



## M2 WEEK 10 REVIEW

**Games of February 4-5  
Major Arena Soccer League 2**

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**MASL 2**



# The Games

## Rochester Lancers at Iowa Raptors *Alliant Energy Power House, Cedar Rapids*

**GAME RECAP:** in a contest that had big momentum swings, it was the visiting Rochester Lancers that prevailed in overtime, after getting the equalizer with just over two minutes to play. Iowa raced to an early 2-0 lead, but the Lancers had an answer scoring four straight to open a two-goal lead midway through the third. The Raptors rallied again with three straight to take a 5-4 lead with just over four minutes to play in the third quarter, to set up the dramatic finish. Rochester's Tanner Bay tied

it at five with 11:24 to play before Iowa's Angelo Oquendo put the hosts back up by one with 3:39 left. But just 91 seconds later, Bay played the role of hero again to tie the game, where Rochester's Matt D'Amico got the game winner midway through the overtime period. D'Amico stole a ball near midfield and chipped the Iowa netminder who was off his line to get the clincher, as the Lancers remained, for the time being, M2's only undefeated team. Oquendo finished with two goals and an assist to lead Iowa, while Rolando Rojas also scored twice and Patrick Kelly had a goal an assist. Vadim Cojocov also added two goals for Rochester while Daniel Maddock got the win in goal.

**UP NEXT:** Iowa Raptors at Muskegon Risers on Friday, March 3 at 7 p.m. EST at Trinity Health Arena in Muskegon, Michigan / Rochester Lancers at Iowa Demon Hawks at 2 p.m. CST at Alliant Energy Powerhouse, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

## Colorado Inferno at Amarillo Bombers *Amarillo Civic Center, Amarillo, Texas*

**GAME RECAP:** Despite the seemingly lopsided final, the Inferno put up a good showing, especially early, in falling for the fifth time this year, while Amarillo improved to 6-1-0. A goal from Josue Jimenez five minutes into the second quarter leveled the score at 3-3, but the Bombers then went on a tear, scoring the game's next 11 goals to pull away. Amarillo outshot the Inferno, 32-20. Miguel Reyes and Alan Valenzuela each had hat tricks while teammates David Trevizo, Sam Webb, Abel Davis, Conrod Goulbourne and Kevin Alvidrez



had two goals each for Amarillo. All but two Bombers players had at least one point. Past M2 all-star Francisco Rivas had two goals and two assists, while Marcus Jordan, Daniel Grimaldo Campos and Luis Martinez all had two-point nights. Fredo Chavez picked up his M2 best sixth win in goal.

UP NEXT: Amarillo Bombers at Wichita Wings on Friday, February 10 at 7 p.m. CST at Hartman Arena, Park City, Kansas / Colorado Inferno vs. New Mexico Runners on Sunday, February 19 at 2 p.m. MST at Soccerhaus, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

## New Mexico Runners at Wichita Wings *Hartman Arena, Park City, Kansas*

GAME RECAP: Things got a little crazy in Wichita, as the Runners were only able to dress 12 players due to injury and illness, including 57-year old New Mexico Coach Steve Famiglietta, who became the oldest player in M2 history to score a goal, with a pretty back-heal flick during a second half power play. Wichita took advantage of the situation, pouring in a season best 21 goals. It was the second straight week the depleted Runners have up 21, with Amarillo having turned the trick last weekend. Both of New Mexico's goaltenders missed the game in Wichita, who was led by Kevin Ten Eyck with four goals and three assists. Alvaro Quezada led the Wings goal scorers with five as all but two Wichita players got on the scoresheet. Guilherme Oliveira and Max Shea each had hat tricks. David Lucio added a pair. Mershad Ahmadi continued his strong play, pouring in four goals to move to 22 goals in just five games so far this year to lead M2.



