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Welcome to the Major Arena Soccer League 2 2025-26 season, our ninth season of action from Baltimore to California, and Minnesota to Mexico City.

The 2025-26 season features longstanding teams, new faces in new places, and the pride of being part of the premier pyramid of professional indoor soccer in North American, with four leagues with 69 teams in total playing under the Major Arena Soccer League brand.

The competition figures to be fierce in all three divisions in 2025-26. starting in the east with the return of stellar clubs including Utica's United Elite

Krajisnik (official affiliate of the MASL's Utica City FC), Danbury's Spice City FC and the Salisbury Steaks. New is FC Baltimore 1729 who will serve as the official affiliate of the MASL Baltimore Blast and of course the Harrisburg Heat, who drop to MASL 2 for one season and will play in a familiar spot, Hersheypark Arena in Hershey.

Two new faces are both old friends coming back into the MASL family in the Iowa Raptors in Cedar Rapids and the Omaha Kings. The pair have previously played in MASL 2, and will join the always tough Iowa Demon Hawks, Minnesota Blizzard and iconic Wichita Wings in the Midwest Division.



Out west, several teams will make their MASL debut including a team in the largest city in North America, Mexico City. They will be joined by Soles de Sonora who is loading up on MASL talent, and a new team in Guadalajara which will make for plenty on intense “national pride” matchups. The OKC Certified Lions move into their brand new 4,500 seat arena in downtown Oklahoma City this year – with teams in both MASL 2 and MASL 3 – and the Turlock Cal Express return as well. Longtime MASL face in the Dallas area, Ed Puskarich, a former coach for the MASL Sidekicks, brings the Texas Spurs to MASL 2 this year and Northern California gets in on the fun in 2025-26 too with the debut of the Soccer Central Black Hawks in the Monterrey region.

Each MASL 2 team plays a 12-game regular season schedule, with a national playoffs to conclude the year.



Wichita Wings at Iowa Demon Hawks



Saturday, February 28

Kickoff at 7 p.m.

SIG Sportsplex, Des Moines, Iowa

>> PREVIOUS GAMES: This is the third meeting of the season between the two teams. The two teams played last weekend at Hearland Credit Union in Park City, Kansas. Wichita opened the scoring on a goal by Jared Robbins with just over three minutes to go in the first, but that seemed to wake up the Demon Hawks who then scored the game's next eight goals to stay undefeated in 2025-26. Jeanderson Pereira led the way with a hat trick for Iowa while teammate Guilherme Lopes had a goal and two assists. Eddie Martinez scored

twice, as did Irvin Mojica, while Vitor Santos and Leonardo Espinoza each had a goal and one assist. Rainer Hauss got the win in goal as the Hawks held a 27-19 advantage in shots on goal. Wichita had goals from four different players. They also met Feb. 7 in Wichita, with Iowa taking a 7-2 triumph. The Wings actually led 2-1 at intermission, but it was all Rainer Hauss in goal for the Demon Hawks and their offense that took over in the final two quarters to get the win. Eddie Martinez set the table for what was to come in the third and fourth when he scored just 19 seconds into the second half to tie the game. Leonardo Espinoza scored the game winner five minutes after that. The Demon Hawks held a 25-14 edge in shots on goal. Jamie Romero led the way for the Demon Hawks with a goal and two assists. Brian Aleman had both goals for Wichita.

>> GAME NOTES: For the Wings, this is the last of a brutal six-game schedule which saw three against the Iowa Raptors and three against the Iowa Demon Hawks. They are 4-2-2, having lost their last two, and have a goal differential of plus one with 48 goals scored and 47 surrendered. The Demon Hawks, winners of MASL 2 two years ago, and who lost in double overtime in last season's title game, is 6-0 with 58 goals scored and 16 allowed for a plus 42 differential.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Although he has only played in four games, Radley Arnold leads the team in scoring with seven goals and four assists. Brian Aleman is tied for the team lead in goals with seven. David Lucio leads in assists with six. For Iowa, Jeanderson Pereira continues to shine, with 14 goals and three assists. Irvin Mojica has proved to be an elite playmaker, leading the team with nine assists.

>> UP NEXT: Wichita Wings at Minnesota Blizzard on Saturday, March 21 at 7 p.m. CDT at Centennial Sports Arena, Circle Pines, Minnesota / Iowa Demon Hawks vs. Omaha Kings on Saturday, March 14 at 7 p.m. CDT at SIG Sportsplex, Des Moines, Iowa.

Harrisburg Heat at Salisbury Steaks



Sunday, March 1

Kickoff at 10 a.m.

Carroll Indoor Sports Complex, Westminster, Maryland

>> PREVIOUS GAMES: This is the first meeting of the season between the two teams.

