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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.



FC BALTIMORE 1729 at HARRISBURG HEAT

Friday, March 20

Kickoff at 7 p.m EDT

Hersheypark Arena, Hershey, Pennsylvania



>> **PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** These two teams played in Maryland last weekend with the Heat taking home an 8-1 triumph. The Heat led 5-0 at intermission, and player/coach Hugo Silva lost his shutout bid late in the fourth. Thiago Frietas continued his torrid scoring pace with two goals and four assists. All six wins have been on the road for Harrisburg, who will play out the rest of their 12-game regular season at home.

>> **GAME NOTES:** Indoor soccer returns to 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. 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. The Impact 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 ... The Heat are in first place in the East Division, and have a goal differential of plus 44 on 64 goals scored and 20 allowed. ... Baltimore is 0-6 but with a goal differential of just minus 22 with 26 scored and 48 surrendered.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Harrisburg player/coach **Hugo Silva**, a standout goaltender for the Florida Tropics of the Major Arena Soccer League, has brought along a couple of his friends who just happen to be offensive stars, to join the Heat over the second half of their season, Victor Parreiras started his MASL journey in 2014-15, and joins Harrisburg with 203 career MASL games played in both the regular season and playoffs. He has 179 goals and 145 assists. He played seven years for the Tropics, and joined the Baltimore Blast in 2023-24. **Bruno Henrique** is also in the fold, a veteran of 47 games with the Tropics and Blast, with 32 goals scored and 29 assists. He has also suited up for the Iowa Demon Hawks in MASL 2, appearing in a total of 28 regular season and post season games with 54 goals and 39 assists. He did suit up two weekends ago for the Heat and scored twice in two games. For Baltimore, **Niall Croke** has led their offense with three goals and three assists. **Isiah Dorsey** also had scored three.

>> **UP NEXT:** FC Baltimore 1729

Mexico City at Guadalajara Mariachis

Friday, March 20

Kickoff at 8 p.m. PDT

Panamericano San Rafael Arena, Guadalajara, Mexico



>> **PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** This is a rematch of a game in Mexico City last weekend won by the Asuncion, 10-8. Mexico City, in improving to 8-0, got pushed to the limit by Guadalajara, with the Asuncion pulling out an entertaining win. It was 3-3 after one and the visiting

Mariachis led 5-4 at the half. Mexico City's lead was just 7-6 going to the final 15 minutes. Cristhian Pacheco had a big night with a hat trick. as did Erick Ponce.

>> **GAME NOTES:** Mexico City is 8-0 with a goal differential of plus 59 with 86 goals scored and 27 allowed, Guadalajara is 4-4-2 with 68 goals scored and 64 allowed for a differential of plus four.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** For Mexico City, they have the league's most dynamic goaltending duo in MASL veterans Diego Reynoso and Berna Valdavinos. Their leading scorer is Adriano Nunes, who appeared in 23 MASL games with Chihuahua, Monterrey and the Dallas Sidekicks, scoring 13 goals and adding eight assists. Aaron Ramirez is their leader in goals with nine. Jose Ruvalcaba Aguirre is the top performer on offense for the Mariachis with seven goals and four assists.

>> **UP NEXT:** Mexico City at OKC Certified Lions on Saturday, March 21 at 4 p.m. CDT at OG&E Coliseum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma / Guadalajara Mariachis vs. OKC Certified Lions on Thursday, March 9 at 8 p.m. PDT at Panamericano San Rafael Arena, Guadalajara, Mexico.

Salisbury Steaks at

Harrisburg Heat

Saturday, March 21

Kickoff at 7 p.m. EDT

Hersheypark Arena, Hershey, Pennsylvania



>> **PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** These two teams played on March 1 in Maryland with the Heat taking a 13-4 win. The Heat held a wide advantage in shots, peppering the Steaks goal with 51 one of them to just 15 for the Salisbury offense. The Steaks actually were sizzling at the start, and held a 3-2 lead on a goal with one second remaining in the first quarter from Francis Fournier. But the Steaks didn't score again until the final minute of the game when Josh Danza found the mark. In between, Harrisburg pretty much had it all their way led by Thiago Frietas who has four goals and two assists. Malcom Harris had a goal and four assists and R.J. Fuentes had a hat trick. Player/coach Hugo Silva got the win in goal. Joseph Sefoi had two goals and Caleb Branka had two assists to lead Salisbury.

