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## WEEK 5 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 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.



## OKC Certified Lions at Soles De Sonora

Saturday, January 10

Kickoff at 7 p.m. PST

Gimnasio UNISON, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico



>> PREVIOUS MEETINGS: This is the second meeting of the season between these two, with OKC taking an 8-4 home win on Dec. 20. The Certified Lions built a 7-2 lead into the fourth before giving up a couple of meaningless late goals. Oklahoma City outshot Sonora, 38-34, and jumped to a 3-0 lead before taking a 4-2 lead to the break. However, OKC scored the first three goals of the second half, with Jesus Penalver completing his hat track midway

through the third on an assist-of-the-year candidate from Fabian Romero, who himself had a goal and two assists. Romero bended a 40-foot pass through the box to the back post where Penalver finished the play with a perfectly placed header. Alvaro Luevano chipped in with a goal and one assist. Cesar Avila made 30 saves to get the win in goal. Cristhian Segura led the Sonora effort with a pair of goals.

>> GAME NOTES: Major Arena Soccer League fans have had this game circled on the “must see” list for a few weeks now, ever since the Lions recorded a win at home against Sonora, which features lots of MASL stars.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Franck 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: OKC Certified Lions at Texas Spurs on Saturday, February 7 at 7:30 p.m. CST at TOCA Allen, Allen, Texas / Soles de Sonora vs. Mexico City on Saturday, January 17 at 7 p.m. PST at Gimnasio UNISON, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.

## Mexico City at Soccer Central Black Hawks

Saturday, January 10

Kickoff at 7 p.m. PST

Soccer Central, Watsonville, California



>> PREVIOUS MEETINGS: This is the first meeting of the season.

>> GAME NOTES: The long awaited debut for Mexico City comes in Northern California before they return to native soil next weekend with an early season showdown, albeit on the road, against Soles De Sonora. Deportivo Asunción de la Ciudad de México will

join the MASL family, one of three teams south of the border for the 2025-26 season. Deportivo Asuncion, originally from Iztapalapa, is celebrating its 18th anniversary in 2025, and is a popular local club that has numerous tournament championships to its credit through the years. The team is coached by one of the most iconic players in indoor soccer, Genoni Martinez, who has reached almost unparalleled success on the field and as a coach. A player for more than two decades, he suited up for many clubs between 1994 and 2016 – including a MASL championship in 2015-16 as a player/coach for the Monterrey Flash. He has also played for the Cleveland Force, Wichita Wings and St. Louis Steamers among other teams, appearing in a remarkable 599 career regular season and playoff games with 528 goals and 495 assists. He spent a total of eight years playing for the Monterrey clubs and also won a MASL championship in 2023-24 as the coach of the Chihuahua Savage.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Diego Reynoso was one of the MASL's best players period last year, as he was a finalist for the league's Goalkeeper of the Year honors playing for Chihuahua, so he will be a standout for Mexico City in goal. He has 117 career regular season wins and another 26 in the playoffs. Last season, he was 12-2 with a 4.46 goals against average and saves percentage of .704. This will be his 11<sup>th</sup> season, having played for Monterrey, Sonora and Chihuahua in past seasons... Soccer Central has a number of veterans of the indoor games, most notably Nelson Santana and coach Erick Tovar. Santana has appeared in 373 pro indoor games in his career, with 135 goals and an impressive 162 assists. Most recently in the MASL, he has suited up for the Harrisburg Heat, Baltimore Blast and Utica City FC. His rookie season was in 2006-07 with the MISL California Cougars in Stockton, California. Tovar scored 132 regular season and playoff goals having most recently played for the Savage in 2024-25. He has appeared in 152 games in his career which included four years with the San Diego Sockers.

>> **UP NEXT:** Mexico City at Soles De Sonora on Saturday, January 17 at 7 p.m. PST at Gimnasio UNISON, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico / Soccer Central Black Hawks vs. Texas Spurs on Saturday, January 24 at 7 p.m. PST at Soccer Central, Watsonville, California.

