assists. Andrew Wivell is second on the team in goals and points with 13 goals and five assists.

>> **UP NEXT:** End regular season for both teams.

## Northern Virginia at Cumberland Valley



Sunday, March 8

Kickoff at 7 p.m. EDT

Hagerstown Fieldhouse, Hagerstown, Maryland

>> **PREVIOUS GAMES:** These two teams played February 28 in Virginia, with NOVA rolling to a 19-5 win. Northern Virginia had a 10-4 lead at the break, good buddy, and kept the pedal to the metal in the second half, led by the duo of Jean Philippe who had seven goals and two assists and Adam Guennouni who had five goals and two assists. Joel Musa led the Cumberland offense with two goals and one assist.

>> **GAME NOTES:** For Northern Virginia game notes and players to watch, see above. Cumberland Valley, in its first season of play, is 1-7 and has scored 46 goals and given up 92 for a minus 46 goal differential.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Jose Alvarado leads CVSC with seven goals, and Erick Villatoro is their leading scorer with six goals and four assists.

>> **UP NEXT:** End regular season for both teams.

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# UP NEXT

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Saturday, March 14

Youngstown Nighthawks at Cleveland Samba, 6 p.m. EDT

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

Sunday, March 21

RGV Barracudas at Springfield Demize, 1 p.m. CDT

Sunday, March 21

Buffalo Gunners at Roc City Boom, 8:15 p.m. EDT



# STANDINGS

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## »» ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Maryland Storm	9	7	2	0	21	7	102	78	+24
Northern Virginia FC	9	7	2	0	21	7	87	63	+24
Delaware City FC	7	5	2	0	15	5	84	31	+53
Baltimore Kings	7	4	3	0	12	4	49	45	+4
Cumberland Valley	8	1	7	0	3	1	46	92	-46
Virginia Marauders	8	0	8	0	0	0	46	105	-59

## »» EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Roc City Boom	7	7	0	0	21	7	133	19	+114
Cleveland Samba	7	5	2	0	15	5	114	63	+51
Buffalo Gunners	8	2	6	0	6	2	52	119	-67
Youngstown Nighthawks	6	0	6	0	0	0	14	112	-98

## »» GREAT LAKES NORTH\*

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
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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	9	7	2	0	21	7	98	52	+46
Deportivo Shaolin	10	7	3	0	20	6	109	93	+16
RGV Barracudas	7	5	2	0	15	5	46	46	0
Springfield Demize	8	3	4	1	10	3	54	88	-34
Wichita Selection	6	3	3	0	9	3	34	42	-8
The Bold Dream FC (Austin)	10	0	10	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	7	22
Eduardo Figueroa	Roc City Boom	7	19
Fikret Hasovic	Muskegon Risers	6	19
Ali Shawish	Buffalo Gunners	7	18
Elmedin Zukic	Muskegon Risers	6	15
Conner Hollett	Cleveland Samba	5	14
Jake Gratzer	Cleveland Samba	6	14
Douglass Tshibuyi	Buffalo Gunners	8	14

## » 2025-26 ASSIST LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>AS</u>
Rafael Zalvidar	OKC Certified Lions	7	18
Andriy Demydiv	Roc City Boom	7	17
Elmedin Zukic	Muskegon Risers	6	17
Aboubakr Diallo	OKC Certified Lions	7	14
Alex Harling	Roc City Boom	7	13
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	7	28
Eduardo Figueroa	Roc City Boom	7	28
Ali Shawish	Buffalo Gunners	7	27
Rafael Zalvidar	OKC Certified Lions	7	25

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