>> **GAME NOTES:** For Harrisburg game notes and players to watch, see above. Salisbury enters the weekend 2-7 with 29 goals scored and 91 given up for a goal differential of minus 62.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Salisbury has one of the game's better playmakers on its roster in Josh Danza who three goals and two assists. He also plays for the MASL 3 Baltimore Kings

where he has 10 points in 2025-26, all on assists ... Joseph Sefoi is their leading scorer with four goals and one assist. He is a strength and conditioning coach at Loyola University in Maryland. Played collegiately at Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee. Is a native Sierra Leone. Prior to LMU, played college soccer at Baltimore County Cantonsville where he was an All Region and All Tournament all star pick.

>> **UP NEXT:** Salisbury Steaks at FC Baltimore 1729 on Saturday, April 4 at 3 p.m. EDT at Northeast Regional Recreation Center, Parkville, Maryland.

Wichita Wings at Minnesota Blizzard



Saturday, March 21

Kickoff at 7 p.m. EDT

Sunday, March 15

Kickoff at 5 p.m. EDT

Centennial Sports Arena, Circle Pines, Minnesota

>> **PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** These two teams played Dec. 28 in Wichita with the Wings scoring a 10-2 win. The Wings welcomed and entertained a big opening-night crowd at Park City Arena by scoring the last eight goals of the game to roll past the second-year Minnesota Blizzard. Gustavo Nascimento knotted the score at 2-2 five minutes into the second quarter for Minnesota, but that was the last goal they would get as Wichita outshot the visitors 34-16. Jose Ocampo earned second star of the game honors in yielding just two goals, credited with nine saves. Radley Arnold led the way with three goals and two assists while Junior Quezada also duplicated that effort for a five-point night. Veteran David Lucio had a goal and two assists and Brian Aleman had a goal and one assist.

>> **GAME NOTES:** The Wings are third in the Midwest with a 4-3-2 mark. They have a goal differential of minus 11 on 50 goals scored and 61 allowed. Minnesota played its first six games on the road, and last six at home, a scheduling quirk as they are displaced from their usual home, the Warner Coliseum at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. That 5,000 seat arena is currently closed for major renovations, and should be available for the Blizzard to move back there for the 2026-27 season. They are 0-8 with 33 goals scored and 76 allowed for a differential of minus 43.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Wichita is led by **Radley Arnold**, although he has only dressed for four games, with seven goals and four assists. **Brian Aleman** has played in nine games with seven goals and three assists while veteran **David Lucio** has four goals and six assists. Minnesota has some impressive local talent leading their offense including **Devan DiGrado**

who has nine goals and seven assists. **Franceso Esteban** is second on the team in goals with seven.

>> **UP NEXT:** Wichita Wings at Omaha Kings on Friday, March 26 at 7 p.m. CDT at Baxter Arena, Omaha, Nebraska / Minnesota Blizzard vs. Iowa Raptors on Saturday, April 11 at 7 p.m. CDT at Centennial Sports Arena, Circle Pines, Minnesota.

Iowa Demon Hawks at Iowa Raptors

Saturday, March 21

Kickoff at 7 p.m. CDT

Sunday, March 22

Kickoff at 5 p.m. CDT

Alliant Energy Powerhouse, Cedar Rapids, Iowa



>> **PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** These two teams played February 14 in Des Moines, with the Hawks taking an 11-4 win. The Demon Hawks continue to be undefeated as they broke a 1-1 second quarter tie with four straight goals before the break. The Hawks also held an edge in shots, 27-22. Irvin Mojica led the way with two goals and one assist while teammates Jeanderson Pereira and Lenoardo Espinoza both got two goals each. Rainer Hauss picked up the win in goal, making 12 saves. The Raptors got goals from four different players.

