



MASL2

2025-26 *Playoff Guide*



THIS WEEKEND

MAJOR ARENA SOCCER LEAGUE

And then there were six.

The ninth season of Major Arena Soccer League 2 action will come to close in Des Moines, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska as six teams, including two undefeated teams and one past league champ, will square off April 17-19.



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The Harrisburg Heat will enter as the No. 1 seed, while the Iowa Demon Hawks will enter as the No. 2 seed as both completed perfect 12-0 regular seasons in the East and Midwest Divisions respectively.

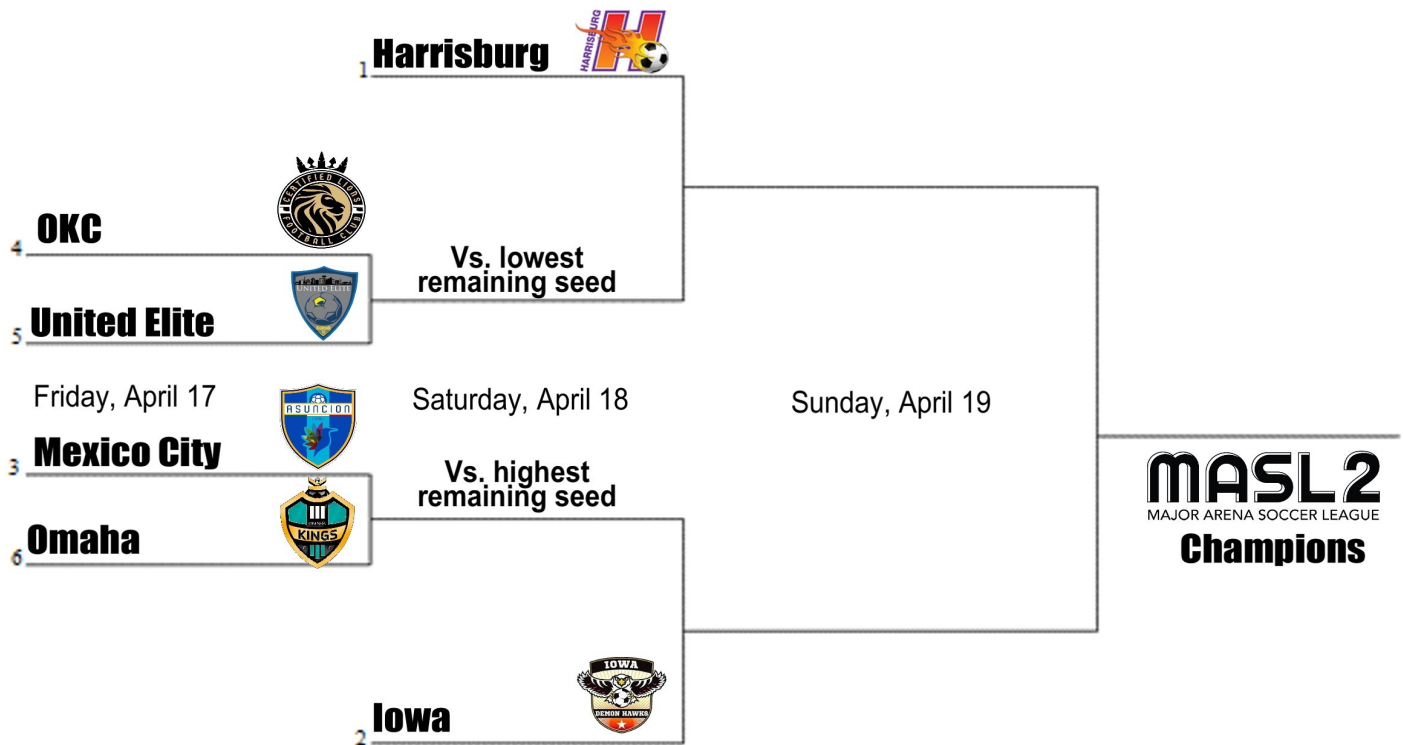
Harrisburg got the top seed by virtue of a tiebreaker, but both teams will get first-round byes and advance immediately to the semi-finals in Omaha.

The other seeds include Mexico City (11-1) at number three, the OKC Certified Lions (10-2) at number four, Utica's United Elite Krajisnik (10-2) as the five seed and the Omaha Kings (5-6-1) as the sixth seed.

Omaha and Mexico City will meet at 4 p.m. Friday at SIG Sportsplex in Des Moines, followed by a 7:30 start between Omaha and United Elite. The winners advance to Omaha for the semis where Harrisburg will meet the lowest remaining seeded team in a 7 p.m. CDT start. The 4:30 kickoff Saturday will feature the Demon Hawks against the highest remaining seeded team from Friday's first round.

Sunday's championship game is scheduled for 4 p.m. All games will be broadcast live on line, free of charge, for fans to support their favorite teams from afar. Fans can check league social sites and team social sites for the latest link for each game's broadcast. John Wilsbach, who is the voice of the Harrisburg Heat and who has been an indoor soccer play-by-play man for more than 30 years now, will handle the call for both the semi-finals and finals.

