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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 America, 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, April 10

Kickoff at 7:00 p.m. EDT

Hersheypark Arena, Hershey, Pennsylvania



>>PREVIOUS MEETINGS e These two teams have met twice, with Harrisburg taking wins of 15-2 on March 20 at Hersheypark Arena, and 8-1 in Maryland on March 13. On March 20, The Heat did not disappoint in their MASL 2 debut in a new home for them, Hersheypark Arena, which decades ago was the home to the NPSL Hershey Impact. Harrisburg scored seven goals in the game's first 17 minutes against a young Baltimore squad that is aiming for a much improved second season in 2026-27. The Heat held a wide margin in shots, 37-12.

Thiago Freitas had another big night with three goals and five assists. Bruno Henrique had two goals and two assists and the parade of MASL stars playing for the Heat this winter didn't stop there. Vini Dantas and Victor Parreiras each had two goals and one assist and at the other end of the spectrum, Drew Wivell, who opened the season in MASL 3 with the Maryland Storm, chipped in with a goal and two assists. Player/coach Hugo Silva picked up the win in goal.

>> **GAME NOTES:** The Heat have punched their ticket to the MASL 2 playoffs next weekend, but they will still wait to see where they will be seeded. They are one of three teams in the league looking to maintain a perfect mark heading in to the playoffs. They are currently 10-0 with a goal differential of plus 70 with 112 goals scored and 33 given up. Baltimore is coming in off their first win of the season, a 4-2 decision over the Salisbury Steaks and is 1-7 with 32 goals scored and 65 goals given up for a differential of minus 33.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** **Thiago Freitas** is running away with the league scoring title, with 44 total points in 15 goals and 29 assists. **Oscar Barrientos** has 10 goals in eight games. **Andrew Wivell**, who moved up from MASL 3 where he played for the Maryland Storm, has nine goals for Harrisburg. **Niall Croke**, who has also pulled double duty like Harrisburg's **Hugo Silva** as a player/coach, has three goals and three assists. **Isiah Dorsey** leads in scoring with five goals and two assists.

>> **UP NEXT:** FC Baltimore 1729 end regular season / Harrisburg Heat vs. Salisbury Steaks on Saturday, April 11 at 7 p.m. EDT at Hersheypark Arena, Hershey, Pennsylvania.

United Elite Krajisnik at Spice City FC

Saturday, April 11

Kickoff at 7 p.m. EDT

Sunday, April 12

Kickoff at 3 p.m. EDT

Danbury Arena, Danbury, Connecticut



>>**PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** These two played March 22 in Utica with Krajisnik scoring an 8-7 win. In a game of big swings – each team reeled off three unanswered goal at one point – Utica's United Elite Krajisnik rallied for the triumph on a game winner from Thayssan Dos Santos 24 seconds to play. Spice had rallied from a 6-4 deficit – after leading 4-3 earlier – on goals from Junior Alencar and Adhemar Costa – before United Elite ended it late. Spice held a 20-12 advantage in shots on goal. Meny Silva led the winners with two goals and one assist. Elizandro Cardoso and Francesco Pagano each had a goal and one assist. Andrew

Taylor got the win in goal. Alencar ended with a hat trick and Costa had a goal and one assist while teammate Kelvy Garcia chipped in with two assists.

>> **GAME NOTES:** Spice is still alive for a playoff spot, but would have to win both. If they do, that will trigger make up games with FC Baltimore 1729 which had been postponed from earlier in the year due to weather and the passing of the father of Baltimore's owner and coach a day before the two were scheduled to play. Should Utica win at least one, that would give Krajisnik the second playoff spot in the East, and the Spice v. Baltimore games would not be made up since they would not affect the teams that will qualify for next weekend's playoffs. Utica comes in with a mark of 7-3 with a goal differential of plus 17 on 82 scored and 65 surrendered. Spice is 3-4 in seven starts and has a differential of plus 19 with 60 scored and 41 given up.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** **Francesco Pagano** is United Elite's leading scorer, doing all his damage in just four starts as he has been a mainstay for Utica City FC in the MASL as well. For Krajisnik, he has 18 goals and six assists and last dressed for them on March 22 in their win over Spice City. **Adhemar Costa** has 10 goals and two assists for the Danbury based team. **Junior Alencar** has been a heady playmaker with nine assists to go along with his four goals.

