### MAJOR ARENA SOCCER LEAGUE

OUR NINTH SEASON



### WEEK 4 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 OKC CERTIFIED LIONS

Saturday, December 27 Kickoff at 4 p.m. CST OG&E Coliseum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma





>> PREVIOUS MEETINGS: This is the first meeting of the season between the two teams.
>> THE SKINNY: Both teams were in action last week against Soles de Sonora, with OKC winning at home 8-4 and the Spurs falling at home 8-2 ... OKC is the only club to field teams in both MASL 2 and MASL 3, with this being a doubleheader as the MASL 3 Lions will take on the defending league champions RGV Barracudas at 6:30 p.m ... Texas Coach Eddie Puskarich founded the Texas Spurs organization in 1998. He has played in over 300 games

in the MASL, NPSL, MISL and more, and is a former coach of the MASL Dallas Sidekicks. >> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Fernando Penalver is a big reasons OKC surprised Sonora last weekend. A former star for the Chihuahua Savage last year, in seven games, he had 25 points on 19 goals and 8 assists. Also added three goals and one assist in two playoff wins. Also appeared in five MASL games for the Savage, with two goals and one assist ... Reuben Torres who had 22 goals and 13 assists for 35 points, which was eight best in the entire league. Kenneth Gaytan was a 2019 first team All City selection by The Oklahoman after scoring 20 goals and adding nine assists as a senior at U.S. Grant High School. At the University of Arts and Sciences of Oklahoma, had 12 goals in 12 games during the 2024-25 season. Torres had an assist in last weekend's win ... VcMore Eligwe is one of the two Texas goal scorers from last weekend, and is himself a MASL veteran. He reached the 100 goal plateau in the MASL in stops with the Dallas Sidekicks, Florida Tropics, Mesquite Outlaws, St. Louis Ambush. His best season came in 2018-29 when he scored 27 goals for the Sidekicks. He also has picked up 43 career regular season assists. Brenden Lee is a 62 game veteran of the MASL with the Sidekicks and Outlaws, scoring 18 goals. >> UP NEXT: Texas Spurs vs OKC Certified Lions on Saturday, January 3 at 7:30 p.m. CST at TOCA Allen, Allen, Texas / OKC Certified Lions at Texas Spurs on Saturday January 3 at 7:30 p.m. CST at TOCA Allen, Allen, Texas.

## OMAHA KINGS at IOWA RAPTORS

Saturday, December 27 Kickoff at 7 p.m. Alliant Energy Powerhouse, Cedar Rapids, Iowa





>> PREVIOUS MEETINGS: These two teams met last weekend in Omaha, with Iowa winning in overtime, 5-4.

>> THE SKINNY: With a plus two goal differential on the season, it might be hard to believe but the Iowa Raptors are a perfect 2-0 to start the season after winning its second straight one-goal decision. Omaha (0-1) never led, but never trailed by more than a goal at any point, as the two teams alternated with each other in scoring all nine goals. Jonah Dancer, who had given the Raptors a 4-3 lead less than three minutes into the final period by finishing off a two-on-one break, got the game winner 1:48 into in overtime. Dancer scored from his own side of the midfield line, sending a long ball into the offensive third. But Omaha netminder Elmer Fores was well off his line, and was about a half-step too late to stop the ball from going across the line, despite getting just a piece of it. Dancer finished

with two goals and one assist while teammate Beni Mubake had one goal and one assist. For Omaha, Manuel Lira scored twice and Leonides Mejia had a goal and an assist. 
>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Jonah Dancer is a long-time MASL 2 standout, and already has six goals and one assist in just two starts in 2025-26. Last season for the St. Louis Ambush 2, he had 12 goals in 10 games, and for his four year career with lowa, St. Louis and the Muskegon Risers he hs 43 goals in 35 regular season games ... Ronaldo Rojas has three goals in two games this year, and is also a MASL 2 veteran player with eight goals in 10 games for the Raptors in 2022-23 ... For Omaha, Manuel Lira was a standout on the Kings during the 2021-22 MASL 2 season, scoring 16 goals and adding 15 assists for 31 points in just 11 games ... Teammate Leonides Mejia was also an offensive star on that same team, with a team best 18 goals and five assists.