>> **GAME NOTES:** There are four teams still undefeated late into the MASL 2 season, with the Demon Hawks one of them, leading the Midwest Division. They are 9-0 (the only team with nine wins without a loss) and have a goal differential of plus 56 on 77 scored and 21 allowed. The Raptors, who have played three games this year into overtime or a shootout, winning all three, come in 6-3 and second in the Midwest with a plus 4 differential on 62 goals scored and 58 surrendered.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** The Demon Hawks feature some of the top talent in the league, starting with **Jeanderson Pereira** who has 18 goals and six assists. **Guilherme Lopes** and **Leonardo Espinoza** are tied for second in points with 3 each. **Rainer Hauss** is one of the top netminders in the league as well. The Raptors bring their own high-powered talent, starting with **Ronaldo Rojas** with 19 goals and five assists. **Jonah Dancer**, a league veteran, is having another good season with 11 goals and seven assists.

>> **UP NEXT:** Iowa Demon Hawks at Minnesota Blizzard on Sunday, April 12 at 5 p.m. CDT at Centennial Sports Arena, Circle Pines, Minnesota / Iowa Raptors at Minnesota Blizzard on Saturday, April 11 at 7 p.m. CDT at Centennial Sports Arena, Circle Pines, Minnesota.

Turlock Cal Express at Texas Spurs

Saturday, March 21

Kickoff at 7:30 p.m. CDT

TOCA Allen, Allen, Texas.



>> PREVIOUS MEETINGS: These two played on January 23 in Turlock with the Spurs taking a 9-8 win. In a thriller, Texas got its first win for Coach Eddie Puskarich at the MASL 2 level, coming from behind in the fourth quarter to get the victory. Twice, the Express held one goal leads, the last time at 8-7 on a goal from Sebastian Carbajal with just over 10 minutes to play. On six other occasions, the game had a tie score. Derek Krone tied things at 8-8 with 4:25 to go and Wyatt Fowler grabbed the game winner with 2:45 to play. The Spurs had to kill a man-down situation at the end of the game, which in essence became a two-man power play with the goaltender pulled, when the Spurs got a blue card with 1:48 left in regulation. The infraction came in the box, so Jesus Castro Espinoza saved the day with his stop of the ensuing penalty kick and holding Turlock at bay on the subsequent powerplay. In fact, the Spurs penalty killers did such a good job that they didn't really allow any serious scoring chances at their defensive end, and had the best scoring chance of the last 90 seconds on the offensive third. In addition to getting the winner, Fowler scored three other times for a four-point night. MASL veteran VcMor Eligwe, who did a nice job defensively on the late penalty kill among many other Spurs players, had a goal and three assists. Heritage Davies chipped in with two goals. Luis Brambla, who was stopped on the penalty shot, did score three goals to lead Turlock. Joaquin Raya had a three-point night as well, all assists. Jesus Zamora scored twice.

>> GAME NOTES: Texas comes in 2-8 with 43 goals scored and 100 allowed for a minus 57 differential. Turlock is 4-6 and is even in differential with 64 both scored and allowed.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Two MASL veterans lead the Spurs, with Wyatt Fowler leading in points (13) and goals 10. VcMor Eligwe has 12 points on seven goals and five assists. For Turlock, Luis Brambila has 12 goals and eight assists, while Eden Sandoval has eight goals and five assists.

>> UP NEXT: Turlock Cal Express at OKC Certified Lions on Sunday, March 22 at 4 p.m. CDT at OG&E Coliseum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma / Texas Spurs vs. Mexico City on Sunday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. CDT at TOCA Allen, Allen, Texas.

Turlock Cal Express at



OKC Certified Lions

Sunday, March 23

Kickoff at 4 p.m. CDT

OG&E Coliseum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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

>> **GAME NOTES:** For Turlock game notes and players to watch, see above. OKC is one of four undefeated teams in the league, and are battling Mexico City for the top spot in the West as both are yet to lose in 2025-26. OKC is 7-0 with a plus 28 goal differential with 78 goals and 50 against.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Oklahoma City is led by Jesus Penalver with 19 goals and three assists. Alvaro Luevano is one of the league's best set up men with three goals and 12 assists.

>> **UP NEXT:** Turlock Express end regular season / OKC Certified Lions vs. Mexico City on Saturday, March 28 at 4 p.m. CDT at OG&E Coliseum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Spice City FC at United Elite Krajisnik

Sunday, March 23

Kickoff at 6:30 p.m. EDT

Adirondack Bank Center, Utica, N.Y.