>> GAME NOTES: This game is being played in Westminster as a "home" game for the Steaks, who because of an ownership change shortly before the start of the season at their expected venue, suddenly became unavailable for the 2025-26 season. They are expected to have a permanent new home venue in time for the 2026-27 season. Harrisburg, with its

heavily back-loaded schedule, made their MASL 2 debut in impressive fashion, winning two road games at previous undefeated United Elite Krajsnik in Utica. They are 2-0 with a goal differential of plus 15 with 23 goals scored and just 8 allowed. Salisbury has been competitive, despite having to play all “away” games. They come in 2-4 with 22 goals scored and 50 given up for a minus 30 goal differential.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Seth Crabbe, who has trained with the Heat in past seasons, made an impressive debut and leads the team in goals with five. MASL and Heat veteran Thiago Freitas is an ageless wonder, and had nine points in two starts, with four goals and five assists. MASL veteran netminder Hugo Silva is a player/coach for the Heat too. Salisbury gets much of its offense from Timmy Dugan, their leading scorer, and Josh Danza, one of the elite playmakers in the game.

>> UP NEXT: Harrisburg Heat at Spice City FC on Sunday, March 8 at 3 p.m. EDT at Danbury Arena, Danbury, Connecticut / Salisbury Steaks at United Elite Krajsnik on Sunday, March 15 at 10:30 a.m. EDT at Adirondack Bank Center, Utica, N.Y.

FC Baltimore 1729 at United Elite Krajsnik

Sunday, March 1

Kickoff at 10:30 a.m. EST

Adirondack Bank Center, Utica, N.Y.



>> PREVIOUS GAMES: These two teams played Dec. 14 in Utica in Baltimore's first-ever game, with United Elite Krajsnik pulling out an 8-7 win. Utica's United Elite Krajsnik trailed on no less than five different times in the game, but each time only by one goal, before getting the game winner from Stephan Teixeira with just 29 seconds to play. He also provided the equalizer with 7:05 to play, after Isiah Dorsey gave Baltimore the last of its five leads, this one 6-5, scoring with just under 10 minutes left in the final period. Utica outshot the Maryland visitors 23-14. Teixeira also added two assists for a four-point game. Jorge Lozado added a goal and one assist for Utica, as teammate Andrew Taylor got the win in goal. For Baltimore, Ayoub Abdelkarim and Eber Ospina each scored twice.

>> GAME NOTES: This game is part of a MASL doubleheader, as later Sunday United Elite's parent club, Utica City FC, will host the Milwaukee Wave. Krajsnik is 3-2 on the season, with a goal differential of plus 1 on 37 scored and 36 allowed. Baltimore is winless in three starts with 13 goals scored and 15 allowed.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Francesco Pagano has been leading the United Elite offense with seven goals and three assists, doing all that damage in just two starts. He has also made four starts for Utica City with one goal. Mohamed Ndiaye is a veteran of the MASL who has

dressed twice recently for United Elite. In 109 career MASL regular season games with Utica, the Baltimore Blast, St. Louis Ambush and Empire Strykers, he has 51 goals and 82 assists. Niall Croke has been the Baltimore leader. He played collegiately at Kings College where he was a team captain. He was drafted by Utica City following the MASL's 2024 player combine, and also played last year for the MASL 2 Baltimore Arsenal. He has three goals and three assists in his two starts.

>> **UP NEXT:** Iowa Raptors at Minnesota Blizzard on Sunday, March 8 at 5 p.m. CST at Centennial Sports Arena, Circle Pines, Minnesota / Omaha Kings vs. Minnesota Blizzard on Sunday, March 1 at 3 p.m. CST at Baxter Arena, Omaha, Nebraska.

Minnesota Blizzard at Omaha Kings

Sunday, March 1

Kickoff at 5 p.m.

Baxter Arena, Omaha, Nebraska



>> **PREVIOUS GAMES:** This is the second meeting of the season, with Omaha taking a 9-4 home win on Jan. 17. Omaha unleashed a Blizzard of shots on goal – 35 in all – in picking up a win over their visitors from Minnesota, who managed just 15 shots on goal. The Blizzard actually went up 3-2 on a goal from Devan Digrado midway through the second quarter before, but the Kings defense stepped up from there and only allowed just one more Minnesota goal the rest of the way. Morgan Penn, Manuel Lira and Gabriel Gaiotto all had two goals each to lead the Omaha offense. Taariq Ganga got the win in goal. Francesco Esteban led the way for Minnesota with two goals.

>> **GAME NOTES:** It's been a while since the Blizzard have blown into action as their last game was back on Jan. 31, a road loss to the Iowa Demon Hawks. The Blizzard's home, the 5,000 seat Warner Coliseum on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, is closed for multi-million dollars of renovation work and upgrades, so the Blizzard are playing their first six games on the road and will finish their season in March and April with six straight games at Centennial Sports Arena, starting next weekend. They come in with a mark of 0-5 with 17 goals scored and 47 given up for a minus 30 goals differential. Omaha is 2-4-1, winning two in a row, and has a goal differential of just minus 12 with 35 scored and 47 allowed.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Omaha is hoping to continue to build momentum with its pretty talented lineup, led by Manuel Lira with eight goals and two assists. Ali Sodal is the reigning offensive player of the week and has six goals and two assists on the season. Devan DiGrado is one of Minnesota's talented home grown players, and leads the team in scoring with five goals and four assists. Francesco Esteban leads the team in goals with

seven.