MASL 2 is assured a new champion this year. Last year, the Iowa Demon Hawks fell in double-overtime to the Chihuahua Savage 2, after Iowa won the title in 2023-24. Harrisburg played in the 1994-95 National Professional Soccer League championship series, where they fell to the St. Louis Ambush. Otherwise, Harrisburg has never been to a league finals



MASL 2 PLAYOFFS

Friday, April 17 Mexico City (3) vs. Omaha Kings (6), 4 p.m. CDT
 Friday, April 17 OKC Certified Lions (4) vs. United Elite Krajisnik (5), 7:30 p.m. CDT
 >> *First round games at SIG Sportsplex, Des Moines, Iowa.*

Saturday, April 18 Iowa Demon Hawks (2) vs. Highest remaining seeded team, 4 p.m. CDT
 Saturday, April 19 Harrisburg Heat (1) vs. Lowest remaining seeded team, 7 p.m.
 Sunday, April 20 MASL 2 Championship Game
 >> *Semifinals and championship game at Baxter Arena, Omaha, Nebraska*

All playoff games will be broadcast live on line, free of charge to Major Arena Soccer League fans. Please check MASL 2 league social media sites and team sites for the updated link for each game broadcast. Veteran MASL broadcaster John Wilsbach, voice the Harrisburg Heat, will call all the action in the semifinals and finals.



2024-25 RECORD: 3-20-1 in MASL
2025-26 RECORD: 12-0 (First in East)
COACH: Hugo Silva
WEBSITE: www.harrisburgheat.com
GOALS FOR: 146 (First in league)
GOALS AGAINST: 39 (2nd in league)
GOAL DIFFERENTIAL: +107 (1st)
HOW THEY GOT HERE:



February 15	Harrisburg Heat 10, United Elite Krajisnik 6
February 16	Harrisburg Heat 13, United Elite Krajisnik 2
March 1	Harrisburg Heat 13, Salisbury Steaks 4
March 7	Harrisburg Heat 12, Spice City 3
March 8	Harrisburg Heat 8, Spice City 4
March 13	Harrisburg Heat 8, FC Baltimore 1729 1
*March 20	Harrisburg Heat 15, FC Baltimore 1729 2
*March 21	Harrisburg Heat 18, Salisbury Steaks 0
*April 3	Harrisburg Heat 9, United Elite Krajisnik 6
*April 4	Harrisburg Heat 6, Spice City 5
*April 10	Harrisburg Heat 14, FC Baltimore 1729 1
*April 11	Harrisburg Heat 20, Salisbury Steaks 5
*Home game	

PLAYERS TO WATCH

>> **HUGO SILVA**– Silva has been one of the top netminder in MASL soccer for many years, and serves as the player/coach for the Heat. In 100 regular season MASL games, primarily with the Florida Tropics as well as with Harrisburg, he has played in 122 regular season games with 58 wins and goals against of 5.77 and a career saves percentage of .697.

>> **THIAGO FREITAS:** A long time standout in the sports, Freitas has terrorized defenses, especially as a playmaker, for many years in both the MASL and MASL 2. In 79 career regular season MASL games, mostly with the Heat, he has 44 goals and 67 assists for 111 points. This year, he was the top scorer overall in the league by a wide margin, and second

in goals along with first in assists as well. He played three seasons in MASL 2 for the Iowa Demon Hawks, appearing in 30 total games with 44 goals and 74 assists.

>> **BRUNO HENRIQUE** - Is a big, creative and talented finisher who first took to the indoor game with the MASL Florida Tropics, In 42 career MASL games with Florida and the Baltimore Blast, he has 30 goals and 26 assists. Also has played for the Iowa Demon Hawks in MASL 2, appearing in 5 regular season games with seven goals and three assists. Was MASL 2 MVP in 2023-24 with Iowa Demon Hawks.

THE SKINNY

When the Harrisburg Heat made their Major Arena Soccer League 2 debut, they did so in an historic venue with pro indoor soccer history, keeping alive the sport's decades-old tradition in the state Capital region ... The Heat moved to MASL 2 for the 2025-26 season And they will play at the iconic Hersheypark Arena, a 7,800 seat facility that was originally built in the 1930s and for more than 60 years played host to the popular American Hockey League Hershey Bears and where Wilt Chamberlain famously had his 100 point game. Heat CEO Carl Delmont said the decision was necessitated by the lack of available dates at their longtime home which recently underwent a management changeover, the Farm Show Complex ... Hersheypark Arena was home to the Hershey Impact in both the American Indoor Soccer Association and the National Professional Soccer League from 1988-1992 and featured many players who formed the nucleus of the first-ever Harrisburg Heat team to debut in the NPSL in 1992. Just weeks after the Impact announced they were dropping out of the NPSL, the league approved a new team in Harrisburg, which quickly signed such Heat legends as John Abe, Franklin McIntosh, Bill Becher, and Bob Lilley who were all part of the Hershey roster ... In addition to those who went on to join the Heat, the Impact featured such indoor stalwarts as Drago Dumbovic, Mark Kerlin, Jim Schwab, Art Kramer, and Scoop Stanisic. They compiled a record of 59-61 in their years at Hersheypark Arena, which is also the current home of the United States Premier Hockey League Hershey Cubs ... Player/Coach Hugo Silva has brought a number of former teammates with the Florida Tropics with him to Harrisburg, including Thiago Freitas, Victor Parrera who has over 200 career points in the MASL, and Bruno Henrique. The Tropics advanced to the MASL championship series at the end of the 2021-22 season, falling to the San Diego Sockers ... Vini Dantas also suited up a couple of times for the Heat during the regular season, and is one of the sport's premier target forwards. His career started with the Baltimore Blast in 2014-15. Since his debut, he has played in 220 total MASL games, scoring 260 goals and adding 138 assists for 375 total points. Dantas also had a short stint with the Tropics in 2022-23.