UP NEXT: Wichita Wings vs. Amarillo Bombers on Friday, Feb. 10 at 7:05 p.m. CST at Hartman Arena in Park City, Kansas / New Mexico Runners vs. Kansas Bandits on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 5:05 CST at Rio Rancho Events Center, Rio Rancho, New Mexico

## Rochester Lancers at Iowa Demon Hawks *Alliant Energy Power House, Cedar Rapids*

GAME RECAP: Doing double duty, MASL standouts Ricardo Diegues, Bruno Henrique and Thiago Freitas helped the Demon Hawks to a key North Division win. Those three dressed and played for the Florida Tropics in Dallas Saturday night before suiting up with Iowa on Sunday afternoon. Those players were not eligible to play in the MASL because of visa issues, and signed with the Demon Hawks at the start of the M2 season. A January clarification of the visa requirements in M1 then allowed the trio, along with goaltender



Rainer Hauss, to sign with Florida, who had signed them in the last offseason before they were ruled ineligible in October to visa requirement. Henrique had two goals and an assist while Diegues had a goal and two assists. Freitas added two assists, but the hero was Diego Leite who got the game winner with just under three minutes to play. Player/Coach Jake Schindler had a goal and two assists for the Lancers, while Andriy Demydiv had a goal and an assist. Hauss picked up the win in goal.

UP NEXT: Iowa Demon Hawks at Muskegon Risers on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 7:05 p.m. EST at Trinity Health Arena in Muskegon, Michigan / Rochester Lancers 2 vs. Friday, February 24 at 7 p.m. EST at TSE, East Rochester



# The Standings

(As of Feb. 3 2023)

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
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## >>North Division

Iowa Demon Hawks	7	5	1	1	15	4	64	47	+17
Iowa Raptors	7	4	2	1	13	4	53	49	+4
Rochester Lancers2	4	3	1	0	9	3	29	23	+6
Muskegon Risers	8	1	7	0	2	0	48	75	-27

## >>Midwest Division

Amarillo Bombers	7	6	1	0	18	6	91	56	+35
Wichita Wings	6	4	2	0	12	4	61	43	+18
New Mexico Runners	5	3	2	0	9	3	56	58	-2
Kansas Bandits	5	1	4	0	3	1	24	37	-13
Colorado Inferno	5	0	5	0	0	0	28	66	-38

## >>West Division

Chihuahua Savage II	7	6	1	0	18	6	70	37	+33
Club Deportivo de Baja	5	4	1	0	12	4	47	25	+22
Empire Jets	7	3	4	0	9	3	38	53	-14
RGV Barracudas	5	3	2	0	8	2	35	34	+1
San Diego Sockers 2	5	1	3	1	4	1	26	26	0
Turlock Cal Express	5	0	5	0	0	0	25	66	-41

*Teams receive three points for a regulation time win (RW), two points for a win in overtime, one point for an overtime loss (OTL), and no points for a loss in regulation time.*

*Standings and playoff tiebreakers: Points > Head to Head > Goal Differential > Goals For > Goals Against > Wins > Regulation Wins*

*Four teams will qualify for M2 Championship Weekend at a site to be determined. The division winners will qualify, as will the best second place team in any of the three divisions.*



Friday, February 10	Amarillo Bombers at Wichita Wings, 7 p.m. CST
Friday, February 10	RGV Barracudas at Turlock Cal Express, 7 p.m. PST
Saturday, February 11	Iowa Demon Hawks at Muskegon Risers, 7 p.m. EST
Saturday, February 11	Kansas Bandits at New Mexico Runners, 5 p.m. MST
Saturday, February 11	RGV Barracudas at Empire Jets, 7 p.m. PST
Friday, February 17	Deportivo de Baja at RGV Barracudas, 7:30 p.m. CST
Friday, February 17	Empire Jets at Turlock Cal Express, 7 p.m. PST
Saturday, February 18	Deportivo de Baja at RGV Barracudas, 7:30 p.m. CST
Sunday, February 19	Turlock Cal Express at Empire Jets, 11:05 a.m. PST
Sunday, February 19	New Mexico Runners at Colorado Inferno, 2 p.m. MST
Sunday, February 19	Kansas Bandits at Amarillo Bombers, 5 p.m. CST

