## MAJOR ARENA SOCCER LEAGUE

OUR NINTH SEASON



### WEEK 3 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.



# SOLES DE SONORA at OKC CERTIFIED LIONS





Saturday, December 20 Kickoff at 4 p.m. CST OG&E Coliseum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

>> PREVIOUS MEETINGS: This is the first meeting of the season between these two teams. >> GAME NOTES: What a lid-lifter for the brand new home of the MASL 2 and MASL 3 OKC Certified Lions as some of the best indoor soccer players in the world will visit as part of a super charged Sonora roster. The Coliseum was the sight of a weekend of indoor soccer friendlies between the USA and Mexico, and drew an enthusiastic crowd to the 4,500 seat downtown arena which opened earlier this year. Soles de Sonora – based in Hermosillo,

the capital city of the state of Sonora – will play its home games Gimnasio UNISON. Sonora spent four years in the MASL, between 2015 and 2020, compiling a regular season record of 60–20–4. They twice met the Baltimore Blast in the Ron Newman Cup Finals, with the Blast winning both. The 2026–17 finals were one of the most memorable in league history. With Sonora having won game one in Baltimore, they took a one goal lead with 18 seconds to go in the fourth quarter in game two on a score by Franck Tayou, who returns to Sonora this year. But seven seconds later – just 12 seconds from a Cup championship – Adriano Dos Santos scored to force overtime where the Blast's Juan Pereira got the game winner just over two minutes in. Baltimore won the mini-game 1–0 on a goal by Vini Dantas for their second straight finals win over Sonora.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Tayou is back for the MASL 2 side, along with such MASL stars as Cristhian Segura and Bryan Macias, who in 52 MASL games has 92 points. That pales, though, to "The King". Tayou, who in 223 career regular season MASL games, has scored 443 goals and added 150 assists. He played with Sonora from 2015–2018. Segura has played 148 regular season games in the MASL with 122 goals and 61 assists. He played with Tayou as well from 2015–18 in Sonora. OKC featured some of the top talent in MASL 2 last year, however, starting with 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. Fernando Penalver was a key cog on the MASL 2 Chihuahua Savage which won the 2024–25 title. In seven games, 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.

>> UP NEXT: Soles de Sonora at Texas Spurs on Saturday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m. CST at TOCA Soccer, Allen, Texas / Texas Spurs at OKC Certified Lions on Saturday, December 27 at 4 p.m. CST at the OG&E Coliseum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

### IOWA RAPTORS at OMAHA KINGS

Saturday, December 20 Kickoff at 7 p.m. CST Baxter Arena, Omaha, Nebraska





- >> PREVIOUS MEETINGS: This is the first meeting of the season between these two teams.
- >> GAME NOTES: Omaha (0-0) returns to the MASL pyramid of pro indoor soccer 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 7,800seat 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 guickly became one of the flagship franchises for the inaugural season of play in Major Arena Soccer League Wome ... Iowa (1-0) will be looking to win a second straight, after rallying at home two weeks ago to defeat the Minnesota Blizzard, 8=-7, after the Blizzard erased a big second-half deficit. 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. Sean Austin got the win in goal for lowa ... The Raptors return to the league after reorganizing and re-energizing over the past year. They will have a reputation to live up to as they advanced all the way to the MASL 2 championship game in 2022-23 where they fell to the powerhouse Chihuahua Savage II by a 10-4 final. Jonah Dancer was the leading goal getter that year for lowa with 17 in the regular season. >> PLAYERS TO WATCH: For Iowa, Ronaldo Rojas is back and will figure to be a key contributor to an lowa roster that's been overhauled with both international and NCAA Division 1 talent. Ronaldo showed up big time with nine goals and two assists, playing in all 12 regular season games! He added two more goals in the playoffs, helping lead the Raptors to a runner-up finish against Chihuahua ... Kody Godbolt also was part of the 2022-23 team that made a run to the finals. Has been with the Raptors for three seasons after playing for Iowa City West and Liberty High School. Was MVC Player of the Year at Old **Dominion** 

