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OUR NINTH SEASON



WEEK 8 PREVIEW

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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 Blackhawks in the Monterrey region.

Each MASL 3 team plays a 12-game regular season schedule, with a national playoffs to conclude the year.



Texas Spurs at Turlock Cal Express

Friday, January 23

Kickoff at 7 p.m. PST

Turlock Indoor Soccer, Turlock, California



- >> PREVIOUS MEETINGS: This is the first meeting of the season between the two teams.
- >> GAME NOTES: Texas is under the direction of Eddie Puskarich, long time pro indoor player and in recent years, coach of the MASL Dallas Sidekick. Puskarich founded the Spurs club program in 1999. They come in with a record of 0-3, and in search of a more consistent offensive effort as they have scored just 11 goals while giving up 32. Turlock

similarly is 0-3 and offense has been a big question mark, with just 11 goals scored. They have allowed 24.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** VcMor Eligwe is a big, rugged target forward with plenty of MASL experience. He leads the Spurs with four goals and two assists. Brenden Lee is another MASL veteran, although he has dressed for just one game so far this year, and scored once.. . Ivan Rios is a threat, and also serves as the Express coach. He has three points in three games, and in 37 career MASL 2 games, has 23 points. Angel Sanchez is Turlock's leading goal scorer with three. In 20 career games with the Express, he has 18 goals.

>> **UP NEXT:** Texas Spurs at Soccer Central Black Hawks on Saturday, January 24 at 7 p.m. PST at Soccer Central, Watsonville, California / Turlock Cal Express vs. Guadalajara Mariachis on Friday, February 13 at 7 p.m. PST at Turlock Indoor Soccer, Turlock, California.

Salisbury Steaks at FC Baltimore 1729



Saturday, January 24

Kickoff at 2 p.m. EST

TU Arena, Towson, Maryland

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

>> **GAME NOTES:** This is almost like a restart to the season for the official MASL 2 affiliate of the MASL Baltimore Blast. Their lone start to date was all the way back on December 14 and in Utica, no less, to take on the undefeated United Elite Krajisnik side, falling 7-6 in a very competitive matchup. Based on that alone, MASL 2 fans have been anxious to see Baltimore take to the field again. In Utica, Baltimore (0-1) held a one-goal lead with 11 minutes to play in the fourth quarter before the home side rallied and scored the winning goal with just 29 seconds to play at the Adirondeck Bank Center. Salisbury is playing all 12 of its games on the road this year after an ownership change shortly before the season began at their previous home venue made playing there for the 2025-26 difficult. They are expected to play back in the Delmarva area for the 2026-27 season. They come in 0-4 with just 14 goals scored and 45 given up.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Baltimore's Ayoub Abdelkarim and Eber Ospina each scored twice in the loss in Utica ... Brandon Alexander and Colin Pennington lead Salisbury with two goals each. Josh Danza is a dangerous playmaker and is second in MASL 3 in assists as a player for the Baltimore Kings.

>> **UP NEXT:** Salisbury Steaks at FC Baltimore 1729 on Sunday, February 1 at 12 noon EST at TU Arena, Towson, Maryland / FC Baltimore 1729 vs. Salisbury Steaks on Sunday, February

1 at 12 noon EST at TU Arena, Towson, Maryland.

Texas Spurs at Soccer Central Black Hawks

Saturday, January 24

Kickoff at 7 p.m. PST

Soccer Central, Watsonville, California



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

>> GAME NOTES: For Texas Spurs notes, please see above. The Black Hawks debuted at home a couple of weekends ago, and had a solid showing despite losing to another first year team in Mexico City, 5-2.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Soccer Central has a number of veterans of the indoor games, most notably Nelson Santana and coach Erick Tovar. Santana has appeared in 373 pro indoor games in his career, with 135 goals and an impressive 162 assists. Most recently in the MASL, he has suited up for the Harrisburg Heat, Baltimore Blast and Utica City FC. His rookie season was in 2006-07 with the MISL California Cougars in Stockton, California. Tovar scored 132 regular season and playoff goals having most recently played for the Savage in 2024-25. He has appeared in 152 games in his career which included four years with the San Diego Sockers.