2024-25 RECORD: 10-1-1 (First in North Division)
2025-26 RECORD: 12-0 (Second in Great Lakes South)
COACH: Tiago Coutinho
WEBSITE: www.iowademonhawks.com
GOALS FOR: 103 (2nd in league)
GOALS AGAINST: 33 (1st)
GOAL DIFFERENTIAL: +70 (2nd)
HOW THEY GOT HERE:



January 16	Iowa Demon Hawks 8, Omaha Kings 2
*January 30	Iowa Demon Hawks 9, Minnesota Blizzard 2
*January 31	Iowa Demon Hawks 11, Minnesota Blizzard 2
February 7	Iowa Demon Hawks 7, Wichita Wings 2
*February 14	Iowa Demon Hawks 11, Iowa Raptors 4
February 20	Iowa Demon Hawks 12, Wichita Wings 4
*February 28	Iowa Demon Hawks 14, Wichita Wings 2
*March 14	Iowa Demon Hawks 5, Omaha Kings 3
* March 15	Iowa Demon Hawks 1, Omaha Kings 0 (weather forfeit)
March 21	Iowa Demon Hawks 9, Iowa Raptors 1
March 22	Iowa Demon Hawks 9, Iowa Raptors 7
April 12	Iowa Demon Hawks 8, Minnesota Blizzard 4
*Home game	

PLAYERS TO WATCH

>> JEANDERSON PEREIRA: He has been one of the top forwards in the sport the last two years, A longtime standout outdoor soccer professional in his native Brazil, and even for a season with the MLS Portland Timbers, Pereira quickly adapted to the indoor game in 2024-25, recording 41 goals and 23 assists to earn All First Team MASL 2 honors. This season, he scored 25 goals which was tops in the league. He also recorded 12 assists for 37 points overall, second best in MASL 2 in 2025-26.

>> RAINER HAUSS: Has served as the team's primary backstop after a strong MASL career, which included backstopping the Florida Tropics to the 2021-22 MASL championship series against the San Diego Sockers. In five playoff games that spring, Hauss was spectacular, logging a 3.81 goals against average and saves percentage of .822, both elite level numbers ... Was MASL 2 2023-24 Goalkeeper of the Year ... Had a goal against average of just over

three this MASL 2 season, best in the league, and was tops in saves percentage and tied for the league lead in wins with 11.

>> **GUILHERME LOPES:** A native of Brazil, he has helped pick up the scoring slack for the Hawks with the loss of some of their past high flying stars, scoring 13 goals and adding 10 assists. He hits the playoffs with a streak of six straight games with at least two points in each, including a four-goal performance against the Iowa Raptors on March 21, and three-point games (two goals and one assist) in each of his team's final two regular season starts.

THE SKINNY

There's no question, Iowa is in it to win it. The Demon Hawks have been the cream of the crop in MASL 2 for the last three years, having won the league championship in 2023-24, and falling in the league title game last year to Chihuahua in double overtime. Their women's team won the MASL W championship last month after, like the men's team, completing an undefeated regular season ... In their three years of league play, they have a regular season record of 34-1-1. Ironically, their lone regular season loss came in their championship year when they fell to the St. Louis Ambush 2-9-7 in regulation time and the Ambush in overtime as well ... Prior to the first loss to St. Louis, team had a 21-game winning streak ... Their 195 goals scored last year stands as a league record, as does their goal differential of plus 146 in 2024-25 ... Won the 2023-24 title with an 8-3 win over the Rochester Lancers ... They play home games at the team-owned SIG Sportsplex.



2024-25 RECORD: Did not play

2025-26 RECORD: 11-1 (First in West Division)

COACH: Genoni Martinez

WEBSITE: <https://www.instagram.com/popular/mexico-city-masl/>

GOALS FOR: 102 (3rd in league)

GOALS AGAINST: 38 (2nd)

GOAL DIFFERENTIAL: +64 (3rd)

HOW THEY GOT HERE:

January 9

January 10

January 17

* February 1

Mexico City 8, Turlock Cal Express 4

Mexico City 5, Soccer Central Black Hawks 2

Mexico City 6, Soles de Sonora 3

Mexico City 19, Texas Spurs 2



*February 7	Mexico City 6, Soccer Central Black Hawks 1
*February 8	Mexico City 11, Soccer Central Black Hawks 3
*February 15	Mexico City 21, Soles de Sonora 4
*March 15	Mexico City 10, Guadalajara Mariachis 8
March 20	Mexico City 9, Guadalajara Mariachis 6
March 28	Mexico City 4, OKC Certified Lions 3
March 29	Mexico City 3, Texas Spurs 2
*Home game	

PLAYERS TO WATCH

>> **BERNA VALDAVINOS** – Mexico City easily has the best one-two punch in goal, which could be a help if they advance having to play as many as three games in three days. Along with Diego Reynoso, both are MASL veterans with playoff and championship pedigree. Valdavinós has played for the San Diego Sockers, Monterrey Flash, Chihuahua Savage and Soles de Sonora in the MASL, winning a championship in 2022-23 with Chihuahua. He played in 18 games that season for the Savage with a goal against average of 4.76. In his MASL regular season career, he has appeared in 87 games with a 5.84 GAA. He is eight on the list of career MASL wins for goaltenders.