>> **UP NEXT:** End regular season for both teams.

Iowa Raptors at Minnesota Blizzard

Saturday, April 11

Kickoff at 7 p.m. CDT

Centennial Sports Arena, Circle Pines, Minnesota



>>**PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** These two teams opened the MASL 2 season back on Dec. 6 with the Raptors eeking out an 8-7 win. If the inaugural game of the 2025-26 season is any indication, MASL 2 fans are in for a great ninth season of action. Minnesota is now in its second season of MASL action, saw a furious second half rally fall just short as the two teams opened their seasons, and the league season, at Alliant Energy Powerhouse in Cedar Rapids. The host Raptors built up a 6-2 lead in the first minute of the third quarter, only to see the Blizzard score four unanswered in the final 14 minutes to tie the game at 6-6 heading to the final frame. Minnesota's Logan Weller scored just 16 seconds into the fourth to put Minnesota up by one – its fifth straight unanswered goal – before the Raptors rallied much to the delight of the home crowd which included Cedar Rapids Mayor Tiffany O'Donnell. Jake Johnson tied the game with his goal with 5:56 to go. Veteran Jonah Dancer

picked a great time then to score his fourth goal of the contest netting the game-winner with just 54 seconds to play on a restart in the offensive end following a Minnesota blue card. Ronaldo Rojas had two goals and two assists for Iowa, while Johnson had two assists as well for a three point night and Bobby Hurwitz picked up two assists. Francesco Esteban scored twice for the Blizzard. Weller had two goals and one assist. Sean Austin got the win in goal for Iowa. They also played March 8 in Cedar Rapids with the Raptors winning 10-5. Devan DiGrado scored the game's first goal, but the Raptors scored the game's next seven goals to pull away. Ronaldo Rojas led the way with three goals and one assist. Jonah Dancer had a hat trick for Iowa as well.

>> **GAME NOTES:** The Blizzard are coming in off their best weekend in their history when they took two at home from the Wichita Wings. They are 2-8 on the season with a goal differential of minus 37 with 51 goals scored and 88 given up. The Raptors are 6-5 with 70 goals scored and 76 given up for a minus 6 goal differential.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Iowa's **Rolando Rojas** has been one of the league's best this year, with 19 goals and seven assists. **Jonah Dancer** has also been excellent with a dozen goals and eight assists. **Devan DiGrado** has also been one of the league's best, and most unselfish players, with 10 goals and 13 assists. **Francesco Esteban** has 10 goals and four assists.

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

Salisbury Steaks at Harrisburg Heat



Saturday, April 11

Kickoff at 7 p.m. EDT

Hersheypark Arena, Hershey, Pennsylvania

>>**PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** These two teams have played twice, once on March 18 in Harrisburg with the Heat winning 18-0 and once in Maryland with Harrisburg posting a 13-4 triumph. Emry Ortiz-Miller made 12 saves to post the shutout for the Heat, who also got five goals and three assists from Vini Dantas. Andrew Wivell had the hat trick for the Heat, who had six different players record three or more points in the contest. On March 1, 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 Heat game notes and players to watch, see above. Salisbury comes in with a mark of 2-8 with 31 goals scored and 113 surrendered for a differential of minus 82.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** For Salisbury, Joseph Sefoi is their leading goal scorer with five while Josh Danza leads in assists with four.

>> **UP NEXT:** End regular season for both teams.