>> UP NEXT: Texas Spurs at Guadalajara Mariachis on Saturday, February 1 at 8 p.m. MST at Gimnasio Olimpique, Guadalajara, Mexico / Soccer Central Black Hawks at Soles de Sonora on Saturday, January 21 at 7 p.m. PST at Gimnasio Unison, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.

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UP NEXT

OUR NINTH SEASON

Friday, January 30	Minnesota Blizzard at Iowa Demon Hawks, 7 p.m. CST
Saturday, January 31	Minnesota Blizzard at Iowa Demon Hawks, 7 p.m. CST
Saturday, January 31	Wichita Wings at Iowa Raptors, 7 p.m. CST
Saturday, January 31	Soccer Central Black Hawks at Soles de Sonora, 7 p.m. PST
Saturday, January 31	Texas Spurs at Guadalajara Mariachis, 8 p.m. MST
Sunday, February 1	Salisbury Steaks at FC Baltimore 1729, 12 noon EST
Sunday, February 1	Texas Spurs at Mexico City, 3 p.m. CST
Sunday, February 1	Wichita Wings at Iowa Raptors, 4 p.m. CST
Sunday, February 1	Soccer Central Black Hawks at Soles de Sonora, 6 p.m. PST

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THE STATS

OUR NINTH SEASON

» EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
United Elite Krajisnik	3	3	0	0	9	3	29	13	+16
Spice City FC	2	2	0	0	6	2	23	7	+16
Harrisburg Heat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FC Baltimore 1729	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	7	-1
Salisbury Steaks	4	0	4	0	0	0	14	45	-30

» MIDWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Wichita Wings	4	4	0	0	12	4	34	18	+16
Iowa Raptors	4	3	1	0	8	2	31	25	+6
Omaha Kings	6	1	4	1	1	0	26	40	-14
Iowa Demon Hawks	1	1	0	0	3	1	8	2	+6
Minnesota Blizzard	3	0	3	0	0	0	13	27	-14

» SOUTH DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
OKC Certified Lions	4	4	0	0	11	3	38	18	+20
Mexico City	3	3	0	0	9	3	19	9	+10
Guadalajara Mariachis	2	2	0	0	6	2	16	7	+9
Soles de Sonora	4	1	2	1	4	1	20	22	+2
Soccer Central Blackhawks	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	5	-3
Turlock Cal Express	3	0	3	0	0	0	11	24	-13
Texas Spurs	3	0	3	0	0	0	11	32	-21

2025-26 GOAL LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	GL
Jose Penalver	OKC Certified Lions	4	14
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	4	9
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	4	7
Francesco Pagano	United Elite Krajisnik	2	7
Radley Arnold	Wichita Wings	4	7
Lalo Derath	Wichita Wings	4	6
Manuel Lira	Omaha Kings	6	6
Brian Aleman	Wichita Wings	4	5
Francesco Esteban	Minnesota Blizzard	3	5
Jorge Lozada	United Elite Krajisnik	2	5
Eduardo Davalos	Mexico City	2	5
Kennerh Gaytan	OKC Certified Lions	4	5
Jesus Rodriguez	OKC Certified Lions	4	5

2025-26 ASSIST LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	AS
Jake Johnson	Iowa Raptors	3	5
Alvaro Luevano	OKC Certified Lions	4	5
David Lucio	Wichita Wings	3	5

Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	4	5
Fabian Romero	OKC Certified Lions	4	4
Radley Arnold	Wichita Wings	4	4
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	4	4

2025-26 POINTS LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Jose Penalver	OKC Certified Lions	3	16
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	4	13
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	4	12
Radley Arnold	Wichita Wings	4	11
Francesco Pagano	United Elite Krajisnik	2	10
David Lucio	Wichita Wings	4	9

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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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