>> UP NEXT: Iowa Raptors vs Omaha Kings on Saturday, December 27 at 7 p.m. CST at the Alliant Energy Powerhouse, Cedar Rapids, Iowa / Omaha Kings at Iowa Raptors on

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## SOLES DE SONORA at TEXAS SPURS





Sunday, December 21 Kickoff at 7:30 p.m. CST TOCA Soccer, Allen, Texas

- >> PREVIOUS MEETINGS: This is the first meeting of the season between these two teams.
- >> GAME NOTES: For Sonora game notes and players to watch, see above. Eddie Puskarich founded the Spurs soccer club in 1999, and has a long and notable career in indoor soccer including as coach of the MASL Dallas Sidekicks. As a player, he appeared in 325 pro indoor games starting in 1984 with the Columbus Capitals of the American Indoor Soccer Association. Most of his games came with the Chicago Power of the NPSL, and he also spent a season with the Milwaukee Wave. He appeared in 14 games for the MLS Dallas Burn in 1996 before a knee injury ended his playing career ...
- >> PLAYERS TO WATCH: VcMor Eligwe is a tenacious presence up front, and a veteran of many MASL wars. 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: Soles de Sonora vs. OKC Certified Lions on Saturday, January 10 at 7 p.m. CST at Gimnasio UNISON, Hermosillo, Mexico / Texas Spurs at OKC Certified Lions on Saturday, December 27 at 4 p.m. CST at the OG&E Coliseum, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- >> 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.<<



Saturday, December 27 United Elite Krajisnik at FC Baltimore 1729, 2 p.m. EST Texas Spurs at OKC Certified Lions, 3 p.m. CST Saturday, December 27 Saturday, December 27 Omaha Kings at Iowa Raptors, 7 p.m. CST Minnesota Blizzard at Wichita Wings, 5 p.m. CST Sunday, December 28 Monday, December 29 Salisbury Steaks at Spice City FC, 5 p.m. EST Tuesday, December 30 Salisbury Steaks at Spice City FC, 5 p.m. EST 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



#### >> EAST DIVISION

	<u>GP</u>	<u>W</u>	L	<u> </u>	PIS	GF	GA	<u> UIF</u>
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>	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	<u>DIF</u>
Iowa Raptors	1	1	0	0	3	8	7	+1
Iowa Demon Hawks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaha Kings	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

#### >> SOUTH DIVISION

	<u>GP_</u>	W	<u>L</u>	<u> </u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>GF</u>	GA	<u> DIF</u>
OKC Certified Lions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Texas Spurs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turlock Cal Express	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### 2025-26 GOAL LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	Team	GP	<u>GL</u>
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	1	4
Ayoub Abdelkarim	FC Baltimore 1729	1	2
Eber Ospina	FC Baltimore 1729	1	2
Stephan Teixeira	United Elite Krajisnik	1	2
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	1	2
Logan Weller	Minnesota Blizzard	1	2
Francesco Esteban	Minnestoa Blizzard	1	2

#### 2025-26 ASSIST LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	Team	GP	<u>AS</u>
Bobby Hurwitz	Iowa Raptors	1	2
Devan Digrado	Minnesota Blizzard	1	2
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	1	2
Jake Johnson	Iowa Raptors	1	2

#### 2025-26 POINTS LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	Team	GP	PTS
Jjonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	1	4
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	1	4
Stephan Teixeira	United Elite Krajisnik	. 1	4
Logan Weller	Minnesota Blizzard	1	3
Devan Digrado	Minnesota Blizzard	1	3
Jake Johnson	Iowa Raptors	1	3
Francesco Esteban	Minnesota Blizzard	1	3

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#### 2024-25 GOAL LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	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

<u>Player</u>	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

Team	GP	TP
Iowa Demon Hawks	12	68
Iowa Demon Hawks	12	64
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Iowa Demon Hawks	12	44
Minnesota Blizzard	11	39
Utica United Elite	10	37
<b>OKC Certified Lions</b>	9	35
Chihuahua Savage	9	34
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