>> **DIEGO REYNOSO** - He is second on the list of all time winning goaltenders in the MASL with 117 career victories, and has split time with Valdavinós in goal. He started in 2014-15 in the MASL with the Monterrey Flash, and has also played for Sonora and Chihuahua as well. He has a career GAA of 4.86 and an even .700 saves percentage. He was the leagues rookie of the year in 2014-15 when he won a title with Monterrey, which went to the league finals in four straight seasons from 2014-2018. He had a 4.46 GAA last year for the Chihuahua Savage in leading them to a MASL title last spring as well.

>> **ADRIANO NUNES:** A veteran of 23 MASL games with Dallas, Chihuahua and Monterrey, he has 27 career games with 15 goals and 12 assists. He also played with the RGV Barracudas last season before joining Mexico City this season. In a total of nine MASL 2 games, he has 10 goals and 10 assists.

THE SKINNY

Deportivo Asuncion, originally from Iztapalapa, is celebrating its 18th anniversary in 2025, and is a popular local club that has numerous tournament championships to its credit through the years. ... The team is coached by one of the most iconic players in indoor soccer, Genoni Martínez, who has reached almost unparalleled success on the field and as a coach. A player for more than two decades, he suited up for many clubs between 1994 and 2016 – including a MASL championship in 2015-16 as a player/coach for the Monterrey Flash. He has also played for the Cleveland Force, Wichita Wings and St. Louis Steamers among other teams, appearing in a remarkable 599 career regular season and playoff games with 528 goals and 495 assists. He spent a total of eight years playing for the Monterrey clubs and also won a MASL championship in 2023-24 as the coach of the Chihuahua Savage. Martínez, at age 51, also suited up for one game for Mexico City this past

season, on March 29 against the Texas Spurs. He did not record a point ... Mexico City only played 11 games. Their lone loss was a forfeit as attempts to reschedule games due to civil unrest and potentially dangerous travel in the country in late winter were not successful. The forfeit did not affect the final standings, and as such, league land team leaders agreed that it was unnecessary to make up the lost date ... Won their last three regular season games by a combined five goals, including back-to-back one goal wins in Oklahoma City and Dallas (Texas Spurs).



2024-25 RECORD: 4-8 (4th in Midwest/West Division)

2025-26 RECORD: 10-2 (2nd in West Division)

COACH: Antonio Aleman

WEBSITE: www.certifiedlionsfc.com

GOALS FOR: 76 (8th)

GOALS AGAINST: 41 (3rd)

GOAL DIFFERENTIAL: +35 (4th)

HOW THEY GOT HERE:

*December 20	OKC Certified Lions 8, Soles De Sonora 4
*December 27	OKC Certified Lions 13, Texas Spurs 5
January 3	OKC Certified Lions 11, Texas Spurs 4
January 10	OKC Certified Lions 6, Soles De Sonora 5 (OT)
February 7	OKC Certified Lions 6, Texas Spurs 4
*February 13	OKC Certified Lions 6, Texas Spurs 5
*February 22	OKC Certified Lions 8, Guadalajara Mariachis 3
*March 22	OKC Certified Lions 15, Turlock Cal Express 7
*March 28	Mexico City 4, OKC Certified Lions 3



(Because of potentially unsafe travel conditions in Mexico, three games against opponents from that country were not played.)

*Home game

PLAYERS TO WATCH

>> **JESUS PENALVER** – Has had an excellent season with 21 goals in nine games. Had 19 goals in seven games last year as a member of the MASL 2 champion Chihuahua Savage 2. In his two years in league play, he has appeared in 16 games with 40 goals and 11 assists. Had three goals and one assist in last year's playoffs, including a goal in the Savage's title game win over the

Demon Hawks. Had a five-game stretch early in the 2025-26 season where he had at least three goals in each game.

>> **ALVARO LUEVANO**- Is one of the league's best set up men with 15 assists in nine games, which is second best in MASL 2 this year. Played with El Paso two years ago and Chihuahua last season. For his career, has appeared 24 league games with 27 goals and 42 assist for a three-points-per-game average. Was huge for the Savage in last year's championship game with three goals and two assists. He also had three goals and one assist in the 2024-25 semifinals win over Wichita. Had two or more assists in six of the Lions nine games this season.

>> **KENNETH GAYTAN**: A dangerous finisher with 11 goals on the season, second best for OKC. In 18 career games with OKC in MASL 2, has 18 goals and eight assists. Finished the regular season with two-goal efforts against Texas and Turlock. Was a first-team all star in 2019 for Oklahoma City as picked by The Oklahoman newspaper.