>> UP NEXT: Omaha Kings at Wichita Wings on Saturday, January 3 at 7 p.m. CST at Park City Arena, Park City, Kansas / Iowa Raptors at Wichita Wings on Saturday, January 17 at 7 p.m. CST at Park City Arena, Park City, Kansas.

### MINNESOTA BLIZZARD at WICHITA WINGS

Saturday, December 27 Kickoff at 5 p.m. CST Park City Arena, Park City, Kansas





- >> PREVIOUS MEETINGS: This is the first meeting of the season between the two teams.
  >> THE SKINNY: Wichita's involvement in pro indoor soccer dates all the way back to the early 1980s with the original version of the Major Indoor Soccer League Wings at the Kansas Coliseum ... Despite much on and off field success, no Wings team through the decades has ever won a league championship ... Minnesota showed an improved team in their opener on the road, falling in the final minute in Cedar Rapids to the Raptors, 8-7 ... Because their home arena at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in closed this winter for a multi-million upgrade, the Blizzard are playing their six away games all at the start of their schedule, with the last six at home in March and April at Centennial Sports Arena in Circle Pines, Minn.
- >> PLAYERS TO WATCH: A number of the best and most popular Wings in their recent past are back in 2025–26, starting with Caique Trivelato, who in 19 career starts for Wichita over the past two seasons has 39 goals ... Kevin Ten Eyck continues to set the pace defensively for not only the Wings, but the league as whole. He has played in 93 regular season games in the MASL, and in MASL 2, he has been with the Wings since their inception in 2019,

appearing in 70 games with 56 goals and 79 assists as a defender. He was the league's Defensive MVP in the 2023-24 season ... Devan Digrado is one of the Blizzard's top threats, with a goal and two assists in their opener, after a fine 2024-25 season in which he scored 24 goals and notched 11 assists ... Logan Weller is a local Twin Cities standout who had two goals and one assist against Iowa earlier this season. He had 16 goals a season ago. >> UP NEXT: Minnesota Blizzard at Omaha Kings on Saturday, January 17 at 7 p.m. CST at Baxter Arena in Omaha, Nebraska / Wichita Wings vs. Omaha Kings on Saturday, January 3 at 7 p.m. CST at Park City Arena, Park City, Kansas.

## SALISBURY STEAKS at SPICE CITY FC





Monday, December 29 / Tuesday, December 30 Kickoffs at 5 p.m. EST Danbury Arena, Danbury, Connecticut

>> PREVIOUS MEETINGS: This is the first meeting of the season between the two teams. >> THE SKINNY: This is the season opener for both teams, and the second year for both in MASL 2. (It is the third year for the Steaks, who started in 2023-24 in MASL 3.) The two teams tangled four times last regular season, with Spice City taking all four as part of their 8-3-1 (OTL) record. At home, they won by scores of 11-4 and 14-4. In Salisbury, the game were much more competitive, losing by scores of 7-4 and 12-9 ... Spice City had a goal differential in 2024-25 of plus-53 while the Steaks were a minus-77 in going just 1-9-2. Because of a recent change of ownership at their previous venue, Steaks are playing all their games on the road this year, and plan a return to a Maryland based venue in 2026-27. >> PLAYERS TO WATCH: For Salisbury, playmaker Josh Danza had 13 assists in 11 games. Tony Araviakis was one of the their best offesnive players, netting 16 goals in eight games. Both also are playing this year – as they did much of last season – with the MASL 3 Baltimore Kings. Danza this year has nine points in four games, all assist. In is MASL 3 career, he has 69 assists in 40 games. Araviakis has six goals in three games so far this year. In 23 career regular season games, he has 37 goals and 15 assists ... Alencar Junior is back for his second go-round in Danbury, and is a veteran of MASL play, most recently with the Florida Tropics and Utica City. Appeared in seven games for the Tropics with four goals. Gustavo Gomes was one of the Spice's best offensive players last year. In just six starts, he had 11 goals. Adhemar Costa was also strong, with 12 goals – a team best – in seven games. >> UP NEXT: Salisbury Steaks at United Elite Krajisnik on Sunday, January 11 at 10:30 a.m. At Adirondack Bank Center, Utica, N.Y. / Spice City FC at FC Baltimore 1729 on Sunday, January

