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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.



Iowa Demon Hawks at Omaha Kings

Friday, January 16

Kickoff at 8 p.m. CST

Baxter Arena, Omaha, Nebraska



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

>> GAME NOTES: Only three teams have not made their 2025-26 league debut, including the Demon Hawks, who last season advanced to the MASL 2 championship game before falling in double-overtime to the Chihuahua Savage II. They won the 2023-24 title in defeating the Rochester Lancers. This is their fourth season in the league, with a combined regular

season record of 29-5-2 over the last three campaigns. Omaha (0-3-1) is a talented side who is off to a tough start, including a home overtime loss to the Iowa Raptors and a second one-goal loss, this one in regulation, on the road in Wichita.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: The Hawks have several standout players, starting in goal with Rainer Hauss who has backstopped Iowa over the past three seasons. He has a 28-5 record in that span. Prior to joining Iowa, he was a standout in the MASL, leading the Florida Tropics to the MASL Ron Newman Cup Finals. In that playoff run, he posted a 3.81 goals against average in five starts. He played in 43 MASL games total for the Tropics, Orlando SeaWolves and Cedar Rapids Rampage ... Luan Silva was the dominant player on the most dominant offense in the league, scoring a league-record 68 total points on 35 goals and 33 assists in 2024-25. He shined, however, in his team's biggest games, collecting 31 of his points in six combined games against the St. Louis Ambush 2 and Muskegon Risers. Set a league record with 15 points in one game in a win over Wisconsin late in the year... Jeanderson Pereira, a longtime standout outdoor soccer professional in his native Brazil, and even for a season with the MLS Portland Timbers, Pereira quickly adapted to the indoor game, recording 41 goals and 23 assists last year ... Omaha's offense has been led by Manuel Lira with four goals and two assists. He had 31 total points in 11 games last year for the Kings ... Ali Sodal is an Omaha native, and played 37 regular season games in the MASL with the Kansas City Comets and St. Louis Ambush.

>> UP NEXT: Iowa Demon Hawks vs Minnesota Blizzard on Friday, January 30th at 7 p.m. CST at SIG Sportsplex, Des Moines, Iowa / Omaha Kings vs. Minnesota Blizzard on Saturday, January 17 at 7 p.m. CST at Baxter Arena, Omaha, Nebraska.

Minnesota Blizzard at Omaha Kings

Saturday, January 17

Kickoff at 7 p.m. CST

Baxter Arena, Omaha, Nebraska



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

>> GAME NOTES: For Omaha notes and players to watch, see above. Minnesota comes in at 0-2, and has been off since a loss Dec. 28 at Wichita. Their other loss was by just one goal on the road against the Iowa Raptors in early December. This is their second season of MASL 2 play.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Francesco Esteban has three goals in Minnesota's first two games ... Devan Digrado only has one goal in his two starts but has chipped in with three assists. He

has also proven to be a strong defender as well.

» UP NEXT: Minnesota Blizzard at Iowa Demon Hawks on Friday, January 30 at 7 p.m. CST at SIG Sportsplex, Des Moines, Iowa / Omaha Kings vs. Iowa Raptors on Saturday, February 21 at 7 p.m. CST at Baxter Arena, Omaha, Nebraska.

Iowa Raptors at Wichita Wings

Saturday, January 17

Kickoff at 7 p.m. CST

Heartland Credit Union Arena, Park City, Kansas



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

» GAME NOTES: Both these teams come in undefeated so far this season, and with the same records, at 3-0. The Wings have a +15 goal differential, and the Raptors have a +7 figure in that category, having won two of their games by just a goal. In an interesting scheduling twist, these two teams will play each other three consecutive times. They will rematch in a weekend doubleheader Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 back in Cedar Rapids.