THE SKINNY

An influx of talent in year two significantly boosted the fortunes of the OKC Certified Lions, who christened their brand new 4,500 seat OG&E Coliseum in downtown Oklahoma City for both their MASL 2 and MASL 3 teams in 2025-26. They have announced goal of moving to the MASL in the future ... Only took to the field for nine games this season as three games against opponents from Mexico ended up being canceled due to travel complications resulting from civil unrest in that country in late winter ... Only club to field teams in both MASL 2 and MASL 3 ... Division title came down to March 28 showdown in OKC as Certified Lions fell to Mexico City, 4-3, which because of schedule cancellations was the last regular season game the Lions played. A goal by Kenneth Gaytan midway through the fourth quarter brought OKC to within a goal at 4-3, but they never could find the equalizer after Mexico City had built a 3-1 lead. Angel Rodrigo Castro had two goals to lead the Asuncion ... That was one of four games the Certified Lions played that were decided by either one or two goals.



2024-25 RECORD: Did not play in MASL 2

2025-26 RECORD: 5-6-1 (2nd in Midwest)

COACH: Emmanuel Viel

WEBSITE: www.omahakingsfc.com

GOALS FOR: 66 (12th in league)

GOALS AGAINST: 70 (6th)

GOAL DIFFERENTIAL: -4 (9th)



HOW THEY GOT HERE:

*December 20	Iowa Raptors 5, Omaha Kings 4 (OT)
December 27	Iowa Raptors 9, Omaha Kings 4
January 3	Wichita Wings 6, Omaha Kings 5
January 4	Wichita Wings 8, Omaha Kings 2
*January 16	Iowa Demon Hawks 8, Omaha Kings 2
*January 17	Omaha Kings 9, Minnesota Blizzard 4
*February 21	Omaha Kings 9, Iowa Raptors 7
*March 1	Omaha Kings 10, Minnesota Blizzard 4
March 7	Omaha Kings 9, Minnesota Blizzard 7
March 14	Iowa Demon Hawks 5, Omaha Kings 3
March 15	Iowa Demon Hawks 1, Omaha Kings (weather forfeit)
*March 27	Omaha Kings 9, Wichita Wings 7
*Home game	

PLAYERS TO WATCH

>> **ALI SODAL**– Like the team itself, it took a while before Sodal, a veteran of both MASL and MASL 2 play, found his stride, but he finished the regular season with 11 goals and six assists. Also suited up for the Kings in 2020-21 MASL 2 season, appearing in 14 games with 20 goals and six assists. He also has played 37 games in the MASL for Kansas City and St. Louis with nine career points. Nine of his goals came in the last five games of the regular season.

>> **MANUEL LIRA** - Second on the team with 10 goals to go along with five assists. Also finished the season strong with six goals in the Kings' last four games. Also played for the MASL 2 kings in 2021-22 with 16 goals and 15 assists in 11 starts. That was good for fourth in league scoring overall that season.

>> **MURILO CERULI**– Few players this weekend have the MASL 2 experience than Ceruli brings to the floor. He started his journey with the Kings in 2020-21, and also spent three seasons with the Iowa Demon Hawks, winning a title there in 2023-24. His most productive season game in 2021-22 when he scored 11 goals and added 21 assists. This season, he has eight goals and two assists. In 72 career MASL 2 regular season and playoff games, he has 41 goals and 54 assists.

THE SKINNY

The Omaha Kings are returning to the Major Arena Soccer League family for the 2025-26 season, joining MASL 2 for the second time now since they were formed in 2019 ... The Kings last played in MASL 2 in the 2021-22 season, finishing with a 7-4-1 record in the Midwest division, in a tie atop the standings with the Wichita Wings and Amarillo Bombers. Based on tiebreakers, the Wings and Kings matched up in the quarterfinals that year, with Omaha taking a thrilling 8-7 win over Wichita at Park City Arena in Kansas. They met the San Diego Sockers 2 in the semifinals held at Trinity Arena in Muskegon, and fell in that one, also in overtime, by a 9-8 final ... They were also one of just seven teams to compete in MASL 2 in 2020-21 during the COVID pandemic, finishing in fifth in the league with a mark of 6-7-1. They also fielded a MASL 3 team that season ... Support for the Kings have grown significantly in the greater Omaha community since that time, and the team now

plays their home games in the 7,800-seat Baxter Arena, which is owned and operated by the University of Nebraska Omaha. The Kings owners – Emmanuel and Natalie Viel – debuted the Omaha Queens at Baxter Arena last season, which quickly became one of the flagship franchises for the inaugural season of play in Major Arena Soccer League Women ... Season was a tale of two halves, opening with five straight losses 9 (one in overtime), but finishing 4-1 in their last five games played ... Two of their losses early came by one-goal, one in overtime in their season opener at Baxter Arena against the Raptors ... Three times they have had games with 9-7 finals, winning two and losing one ...