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### MASL 2 GOAL LEADERS

Player	Team	Goals	GP
Mershad Amadhi	New Mexico Runners	22	5
David Trevizo	Amarillo Bombers	15	7

Ricardo Diegues	Iowa Demon Hawks	14	7
Renee Loya Hernández	Chihuahua Savage II	13	6
Bruno Henrique	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	6
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	12	7

### MASL 2 ASSISTS LEADERS

Player	Team	Assists	GP
Thiago Freitas	Iowa Demon Hawks	15	7
Miguel Reyes	Amarillo Bombers	13	6
Ricardo Diegues	Iowa Demon Hawks	12	7
David Trevizo	Amarillo Bombers	10	7
Bruno Henrique	Iowa Demon Hawks	9	6
Kevin Ten Eyck	Wichita Wings	9	6

### MASL 2 TOTAL POINTS LEADERS

Player	Team	Points	GP
Ricardo Diegues	Iowa Demon Hawks	26	7
Miguel Reyes	Amarillo Bombers	26	6
Mershad Ahmadi	New Mexico Runners	25	5
David Trevizo	Amarillo Bombers	25	6
Thiago Freitas	Iowa Demon Hawks	21	7
Bruno Henrique	Iowa Demon Hawks	21	6



### MASL 2 GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE LEADERS

Xavier Snaer-Williams	San Diego Sockers2	4.81
Jakeb Mitchell	Rochester Lancers	5.00
Rainer Hauss	Iowa Demon Hawks	5.67
Chris Favela	Kansas Bandits	5.67
David Escarcega Trevizo	Chihuahua Savage 2	6.23
Daniel Maddack	Rochester Lancers	6.33
Jesus Ortiz	Iowa Raptors	6.28

## MASL 2 GOALKEEP WINS LEADERS

Fredo Chavez	Amarillo Bombers	6
Rainer Hauss	Iowa Demon Hawks	4
Four GK tied with 3 wins each		

## MASL 2 GOALKEEP SAVES PERCENTAGE LEADERS

Rainer Hauss	Iowa Demon Hawks	.778
Xavier Snaer-Williams	San Diego Sockers 2	.700
Chris Favela	Kansas Bandits	.691
Fredo Chavez	Amarillo Bombers	.688
Jakeb Mitchell	Rochester Lancers2	.677

\* Goaltenders must play at least 50 percent of their team's minutes to qualify for leaders.



**M2 Referee Drew Klemp makes MASL debut, but not in the way he imagined**

TAMPA, Florida – Drew Klemp has dreamed for a while now of stepping on the floor as a Major Arena Soccer League referee.



But when he got his chance to do so Sunday, it wasn't in the way he visualized it happening and he sure didn't expect to be in the most highly anticipated matchup of the entire MASL season so far this year.

But less than two hours before the start of the Sockers v. Savage showdown, Klemp got the call from the league's head of officials, Ryan Cigich, that he would be on the floor shortly with senior referee Brian Miller to officiate that night's game.

Even though just 22, he is a "veteran" Major Arena Soccer League 2 floor official, often assigned games in Wichita, Omaha, Dodge City and Cedar Rapids, proving grounds for not just players but referees alike. A resident of the Kansas City area, he regularly is assigned as an off-the-floor official for Comets games, starting in 2019.

He was in Southern California having worked the floor for an M2 game in Ontario Saturday night, and having worked two M2 games at Pechanga Arena (one on the floor and one in the box) earlier in the day Sunday. He was scheduled to be the assistant referee for the Sockers game until the second assigned referee, Samantha Martinez, became unavailable for floor duty prior to kickoff.

"Ryan called and he said 'you're going on the floor.' I've been someone whose been on the bubble for a year and a half now, so I've been just kind of waiting my turn ,waiting for the stars to all align. I had no idea it would be then," he recalled. "The last thing he told me was 'prepare yourself, get in the right mindset. Just do your job, ref the game. You're ready."