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Saturday, January 3 Omaha Kings at Wichita Wings, 7 p.m CST Saturday, January 3 OKC Certified Lions at Texas Spurs, 7:30 p.m. CST Sunday, January 4 Spice City FC at FC Baltimore 1729, 12 noon EST Sunday, January 4 Omaha Kings at Wichita Wings, 5 p.m. CST Friday, January 9 Mexico City at Turlock Cal Express, 7 p.m. PST Saturday, January 10 OKC Certified Lions at Soles de Sonora, 7 p.m. PST Saturday, January 10 Mexico City at Soccer Central Blackhawks, 7 p.m. PST Sunday, January 11 Salisbury Steaks at United Elite Krajisnik, 10:30 a.m. EST



#### >> EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	<u>L</u>	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	DIF
United Elite Krajisnik	1	1	0	0	3	7	6	+1

Harrisburg Heat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salisbury Steaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spice City FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FC Baltimore 1729	1	0	1	0	0	6	7	-1

#### » MDWEST DIVISION

	<u>GP</u>	<u> </u>	<u>L</u>	<u> </u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u> GF</u>	<u> </u>	<u> DIF</u>
Iowa Raptors	2	2	0	0	5	13	11	+2
Omaha Kings	1	0	1	1	1	4	5	-1
Iowa Demon Hawks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wichita Wings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota Blizzard	1	0	1	0	0	7	8	-1

#### **SOUTHDMSION**

	<u>GP</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	DIF
OKC Certified Lions	1	1	0	0	3	8	4	+4
Guadalajara Mariachis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mexico City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soccer Central Blackhawks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soles de Sonora	2	1	1	0	3	12	10	+2
Turlock Cal Express	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Texas Spurs	1	0	1	0	0	2	8	-6

#### 2025-26 GOAL LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	Team	GP	GL
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	2	6
Cristhian Segura	Soles de Sonora	2	3
Genaro Castillo	Soles de Sonora	2	3
Jose Penalver	<b>OKC Certified Lions</b>	1	3
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	2	3
Ayoub Abdelkarim	FC Baltimore 1729	1	2
Eber Ospina	FC Baltimore 1729	1	2
Stephan Teixeira	United Elite Krajisnik	: 1	2
Logan Weller	Minnesota Blizzard	1	2
Francesco Esteban	Minnestoa Blizzard	1	2
Alejandro Leyva	Soles de Sonora	2	2
Franck Tayou	Soles de Sonora	2	2
Manuel Lira	Omaha Kings	1	2

#### 2025-26 ASSIST LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	GP	<u> AS</u>
Bobby Hurwitz	Iowa Raptors	2	2
Devan Digrado	Minnesota Blizzard	1	2
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	2	2
Jake Johnson	Iowa Raptors	2	2
Stephan Teixeira	United Elite Krajisnik	1	2
Cristhian Sergura	Soles de Sonora	2	2
Beni Mubake	Iowa Raptors	2	2
Fabian Romero	OKC Certified Lions	1	2

#### 2025-26 POINTS LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	Team	GP	<u>PTS</u>
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	2	7
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	2	5
Cristhian Segura	Soles de Sonora	2	5
Genaro Castillo	Soles de Sonora	4	4
Stephan Teixeira	United Elite Kraiisnik	1	4

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#### 2024-25 GOAL LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	Team	GP	<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>	GP	<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>	Team	GP	<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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