2024-25 RECORD: 10-0-1 (First in East Division)

2025-26 RECORD: 8-4 (2nd East Division)

COACH: Tarik Mekic

WEBSITE: www.krajisnikfc.soccershift.com

GOALS FOR: 95 (4th in league)

GOALS AGAINST: 79 (8th)

GOAL DIFFERENTIAL: +16 (6th)

HOW THEY GOT HERE:

- *December 14 United Elite Krajisnik 7, FC Baltimore 1729 6
- *January 11 United Elite Krajisnik 7, Salisbury Steaks 2
- * January 19 United Elite Krajisnik 15, Salisbury Steaks 5
- * February 15 Harrisburg Heat 10, United Elite Krajisnik 6
- *February 16 Harrisburg Heat 13, United Elite Krajisnik 2
- *March 1 United Elite Krajisnik 8, FC Baltimore 1729 4
- March 6 United Elite Krajisnik 17, FC Baltimore 1729 8
- *March 15 United Elite Krajisnik 7, Salisbury Steaks 2
- *March 22 United Elite Krajisnik 7, Spice City FC 6
- April 3 Harrisburg Heat 9, United Elite Krajisnik 6
- April 11 United Elite Krajisnik 8, Spice City FC 6
- April 12 Spice City FC 8, United Elite Krajisnik 5

*Home game



PLAYERS TO WATCH

>> **FRANCESCO PAGANO** – One of about a half-dozen players who also suited up for the Utica City FC in the MASL. He appeared in 11 games for “The City” scoring four goals and adding three assists. He only dressed for time for United Elite, but what a difference maker he was when he was

suiting up, scoring 18 goals and adding six assists. Pagano is a home grown talent, graduating from Fayetteville-Manlius High School where he was a two-time United Soccer Coaches All-American, two-time First Team All-State selection, two-time All-Region honoree, and CNY Player of the Year in 2019, He was also named the 2020 New York State Gatorade Player of the Year after tallying 45 goals and 17 assists during his time with the FM boys varsity soccer team. Pagano played at Syracuse University and for the Orange, appeared in 35 games over two seasons. He also played collegiately at Coastal Carolina and LeMoyne.

>> **MENY SILVA** - Another player who helped both the big club and United Elite. He only appeared in two games for Krajisnik, but had three points. He dressed for 22 of Utica's 24 MASL games recording six goals and adding four assists. Was huge for Krajisnik in 2024-25 with 15 goals and seven assists in nine games. He also appeared in 11 games in the MASL for Utica last year, scoring nine goals and picking up four assists.

>> **MILLER HOWARD** - Had five goals in five starts for Krajisnik. Played in 10 games for Utica in the MASL this season. Is one of the more veteran players of the indoor game in MASL 2 as he also has suited up for the Baltimore Blast and Empire Strykers. In 54 career regular season and playoff games has seven goals and five assists. Was an all MASL Honorable Mention pick in 2021-22 with the Ambush.

THE SKINNY

Utica's United Elite Krajisnik stormed onto the MASL 2 season last year, as the official MASL affiliate of Utica City FC, and promptly completed a regular season at 10-0-1 in 2024-25. They routinely have players go up and down between the two MASL teams, making their relationship the model for other teams to follow in terms of player development ... In last year's playoffs, United Elite fell in the semi-finals to the Iowa Demon Hawks, 13-11 after Iowa broke a 10-10 fourth quarter tie, but took an 8-4 win over Wichita in the Consolation Finals ... Did not clinch it's playoff spot until the final weekend of the regular season when they defeated Spice City 8-6 in Danbury, Connecticut ... Actually played eight home games since division foe Salisbury did not have a home field for the 2025-26 season and the Steaks played all 12 of their games "on the road" ... Also field teams in UPSL men's and women's leagues ... The organization dates all the way back to its founding in 1997.



THE NUMBERS

MAJOR ARENA SOCCER LEAGUE

» EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Harrisburg Heat	12	12	0	0	36	12	146	39	+107
United Elite Krajisnik	12	8	4	0	24	8	95	79	+16
Spice City FC*	9	4	5	0	12	4	74	54	+20
Salisbury Steaks	12	2	10	0	6	2	36	133	-97
FC Baltimore 1729*	9	1	8	0	3	1	33	79	-46

» MIDWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Iowa Demon Hawks	12	12	0	0	36	12	103	33	+70
Omaha Kings	12	5	6	1	14	5	66	70	-4
Iowa Raptors	12	6	6	0	15	3	78	87	-9
Wichita Wings	12	4	6	2	14	4	69	88	-19
Minnesota Blizzard	12	3	9	0	9	3	66	104	-38

» SOUTH DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Mexico City	12	11	1	0	33	11	102	38	+64
OKC Certified Lions	12	10	2	0	29	9	76	41	+35
Soles de Sonora	12	7	4	1	21	6	79	74	+5
Guadalajara Mariachis	12	4	6	2	14	4	74	73	+1
Turlock Cal Express	12	4	7	1	12	3	77	86	-9
Soccer Central Blackhawks	12	3	8	1	10	3	63	102	-39
Texas Spurs	12	3	9	0	7	1	52	108	-57

**Make up games from previously postponed games were not made up since they did not have any bearing on the post-season.*

2025-26 GOAL LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>GL</u>
Jeanderson Pereira	Iowa Demon Hawks	11	25
Thiago Freitas	Harrisburg Heat	12	22
Jose Penalver	OKC Certified Lions	9	21
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	11	19
Francesco Pagano	United Elite Krajisnik	4	18
Devan DiGrado	Minnesota Blizzard	12	16
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	11	16
Francesco Esteban	Minnesota Blizzard	10	14
Guillherme Lopes	Iowa Demon Hawks	10	13
Seth Crabbe	Harrisburg Heat	10	13
Luis Brambila	Turlock Cal Express	11	12
Eden Sandoval	Turlock Cal Express	11	12
Wyatt Fowler	Texas Spurs	12	12
RJ Fuentes	Harrisburg Heat	12	12

