

# MASL 2

MAJOR ARENA SOCCER LEAGUE

OUR NINTH SEASON



## WEEK 5 PREVIEW

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# THE LEAGUE

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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 of 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.



## Omaha Kings at Wichita Wings

Saturday, January 3

Kickoff at 7 p.m. CST

Sunday, January 4

Kickoff at 5 p.m. CST

Heartland Credit Union Arena, Park City, Kansas



» PREVIOUS MEETINGS: This is the first meeting of the season between these two clubs.

» THE SKINNY: Omaha, with high hopes in its return to MASL 2, will be looking to turn its fortunes around after a pair of early season losses to the Iowa Raptors, one of them in

overtime and the other on the road in Cedar Rapids ... With the one point for the overtime loss, Omaha sits in third in the highly competitive Midwest Division where virtually every game could have playoff implications, even this early in the year ... Omaha has a goal differential of minus , but will play their next four games at home at 7,800 seat Baxter Arena in Omaha ... Wichita opened their season at home last weekend with a big win over Minnesota, as the Wings broke a 2-2 tie in scoring the last eight goals of the game.

» **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** For the Wings, Junior Quezada was huge. He's played three years now for Wichita, but sparingly. In eight games he has 10 goals, including three last weekend. Radley Arnold is another to watch, as he too had a five-point game last weekend against the Blizzard. Radley as well has 10 starts with the Wings over two years, with 13 goals. Other veterans like David Luccio, Jared Robbins and Caique Trivelato should be top performers in 2025-26 as well, along with Jose Ocampo in goal who was named Goaltender of the Week for his performance last weekend. Quezada was named Offensive Player of the Week ... For Omaha, Manuel Lira comes in with four goals in two games, and Ali Sodal has proved dangerous in both the MASL and MASL 2. He has just one goal in two games to date, but had 20 goals for the Kings when they played in the league in the 2020-21 season. The Omaha native has 37 games of MASL experience with the St. Louis Ambush and Kansas City Comets. Lira also was with the Kings in 2020-21, scoring 16 goals in 11 games.

» **UP NEXT:** Omaha Kings vs. Iowa Demon Hawks on Friday, January 16 at 8 p.m. CST at Baxter Arena, Omaha, Nebraska / Wichita Wings vs. Iowa Raptors on Saturday, January 17 at 7 p.m. CST at Heartland Credit Union Arena, Park City, Kansas.

## OKC Certified Lions at Texas Spurs

Saturday, January 4  
Kickoff at 7:30 p.m. CST  
TOCA Soccer, Allen, Texas



» **PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** These two teams played last weekend at the 4,500 seat OG&E Coliseum in downtown Oklahoma City, and although the final score doesn't reflect it, this was a closer game for a while as the Spurs pulled to within 6-4 five minutes into the game on a goal by MASL veteran VcMor Eligwe. The Certified Lions then went on a 5-0 scoring run to eventually pull away. OKC also held a big edge in shots, 47-32. Jesus Penalver continues to lead the offense after starring for the Chihuahua Savage in the MASL in 2024-25. He had four goals and two assists to up his league leading points total to nine in just two games. Alvaro Luevano had two goals and two assists while teammate Ruben

Torres turned the same trick. Jesus Rodriguez had a goal and one assist and Kenneth Gaytan chipped in with two goals. Cesar Avilla got the win playing one half of the game, credited with 8 saves. For the Spurs, Eligwe finished the afternoon with two goals and one assist.

**THE SKINNY:** The OKC Certified Lions field teams in both MASL 2 and MASL 3 ... Texas is coached by longtime indoor standout Eddie Puskarich, who most recently was the coach of the MASL Dallas Sidekicks. He played in over 300 pro indoor games in his long career which dated back to the mid 1980s ... At plus 12, OKC has the second best goal differential so far early in the season ... Four of the seven West division teams are yet to start their regular season, although that will change next weekend when Mexico City, Turlock and the Soccer Central Blackhawks debut

**>> PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Fernando Penalver is a big reasons OKC surprised Sonora earlier this season. 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. Is off to a big start with OKC as their leading scorer with seven goals and two assists ... Reuben Torres had 22 goals and 13 assists for 35 points last year for the Certified Lions, which was eight best in the entire league. Has four points in two games so far in 2025-26 ... 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 ... VcMor 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. Scored twice in last weekend's loss to OKC, and has five points in two starts ... Brenden Lee is a 62 game veteran of the MASL with the Sidekicks and Outlaws, scoring 18 goals. He made his first start of the season last weekend, and picked up one assist.

**>> UP NEXT:** OKC Certified Lions at Soles de Sonora on Saturday, January 10 at 7 p.m. PST at Gimnasio UNISON, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico / Texas Spurs at Turlock Cal Express on Friday, January 23 at 7 p.m. PST at Turlock Indoor Soccer, Turlock, California.

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## UP NEXT

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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
Friday, January 16	Iowa Demon Hawks at Omaha Kings, 8 p.m. CST
Saturday, January 17	Minnesota Blizzard at Omaha Kings, 7 p.m. CST
Saturday, January 17	Mexico City at Soles de Sonora, 7 p.m. PST
Saturday, January 17	Iowa Raptors at Wichita Wings, 7 p.m. CST
Saturday, January 17	Turlock Cal Express at Guadalajara Mariachis, 8 p.m. MST
Sunday, January 18	Turlock Cal Express at Guadalajara Mariachis, 8 p.m. MST



## THE STATS

OUR NINTH SEASON

### » EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Spice City FC	2	2	0	0	6	2	23	7	+16
United Elite Krajisnik	1	1	0	0	3	1	7	6	+1
Harrisburg Heat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FC Baltimore 1729	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	7	-1
Salisbury Steaks	2	0	2	0	0	0	7	23	-16

## » MIDWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Iowa Raptors	3	3	0	0	8	2	22	15	+7
Wichita Wings	1	1	0	0	3	1	10	2	+8
Omaha Kings	2	0	1	1	1	0	8	14	-6
Iowa Demon Hawks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota Blizzard	2	0	2	0	0	0	9	18	-9

## » SOUTH DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
OKC Certified Lions	2	2	0	0	6	2	21	9	+12
Soles de Sonora	2	1	1	0	3	1	12	10	+2
Guadalajara Mariachis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mexico City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soccer Central Blackhawks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turlock Cal Express	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Texas Spurs	2	0	2	0	0	0	7	21	-6

## 2025-26 GOAL LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	GL
Jose Penalver	OKC Certified Lions	2	7
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	2	6
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	3	5
Beni Mubake	Iowa Raptors	3	4
Manuel Lira	Omaha Kings	2	4
Cristhian Segura	Soles de Sonora	2	3
Genaro Castillo	Soles de Sonora	2	3
Alvaro Luevano	OKC Certified Lions	2	3
Francesco Esteban	Minnesota Blizzard	2	3
Junior Quezada	Wichita Wings	1	3
Radley Arnold	Wichita Wings	1	3
VcMor Eligwe	Texas Spurs	2	3

## 2025-26 ASSIST LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	AS
Jake Johnson	Iowa Raptors	3	5

Alvaro Luevano	OKC Certified Lions	2	3
Devan Digrado	Minnesota Blizzard	2	3
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	2	3

## 2025-26 POINTS LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	PTS
Jose Penalver	OKC Certified Lions	3	9
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	3	8
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	3	8
Alvaro Luevano	OKC Certified Lions	2	6
Beni Mubake	Iowa Raptors	3	6
Jake Johnson	Iowa Raptors	3	6

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## 2024-25 GOAL LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	GL
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

Player	Team	GP	AS
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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