M2's Head of Officials, Graeme Florance -- now in his eighth season as a MASL referee as well -- also was confident that Klemp was ready for the assignment.

"As well as being a really strong referee. Drew is a great person. He has an outstanding work ethic," Florance noted. "He puts in lots of preparation and study to be as prepared as possible for every assignment. He is hungry for knowledge and wants every little piece of advice or criticism that will make improve his skills. He has been a joy to work with and will continue to go on to big things in refereeing and in life."

Kiemp started officiating as a teenager, in large part because he would regularly be frustrated by those that worked his games.

"The very short story of that is I played soccer, and I thought the referees weren't too good and that I could do better," he said. "You've got to put your money where your mouth is and honestly, I was one of the worst players at yelling at the referees."

His progression has been organic -- working just the way the MASL pyramid structure is designed to work -- starting with floor assignments for M3 games when Kansas City had a M3 team, Sunflower State. He has also been invited to and attended the MASL referee's pre-season camps.

His work, despite his relative inexperience, almost immediately caught the attention of many, several of whom took them under their collective officiating wings.

"I've had really great mentorship throughout the journey. I'm young, and really like to learn. So our two referees in Kansas City, Ron Cory and Brian Martin, have been awesome. They are fantastic people and excellent referees. They've helped me out a lot, but my main mentor is Brian Miller."

The Cleveland-based Miller, now in his 10th season in the MASL, is in regular contact with Klemp on his climb to the top level of indoor soccer.

"He and I will watch game film from other games, watch game film of my games, and go over them. Weekly we talk about things that happened in games, what could be done better, what would you do in that situation, what was done well," Klemp said. "So from an education standpoint, a lot of the things that happen out there I've already seen it and already talked about it. So I felt prepared."

Miller is no stranger to helping young officials. Just weeks ago, Miller teamed with Danielle Chesky for her first ever MASL floor assignment in Florida. It was also in Florida where Miller was paired with Sergio Cabrera Acosta who was working his first floor game a couple of seasons ago.

"That's no coincidence that he's put in those situations because he's an excellent official and an excellent teacher," Klemp believes. Ironically, Miller was a floor official when Klemp worked his first-ever MASL game in the box at Cable Dahmer Arena.

It was a coincidence, however, that Miller had been assigned as the senior referee for Sunday's game, making it a serendipitous confluence of events that provided a bit of a security blanket for Klemp, who didn't have much time to envision what his first MASL game would be like.

"It was a great thing actually, thank God," Klemp noted. "If I had lots of time to just sit and think about the fact I have two undefeated teams.... I was aware. But it really didn't fully cross my mind until after the game, I didn't have time to get nervous which I probably would have had I had more time. The first five minutes were a little surreal, but then you're like 'I've got a job to do. I've been through these situations and motions before.' So it became a lot easier then."

And it was also easier because Klemp said he felt he was not alone on the Pechanga Arena field.

"I would have to say that literally half the floor referees in the league all sent me text message or calls to offer a little advice and wish me good luck," he continued. "Just to have everyone's encouragement, from the senior referees – the Commissioner Keith Tozer even sent a message – I felt like I had an army of support. And I also felt because of all my mentorships and relationships, all my M2 and M3 games on the floor, from watching all these senior guys for years, I was as ready as I could be despite the massive challenge at hand."

That camaraderie proved crucial – as did the fact Martinez was able to still serve as the assistant referee in the box -- since he was making his first-ever trip to San Diego or Pechanga Arena.

"If had gotten my first game in Kansas City or St. Louis, there would have been a lot of comfort zone factors. I know the arena, I know the coaches, I know a lot of the players, all the stuff that you don't stress about," he recalled. "But on Sunday, everything was different. I was as far out of my comfort zone as I could have possibly been, but what was really grounding for me was the support I had of the MASL community and having my mentor be the senior referee on the game. What a very happy accident it turned out to be."