2025-26 ASSIST LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>AS</u>
Thiago Frietas	Harrisburg Heat	12	30
Alvaro Luevano	OKC Certified Lions	9	15
Jeanderson Pereira	Iowa Demon Hawks	11	12
Elizandro Cardoso	United Elite Krajisnik	10	11
Spencer Oveturf	Minnesota Blizzard	9	11
David Lucio	Wichita Wings	11	10
Guillherme Lopes	Iowa Demon Hawks	10	10
Malcom Harris	Harrisburg Heat	10	10
Roshawn Panton	Harrisburg Heat	10	10

2025-26 POINTS LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Thiago Freitas	Harrisburg Heat	12	52
Jeanderson Pereira	Iowa Demon Hawks	11	37
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	11	26
Jose Penalver	OKC Certified Lions	9	26
Francesco Pagano	United Elite Krajisnik	4	24
Devan DiGrado	Minnesota Blizzard	12	24
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	11	24
Guillherme Lopes	Iowa Demon Hawks	10	23
Seth Crabbe	Harrisburg Heat	10	22

Luis Brambila	Turlock Cal Express	9	20
Alvaro Luevano	OKC Certified Lions	9	20
Francesco Esteban	Minnesota Blizzard	10	20

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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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Arena soccer is a fast-paced game with lots of action from end to end. Although similar to the outdoor game, arena soccer has a number of modifications.

Number of Players on the Field – Each team plays with five field players and a goalkeeper, only the goalkeeper can use his hands and only inside the penalty box. Late in the game, a team that is behind in the score may choose to have a field player substitute in for the goalkeeper to create an attacking advantage. This player is referred to as a 6th Attacker. He will wear a jersey with a different color than his teammates and can use his hands inside his own penalty box. Like hockey, substitutions are allowed “on the fly”, meaning during the normal run of play.



Out of Bounds – Arena soccer is played within walls and the ball is live at all times it is in the field of play. It is very common for players to bounce the ball off the wall as they pass to teammates or create attacking opportunities. If the ball goes over the wall and into the stands or netting, the ball is considered out of bounds and will be kicked in from the spot nearest where it went out of bounds. A restart at the top of the arc in the offensive third is common. It is signaled by the referees using a motion similar to that of “traveling” in basketball. If a defensive player plays the ball directly over the perimeter wall while it is in play from anywhere in the defensive zone (between goal line and yellow line), the referee shall award a free kick to the opposing team at the free kick mark (top of arc) closest to the offending team’s goal. A goal may be scored directly against either team from any restart. Any free kick awarded to the attacking team for a foul or an infraction which occurred in its opponent’s penalty area shall be taken at the free kick mark (top

of arc), unless a two (2) minute blue card power play time penalty is awarded for the foul. In which case the restart would be a penalty kick.

Penalties -- Fouls committed during MASL games are penalized with a direct kick, if the foul is severe enough, the referee may show the player who committed the foul a blue, yellow or red card. Penalties can range from boarding, tripping, to contact of the head or shoulders to dangerous play etc.



Blue Card -- A Blue Card indicates a two-minute timed penalty. The committing player will have to spend two minutes in the penalty box. His team will not be able to replace him on the field during those two minutes, resulting in a 'Power Play ' man advantage for the opposing team. If a goalkeeper receives a Blue Card, his team can choose another field player to serve his penalty for him. If his team is scored on before the two minutes expire, the player is excused from the remainder of the timed penalty.

Yellow Card -- A Yellow Card indicates a Misconduct Penalty and results in the committing player spending five minutes in the Penalty Box. A player serving a Misconduct Penalty can be replaced on the field and his team will not be short-handed. However, when the five minutes has expired, the player can not return to the field until a guaranteed substitution.

Red Card - Violent conduct, serious foul play and penalty accumulation are some of the reasons a referee might show a Red Card, resulting in the committing player's immediate ejection from the game. Following the ejection, the committing team will send a different player to serve a two-minute timed player and his team will not be able to replace him on the field during those two minutes, resulting in a 'Power Play ' man advantage for the opposing team.

Time of Game -- Arena soccer games are four quarters in length, 15 minutes per quarter. Unlike outdoor soccer, it is not a running clock. The clock stops at various points including when the ball goes out of play, on fouls, and after goals. There is a 15-minute halftime. If the score is tied after the end of four quarters, a 10 minute "golden goal" overtime period will be played. If no goal is scored in the overtime period, the game will be decided by a three-player shootout during the regular season. In the playoffs, there are no shootouts. Games are played in consecutive overtime periods until a golden goal is scored.