» PLAYERS TO WATCH: The Raptors have been led by Jonah Dancer with six goals and two assists. He had 22 points in 12 games during the 2022-23 season for Iowa, and last year was with the St. Louis Ambush organization, with 20 point in 10 games for the Ambush 2. He also appeared in one MASL game with the Milwaukee Wave in 2023-24 ... Ronaldo Rojas has five goals and three assists this season. Coming into the season, he had 16 points in 17 career MASL 2 starts. ... Radley Arnold has been the Wings biggest threat, with five goals and three assists. He had 16 points in nine games for Wichita last year ... Longtime Wings standout David Lucio is off to another strong start, with seven points (2G, 5A). His tenure runs all the way back to 2019 with the Wings. He has appeared in 67 career regular season games with 69 goals and 66 assists.

» UP NEXT: Iowa Raptors vs. Wichita Wings on Saturday, January 31 at 7 p.m. CST at Alliant Energy Powerhouse, Cedar Rapids, Iowa / Wichita Wings at Iowa Raptors on Saturday, January 31 at 7 p.m. CST at Alliant Energy Powerhouse, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

>> 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.<<

Mexico City at Soles De Sonora



Saturday, January 17

Kickoff at 7 p.m. PST

Gimnasio Unison, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico

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

» **GAME NOTES:** Many MASL fans will be tuned into this one, with a bevy of star players taking the field in what promises to be an instant rivalry. Mexico City will be playing its third straight road game before debuting in front of the home folk in North America's largest city on Sunday, February 1. Asuncion (2-0) defeated the Turlock Cal Express and Soccer Central Black Hawks on their swing through California last weekend. Sonora (1-1-1) is off to an uneven start, with two losses, one at home and one on the road, to the OKC Certified Lions, who remain undefeated in four league starts. Their home loss to OKC came in overtime.

» **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** For Sonora, there is plenty of veteran talent on which to draw. Hiram Ruiz played in 182 regular season MASL games for San Diego, Las Vegas, Monterrey and Sonora, scoring 115 goals and picking up 69 assists... Franck Tayou is one of the greats of the game, with 521 goals in 288 regular season and MASL playoff games. He also has 172 career assists ... Cristhia Segura has played in 177 MASL games with 141 goals and 73 assists for both the regular season and playoffs ... Berna Valdavinos is a goaltender with plenty of experience for Mexico City, who is coached by MASL legend Genoni Martinez. In 87 career regular season MASL appearances, he has a goals against average of 5.84, and is the MASL 2 reigning Goalkeeper of the Week after allow just two goals in a win over the Black Hawks last weekend... Eduardo Davalos led the Mexico City offense in its first two games with five goals, including a hat trick against the Soccer Central Black Hawks.

» **UP NEXT:** Mexico City vs. Texas Spurs on Sunday, February 1 at 3 p.m. CST at Gimnasio Olimpico, Mexico City, Mexico / Soles De Sonora vs. Soccer Central Black Hawks on Saturday, January 31 at 7 p.m. PST at Gimnasio Unison.

Turlock Cal Express at Guadalajara Mariachis

Saturday, January 17

Kickoff at 7 p.m. PST

Sunday, January 18

Kickoff at 6 p.m. MST

Panamericano San Rafael Arena, Guadalajara Mexico



» PREVIOUS MEETINGS: This is the first game between these two clubs this season.

» GAME NOTES: Turlock opened at home last weekend, falling to Mexico City. This is the first game of the 2025-26 season for Guadalajara.

» PLAYERS TO WATCH: Unlike their Mexican counterparts in Mexico City and Sonora, who have veteran MASL players dotting their rosters, Guadalajara hasn't gone that route, and instead have loaded up on talent that has played both in Mexico and internationally to great success and championships .. Luis Brambila had three seasons of MASL 2 experience with the Express, but over that period has only played in 10 games, with eight goals and three assists ... Ivan Rios, who picked up a goal in Turlock's opener, is another MASL 2 veteran presence, appearing in 35 games over the past four seasons, with eight goals and 13 assists.