>> **UP NEXT:** Minnesota Blizzard vs. Omaha Kings on Saturday, March 7 at 7 p.m. CST at Centennial Sports Arena, Circle Pines, Minnesota / Omaha Kings at Minnesota Blizzard on Saturday, March 7 at 7 p.m. CST at Centennial Sports Arena, Circle Pines, Minnesota .

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Friday, March 6
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United Elite Krajisnik at FC Baltimore 1729, 3 p.m. EST
Soccer Central Black Hawks at Turlock Express, 7 p.m. PST
Omaha Kings at Minnesota Blizzard, 7 p.m. CST
Guadalajara Mariachis at Soles de Sonora, 7 p.m. PST
Turlock Express at Soccer Central Black Hawks, 7 p.m. PST
Harrisburg Heat at Spice City FC, 3 p.m. EDT
Iowa Raptors at Minnesota Blizzard, 5 p.m. CDT

THE STATS

OUR NINTH SEASON

» EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
United Elite Krajisnik	5	3	2	0	9	3	37	36	+1
Spice City FC	2	2	0	0	6	2	23	7	+16
Harrisburg Heat	2	2	0	0	6	2	23	8	+15
Salisbury Steaks	6	2	4	0	6	2	22	52	-30
FC Baltimore 1729	3	0	3	0	0	0	13	15	-2

» MIDWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Iowa Demon Hawks	6	6	0	0	18	6	58	16	+42
Wichita Wings	8	4	2	2	14	4	48	47	+1
Iowa Raptors	8	5	3	0	12	4	52	53	-1
Omaha Kings	7	2	4	1	7	1	35	47	-12
Minnesota Blizzard	5	0	5	0	0	0	17	47	-30

» SOUTH DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Mexico City	7	7	0	0	21	7	76	18	+58
OKC Certified Lions	7	7	0	0	20	6	58	30	+28
Guadalajara Mariachis	8	4	3	1	13	4	55	48	+7
Soles de Sonora	8	3	4	1	10	3	60	63	-3
Soccer Central Blackhawks	9	3	5	1	10	2	49	72	-23
Texas Spurs	10	2	8	0	5	1	43	100	-57
Turlock Cal Express	7	2	5	0	5	1	42	52	-10

2025-26 GOAL LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>GL</u>
Jose Penalver	OKC Certified Lions	7	19
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	8	16
Jeanderson Pereira	Iowa Demon Hawks	6	14
Wyatt Fowler	Texas Spurs	10	10
Aaron Ramirez	Mexico City	5	9
Irvin Mojica	Iowa Demon Hawks	4	9
Luis Brambila	Turlock Cal Express	6	9
Cristhian Segura	Soles de Sonora	8	8
Genaro Castillo	Soles de Sonora	5	8
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	7	8
Lalo Derath	Wichita Wings	8	8
Manuel Lira	Omaha Kings	7	8
Hugo Vargas	Soccer Central	6	8

2025-26 ASSIST LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>AS</u>
Alvaro Luevano	OKC Certified Lions	7	12
Luis Brambila	Turlock Cal Express	6	8
Adriano Nunes	Mexico City	4	7
Cristhian Segura	Soles de Sonora	8	7
Guillherme Lopes	Iowa Demon Hawks	6	7
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	7	7
David Lucio	Wichita Wings	8	6
Ivan Campos	Soccer Central	5	6

2025-26 POINTS LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Jose Penalver	OKC Certified Lions	7	23
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	8	20
Jeanderson Pereira	Iowa Demon Hawks	6	17
Luis Brambila	Turlock Cal Express	6	17
Alvaro Luevano	OKC Certified Lions	7	15
Cristhian Segura	Soles de Sonora	8	15
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	7	15

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2024-25 GOAL LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>GL</u>
Jeanderson Pereira	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	41
Luan Silva	Iowa Demon Hawks	11	35
Gabriel Martinez Camarillo	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	34
Mershad Ahmadi	United Elite Krajisnik	9	26
Devan Digrado	Minnesota Blizzard	11	24
Caio Ferreira	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	23
Caique Trivelato	Wichita Wings	9	22
Ruben Torres	OKC Certified Lions	9	22
Cam Will	Muskegon Risers	10	22

2024-25 ASSIST LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>AS</u>
Luan Silva	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	33
Ricky Orozco	United Elite Krajisnik	10	29
Jeanderson Pereira	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	23
Alvaro Luevano	Chihuahua Savage	12	21
Caio Ferreira	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	21
Thiago Freitas	Iowa Demon Hawks	4	20

2024-25 TOTAL POINTS LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>TP</u>
Luan Silva	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	68
Jeanderson Pereira	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	64
Gabriel Martinez Camarillo	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	46
Caio Ferreira	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	44
Devan Digrado	Minnesota Blizzard	11	39
Ricky Orozco	Utica United Elite	10	37
Ruben Torres	OKC Certified Lions	9	35
Alvaro Loevano	Chihuahua Savage	9	34

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