Miscellaneous – Goals are inset into the boards at each end of a typical field, which is 200 feet long and 85 feet wide. Goals are 14 feet wide and eight feet in height ... The visiting team has possession for kickoffs in the first and third quarters; the home team in the second and fourth. Play restarts (after the ball leaves the playing area) with a kick-in or a corner kick or distribution from the goalkeeper ... Corner kicks are taken if the ball leaves the playing area between the two flags on the goal line, having been last touched by the defending team. The goalkeeper will distribute the ball if the ball leaves the playing area between the two flags on the goal line, having been last touched by the attacking team. Kick ins are taken when the ball leaves the field of play at any other area and will be put back in play by the opposing team at the point the ball left the field longitudinally between flags or top of arc if directly out in the defensive zone ... Balls must cross the goal line in their entirety in order to count as a goal ... A ball cannot cross all three lines in the air. If a player, including the goalkeeper, plays the ball over three lines in the air towards his opponent's goal line, without it touching another player, the perimeter wall or a referee on the field of play between the yellow lines, the referee shall award a free kick to the opposing team at shoot-out mark of the first yellow line that the ball crossed. Exception: the goalkeeper is permitted to throw the ball over three lines only during dynamic play following a save. The goalkeeper is not permitted to throw the ball over three lines on a restart from a goalkeeper distribution. At no time is the goalkeeper permitted to throw the ball and score a goal directly from the ball leaving his hands.



A complete list of Major Arena Soccer League rules for 2025-26 are available at www.masl2.com under the news tab.





CHRIS ECONOMIDES

Commissioner

Economides brings a wealth of experience to the league as Major Arena Soccer League W Commissioner. He serves in the same capacity for Major Arena Soccer League 2 and Major Arena Soccer League 3.



He has almost 35 years of experience in professional soccer, starting with the Rochester Rhinos of the USL where he led them to league and U.S. Open Cup championships. The Rhinos are the only non-MLS team to win the U.S. Open Cup since Major League Soccer (MLS) was established.

After Rochester, Economides founded the Carolina Railhawks (now North Carolina FC) before moving to the USL front office to help establish and grow the league as a Senior Director and Commissioner of the MISL when it was managed by the USL.

In addition to his experience in the outdoor game and league office, Chris has also managed indoor teams with the Kansas City Attack and most recently Florida Tropics, both of which won championships under his leadership. Brian Ackley fills the role of Director of Public Relations and Broadcasting for Major Arena Soccer League W as well as Major Arena Soccer League 2 and MASL 3.

GRAEME FLORANCE

Director of Officials

Graeme Florance has been the director of officials for MASL 2 for the last three years.

Over the past 27 years he has been a professional indoor referee in the NPSL/PASL/MISL and the MASL. Graeme has been a registered referee with the US Soccer Federation for 30 years, and is currently a regional



emeritus Grade Referee. Graeme is also a US Soccer Assignor and Instructor. He is a WMF (World Mini Football) International Grade Referee . He has officiated at World Cup Final Tournaments in the USA and Australia, and qualifying events in South America. Other soccer referee achievements include former NISOA National Referee.

BRIAN ACKLEY

Director of Media and Public Relations

Ackley – who spent 40 years in the newspaper industry, covering everything from the Winter Olympics, to Super Bowls to Mike Tyson, and spent seven years as the MASL Florida Tropics Director of Public Relations and Broadcasting, serving as the "Voice of the Tropics" on their home game broadcasts.



He brings a long history of covering and broadcasting indoor soccer beginning in the second year of the original Major Indoor Soccer league when he covered the Buffalo Stallions. He later covered the Columbus Capitals of the American Indoor Soccer Association, and spent four years as a color analyst and play-by-play voice of the Buffalo Blizzard of the National Professional Soccer League.

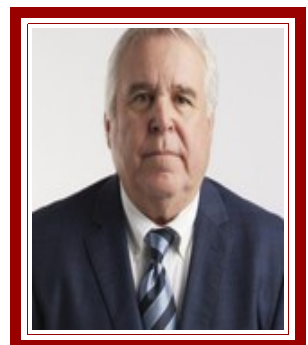
A long time broadcaster of high school football in Western New York, he also spent several seasons as the color analyst for NCAA Division I University at Buffalo football and as the play-by-play announcer for UB basketball. Currently, he serves as the play-by-play voice of the Florida High School Athletic Association's boy's and girl's basketball championships, boy's and girl's lacrosse championships, boy's volleyball championships and girl's softball championships.

He worked for almost five years as Athletic Director at Hilbert College, an NCAA Division III school in Hamburg, N.Y., helping establish the Allegany Mountain Collegiate Conference. He and his wife Dr. Lori Shank moved to Central Florida in 2007 where Ackley served as editor of the Lake Wales News, with stints as editor of the Fort Meade Leader and Frostproof News as well.

ALEX MONAR

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Alex Monnar enters his 15th season as the Sockers' Director of Soccer Operations, bringing more than 35 years of experience in the sports management industry. A dynamic and respected leader, Alex is known for his strategic vision and ability to drive transformative operational insight across organizations.



Throughout his career, Alex has specialized in developing innovative strategies that strengthen player development pathways and optimize organizational efficiency. His work with the Sockers has been instrumental in advancing the M2 development program in both the United States and Mexico, supporting long-term success for the first team while building a sustainable talent pipeline for the organization.

Alex has held leadership roles with several top-tier sports management organizations, including Kroenke Sports & Entertainment (KSE), Elmore Sports Group (ESG), and Red Bull North America. Across these high-profile organizations, he has consistently demonstrated expertise in leading cross-functional teams, forging strategic partnerships, and fostering a culture of collaboration and innovation within the sports management business.