» UP NEXT: Turlock Cal Express vs Texas Spurs on Friday, January 23 at 7 p.m. PST at Turlock Indoor Soccer, Turlock, California / Guadalajara Mariachis vs. Texas Spurs on Saturday, January 31 at 8 p.m. MST at Panamericano San Rafael Arena, Guadalajara, Mexico.

Salisbury Steaks United Elite Krajisnik

Monday, January 19

Kickoff at 6:30 p.m.

Adirondack Bank Center, Utica, N.Y.



» PREVIOUS MEETINGS: ;These two played just last weekend in Utica – Salisbury is playhing all road games this season while securing a home arena for the 2026-27 season –

with United Elite Krajisnik coming out on top 7-2. Francesco Pagano led the way with two goals and two assists. Laeh Seo and Adelin Buljubasic each added a goal and one assist. Utica led 3-0 at intermission, and Salisbury could get no closer than a two-goal deficit in the final two

>**GAME NOTES:** The road warrior Steaks come in with a record of 0-3 with having scored just nine goals and giving up 30. Utica has a goal differential of +6 in winning both of their starts so far in 2025-25. This is the back end of a MASL / MASL 2 double header on Martin Luther King Day, with Krajisnik's parent team, Utica City FC, hosting the Baltimore Blast (MASL parent club to FC Baltimore 1729) in a 3 p.m. Kickoff.

>> **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Stephen Teixeira has four points in two games for Utica, on two goals and two assists ... Patrick Villela has been stout in net, making 27 saves on 31 shots in two starts, and he has even scored a goal as well ... For Salisbury, Alex Shipley is in his second season with the Steaks ... Agi Pacheco is a highly skilled forward who also plays in MASL 3 for the Baltimore Kings where he is one of their leading scorers. He had 12 points in six games last year for Salisbury.

>> **UP NEXT:** Salisbury Steaks at FC Baltimore 1729 on Saturday, January 24 at 3 p.m. EST at TU Arena, Towson, Maryland / United Elite Krajisnik vs. Harrisburg Heat on Sunday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. EST at Adirondack Bank Center, Utica, N.Y.



Friday, January 23 Texas Spurs at Turlock Cal Express, 7 p.m. PST

Saturday, January 24 Salisbury Steaks at FC Baltimore 1729, 3 p.m. EST

Saturday, January 24 Texas Spurs at Soccer Central Black Hawks, 7 p.m. PST



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	2	2	0	0	6	2	14	8	+6
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	3	0	3	0	0	0	9	29	-21

» 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	4	4	0	0	11	3	38	18	+20
Mexico City	2	2	0	0	6	2	13	6	+7
Soles de Sonora	3	1	1	1	4	1	17	16	+1
Guadalajara Mariachis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soccer Central Blackhawks	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	5	-3
Turlock Cal Express	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	8	-4
Texas Spurs	3	0	3	0	0	0	11	32	-21

2025-26 GOAL LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	GL
Jose Penalver	OKC Certified Lions	4	14
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	3	6
Eduardo Davalos	Mexico City	2	5
Kienneth Gaytan	OKC Certified Lions	4	5
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	3	5
Jesus Rodriguez	OKC Certified Lions	4	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

Player	Team	GP	AS
Jake Johnson	Iowa Raptors	3	5
Alvaro Luevano	OKC Certified Lions	4	5
David Lucio	Wichita Wings	3	5
Fabian Romero	OKC Certified Lions	4	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
Hiram Ruiz	Soles de Sonora	3	3
Jesus Rodriguez	OKC Certified Lions	4	3

2025-26 POINTS LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	PTS
Jose Penalver	OKC Certified Lions	3	16
Alvaro Luevano	OKC Certified Lions	4	8
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	3	8
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	3	8
Radley Arnold	Wichita Wings	3	8
Jesus Rodriguez	OKC Certified Lions	4	8
David Lucio	Wichita Wings	3	7

Fabian Romero	OKC Certified Lions	4	7
Kenneth Gaytan	OKC Certified Lions	4	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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