Iowa Demon Hawks at Minnesota Blizzard



Sunday, April 12

Kickoff at 5 p.m. CDT

Centennial Sports Arena, Circle Pines, Minnesota

>>**PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** These two teams played two in late January in Des Moines, with the Demon Hawks winnngs by scores of 9-2 and 11-2. On January 30, On the Demon Hawks scored four goals in the game's first 10 minutes, and although the Blizzard defense stiffened and didn't allow another goal until well into the third, their offense couldn't get in gear. Jeanderson Pereira continues to haunt opposing defenses as he knocked in four goals and had one assist. Irwin Mojica had two goals and two assists while Lincoln Borges had a goal and two helpers. Leonardo Espinoza chipped in with a goal and one assist. Minnesota's goal getters were Francesco Esteban and Devan Digrado. On Saturday, Iowa used four unanswered goals at the end of the first half to break things open. Mojica had three goals as the Demon Hawks outshot Minnesota, 39-25. Rainer Hauss was credited with 19 saves to get the win. Javier Gallegos was a playmaker extraordinaire with four assists and Christian Gutierrez bedeviled the Blizzard with two goals and one assist. Pereria had one goals and two assists and teammate Raphael Nascimento had a goal and on assist.

>> **GAME NOTES:** For Blizzard game notes and players to watch, see above. The Raptors will advance to the MASL 2 playoffs next weekend, looking to finish another perfect season as they are 11-0 with a goal differential of plus 66 with 95 goals scored and 29 allowed.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Jeanderson Pereira is having another great season for Iowa with 24 goals and nine assists. Guilherme Lopes has also been strong in the offensive third with 11 goals and nine assists. Rainer Hauss, who has also played for Utica City FC in the MASL this season, remains one of the league's top goaltenders.

>> **UP NEXT:** End regular season for both teams.

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MASL 2 PLAYOFFS

April 17, Round One in Des Moines, Iowa
 April 18, Semi-Finals, Omaha, Nebraska
 April 19, Championship game, Omaha Nebraska



>> **EAST DIVISION**

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Harrisburg Heat	10	10	0	0	30	9	112	33	+79
United Elite Krajisnik	10	7	3	0	21	7	82	65	+17
Spice City FC	7	3	4	0	9	3	60	41	+19
Salisbury Steaks	11	2	9	0	6	2	31	113	-82
FC Baltimore 1729	8	1	7	0	3	1	32	65	-33

» MIDWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Iowa Demon Hawks	11	11	0	0	33	11	95	29	+66
Omaha Kings	12	5	6	1	14	5	66	70	-4
Iowa Raptors	11	6	5	0	15	3	70	76	-6
Wichita Wings	12	4	6	2	14	4	69	88	-19
Minnesota Blizzard	10	2	8	0	6	2	51	88	-37

» SOUTH DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Mexico City	11	11	0	0	33	11	102	38	+64
OKC Certified Lions	10	8	2	0	23	7	76	41	+35
Soles de Sonora	12	7	4	1	21	6	79	74	+5
Guadalajara Mariachis	11	4	5	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	8	2	52	108	-57

2025-26 GOAL LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	GL
Jeanderson Pereira	Iowa Demon Hawks	10	24
Jose Penalver	OKC Certified Lions	9	21
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	11	19
Francesco Pagano	United Elite Krajisnik	4	18
Thiago Freitas	Harrisburg Heat	8	15
Devan DiGrado	Minnesota Blizzard	10	13
Luis Brambila	Turlock Cal Express	11	12
Eden Sandoval	Turlock Cal Express	11	12
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	10	12
Wyatt Fowler	Texas Spurs	12	12

2025-26 ASSIST LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	AS
Thiago Frietas	Harrisburg Heat	10	29
Alvaro Luevano	OKC Certified Lions	9	15
Elizandro Cardoso	United Elite Krajisnik	9	11
David Lucio	Wichita Wings	11	10
Guillherme Lopes	Iowa Demon Hawks	9	9
Jeanderson Pereira	Iowa Demon Hawks	10	9

2025-26 POINTS LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Thiago Freitas	Harrisburg Heat	10	44
Jeanderson Pereira	Iowa Demon Hawks	10	33
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	11	26
Jose Penalver	OKC Certified Lions	9	26
Francesco Pagano	United Elite Krajisnik	4	24
Devan DiGrado	Minnesota Blizzard	10	21
Luis Brambila	Turlock Cal Express	9	20
Guillherme Lopes	Iowa Demon Hawks	9	20
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	10	20
Alvaro Luevano	OKC Certified Lions	9	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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