## Salisbury Steaks at United Elite Krajisnik

Sunday, January 11

Kickoff at 10:30 a.m. EST

Adirondack Bank Center, Utica, N.Y.



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

>> **GAME NOTES:** Salisbury is playing all road games this winter, after the arena they had

played in previously was purchased by new owners. They are planning a return to the Delmarva peninsula for home games in 2026-27. The are 0-2 having fallen twice in Danbury, Connecticut, to Spice City. This is a MASL 2 / MASL doubleheader at the Adirondack Bank Center with Utica City FC hosting the San Diego Sockers Sunday afternoon as well. Utica comes in as the defending East division champs, and are 1-0 so far with a tough 7-6 win at home over FC Baltimore 1729. Krajisnik is the official MASL 2 affiliate of Utica City FC.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Agi Pacheco is a long time staple of the MASL pyramid, playing for both the Steaks and Delaware City FC in MASL 3. So far in M3, he has nine goals and two assists in four games. Jeremy Loncao is on loan from United Elite Krajisnik in MASL 2, and has been a strong defender in the past. He played 19 games in the MASL 2 for the Rochester Lancers ... Stephan Teixeira had a big opening night with two goals and two assists against Baltimore ... Jorge Lozada had a goal and an assist for Utica in the win, and had 11 goals for the 2024-25 season.

>> **UP NEXT:** Salisbury Steaks at United Elite Krajisnik on Monday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. EST at Adirondack Bank Center, Utica, N.Y. / United Elite Krajisnik vs. Salisbury Steaks on Monday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. EST at Adirondack Bank Center, Utica, N.Y.

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Friday, January 16

Saturday, January 17

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Sunday, January 18

Iowa Demon Hawks at Omaha Kings, 8 p.m. CST

Minnesota Blizzard at Omaha Kings, 7 p.m. CST

Mexico City at Soles de Sonora, 7 p.m. PST

Iowa Raptors at Wichita Wings, 7 p.m. CST

Turlock Cal Express at Guadalajara Mariachis, 8 p.m. MST

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# THE STATS

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## » EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	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	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Wichita Wings	3	3	0	0	9	3	24	9	+15
Iowa Raptors	3	3	0	0	8	2	22	15	+7
Omaha Kings	4	0	3	1	1	0	15	28	-13
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	3	3	0	0	9	3	32	13	+19
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	3	0	3	0	0	0	11	32	-21

## 2025-26 GOAL LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>GL</u>
Jose Penalver	OKC Certified Lions	3	11
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	3	6
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	3	5
Jesus Rodriguez	OKC Certified Lions	3	5
Radley Arnold	Wichita Wings	3	5
Lalo Derath	Wichita Wings	3	5
Beni Mubake	Iowa Raptors	3	4
Manuel Lira	Omaha Kings	2	4
VcMor Eligwe	Texas Spurs	3	4

## 2025-26 ASSIST LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>AS</u>
Jake Johnson	Iowa Raptors	3	5
Alvaro Luevano	OKC Certified Lions	3	5
David Lucio	Wichita Wings	3	5
Fabian Romero	OKC Certified Lions	3	4
Brian Aleman	Wichita Wings	3	3
Juan Zamora	Wichita Wings	2	3
Radley Arnold	Wichita Wings	3	3
Ruben Torres	OKC Certified Lions	3	3
Devan Digrado	Minnesota Blizzard	2	3
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	2	3

## 2025-26 POINTS LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>PTS</u>
Jose Penalver	OKC Certified Lions	3	13
Alvaro Luevano	OKC Certified Lions	3	8
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	3	8
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	3	8
Radley Arnold	Wichita Wings	3	8
David Lucio	Wichita Wings	3	7
Fabian Romero	OKC Certified Lions	3	7
Jesus Rodriguez	OKC Certified Lions	3	7



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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

Player	Team	GP	TP
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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