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

>> **GAME NOTES:** Both teams are chasing undefeated Harrisburg for the top spot in the East. Spice comes in at 3-2 with a goal differential of plus 21 with 49 goals scored and 28 given up. United Elite is 6-2 with 69 goals scored and 50 given up for a plus 19 goal differential.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Spice is Adhemar Costs with six goals and their top playmaker is Louis John Fred who leads them in assists. For Krajisnik, Francesco Pagon, who also dresses for the MASL Utica City FC, has 17 goals in three games. Elizandro Cardoso is a premier playmaker with seven goals and 10 assists.

>> **UP NEXT:** Spice City at FC Baltimore 1729 on Saturday, March 28 at 3 p.m. EDT at Northeast Regional Recreation Center, Parkville, Maryland / United Elite Krajisnik at Harrisburg Heat on Friday, April 3, 7 p.m. EDT at Hersheypark Arena, Hershey, Pennsylvania.

>> For all the latest information on your favorite team – including streaming options for their home and away games – visit those team social sites for the most up to date information.<<



Friday, March 27

Wichita Wings at Omaha Kings, 8 p.m. CDT

Saturday, March 28

Spice City FC at FC Baltimore 1729, 3 p.m. EDT

Saturday, March 28

Mexico City at OKC Certified Lions, 4 p.m. CDT

Sunday, March 29

Mexico City at Texas Spurs, 7:30 p.m. CDT



>> **EAST DIVISION**

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Harrisburg Heat	6	6	0	0	18	6	64	20	+44
United Elite Krajisnik	8	6	2	0	18	6	69	50	+19
Spice City FC	5	3	2	0	9	3	49	28	+21
Salisbury Steaks	9	2	7	0	6	2	29	91	-62
FC Baltimore 1729	6	0	6	0	0	0	26	48	-22

»» MIDWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Iowa Demon Hawks	9	9	0	0	27	9	77	21	+56
Iowa Raptors	9	6	3	0	15	3	62	58	+4
Wichita Wings	9	4	3	2	14	4	50	61	-11
Omaha Kings	11	4	6	1	13	4	57	63	-6
Minnesota Blizzard	8	0	8	0	0	0	33	76	-36

»» SOUTH DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Mexico City	8	8	0	0	24	8	86	17	+59
OKC Certified Lions	7	7	0	0	20	6	58	30	+28
Soles de Sonora	11	6	4	1	18	5	79	74	+5
Guadalajara Mariachis	10	4	4	2	14	4	68	64	+4
Turlock Cal Express	10	4	6	0	11	3	64	64	0
Soccer Central Blackhawks	12	3	8	1	10	3	63	102	-39
Texas Spurs	10	2	8	0	5	1	43	100	-57

2025-26 GOAL LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	GL
Jose Penalver	OKC Certified Lions	7	19
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	9	19
Jeanderson Pereira	Iowa Demon Hawks	8	18
Francesco Pagano	United Elite Krajisnik	3	17
Luis Brambila	Turlock Cal Express	9	12
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	8	11
Cristhian Segura	Soles de Sonora	10	10
Wyatt Fowler	Texas Spurs	10	10
Manuel Lira	Omaha Kings	9	10
Thiago Freitas	Harrisburg Heat	5	10

2025-26 ASSIST LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	AS
Alvaro Luevano	OKC Certified Lions	7	12
Thiego Frietas	Harrisburg Heat	5	10
Elizandro Cardoso	United Elite Krajisnik	8	10
Luis Brambila	Turlock Cal Express	6	8
Guillherme Lopes	Iowa Demon Hawks	7	8

2025-26 POINTS LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	9	24
Jeanderson Pereira	Iowa Demon Hawks	9	24
Jose Penalver	OKC Certified Lions	7	23
Francesco Pagano	United Elite Krajisnik	3	22
Luis Brambila	Turlock Cal Express	9	20
Thiago Freitas	Harrisburg Heat	5	20
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	8	18
Cristhian Segura	Soles de Sonora	9	17
Devan DiGrado	Minnesota Blizzard	8	16

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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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