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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.



Minnesota Blizzard at Iowa Demon Hawks

Friday, January 30

Kickoff at 7 p.m. CST

Saturday, January 31

Kickoff at 7 p.m. CST

SIG Sportsplex, Des Moines, Iowa



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

» GAME NOTES: The Demon Hawks are one of seven teams still without a loss in the 2025-26 season, but they have only played one game to date, an 8-2 win over Omaha two

weekends ago on the road. Iowa reached the MASL 2 finals last year before falling in double overtime to the Chihuahua Savage 2. Minnesota is winless in three starts, having scored 13 goals and given up 27. Their best showing came in their season opener on the road, a one-goal loss to the Iowa Raptors, who before last weekend, were undefeated in 2025-26.

» **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Jeanderson Pereira is one of the top offensive players in the league, The Demon Hawk had three goals in their one win, and last year had 41 goals and 23 assists ... Rainer Hauss is a veteran MASL netminder who backstopped the Florida Tropics to the MASL championship series in 2022 where they fell to the San Diego Sockers. In that playoff run, Hauss had a remarkable goals against average of 3.81 and an unheard of .828 saves percentage. In all, he appeared in 43 regular and post season games in the MASL ... Devan Digrado has three goals and three assists for the Blizzard, after netting 24 goals and adding 15 assists in 2024-25 ... Francesco Esteban leads Minnesota in goals with five.

» **UP NEXT:** Minnesota Blizzard at Omaha Kings on Sunday, March 1 at 3 p.m. CST at Baxter Arena, Omaha, Nebraska / Iowa Demon Hawks at Wichita Wings on Saturday, February 7 at 7 p.m. CST at Heartland Credit Union Arena, Park City, Kansas.

Wichita Wings at Iowa Raptors

Saturday, January 31

Kickoff at 7 p.m. CST

Sunday, February 1

Kickoff at 4 p.m. CST

Alliant Energy Powerhouse, Cedar Rapids, Iowa



» **PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** These two teams, both undefeated at the time, tangled in Wichita two weekends ago with the Wings getting a dramatic win. Through the years, there have been plenty of memorable games played by several iterations of the Wichita Wings. In fact, Heartland Credit Union Arena was the site of what many consider the best MASL 2 game in its nine year history, a Wings 10-9 overtime win over the Rochester Lancers in the league 2023-24 semi-finals. The current version is putting on quite a show again in the Midwest, with this thriller coming down to the last seconds when Wichita held off Iowa on a six-on-four man advantage for the game's final 40 seconds to stay undefeated and improve to 4-0. In a rough, physical, high energy, vintage indoor soccer contest the Raptors outshot Wichita 26-19, and on three different occasions early held one goal leads. The Wings then rattled off five unanswered but Iowa clawed back and took an 8-7 when Sarrive Rukakiza

scored with 11:21 to play in the final quarter. The eventual winner came on a penalty kick with 2:34 to go when Jared Robbins converted after Radley Arnold was taken down in the box by Iowa goalkeeper Ymauri Casillas. Robbins went top corner right to secure the win. The drama didn't end there, however, as Wichita's Lalo Derath was given a blue card for tripping with 45 seconds to go. With their goalkeeper pulled, the Raptors had a two-man advantage the rest of the way, but never actually even got a shot on goal in looking for the equalizer in a game in which had no less than 10 blue cards issued. Brian Aleman led the way for the Wings with a hat trick. Arnold finished with two goal and one assist before being injured on the late take down while Robbins had a goal and two assists. David Lucio scored twice and Guilherme Oliveira contributed two assists. Joel Baroso got the win in goal. For Iowa, Ronaldo Rojas had four goals and one assist, but was not available during the 6-on-4 advantage Iowa had in the final minute because he had received a dissent yellow card with just over three minutes to go in the final quarter. Jonah Dancer had a goal and three assists Felipe Batalla had a goal and two assists.

>> GAME NOTES: Wichita is in a brutal stretch of six straight games, finishing up three straight with the Raptors this weekend, and then meeting the Iowa Demon Hawks for three-straight games later in February. The Wings are atop the West Division with a 4-0 mark with 34 goals scored and 18 allowed for a plus 16 goal differential. The Raptors are 3-1, with a goal differential of plus 6 on 31 goals scored and 25 allowed. They are in second in the division. Both the Raptors and Wings have played three more games than the Demon Hawks., however.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Radley Arnold is the Wings leading points getter with seven goals and 14 assists. In 13 career games with the Wings, he has an impressive 17 goals and 10 assists ... David Lucio is a long standing star in Wichita, having appeared in 68 regular season games dating all the way back to the 2019-20 season. He has 71 goals and 66 assists in that time ... The Raptors are getting big offensive production from Ronaldo Rojas who leads in points with 13 (9G, 4A). Coming into the season he had 17 points in 16 career MASL games with Chicago and Iowa, and is second on the team in points in 2025-26 with seven goals and five assists. Another longtime standout, Jonah Dancer, has 12 points on seven goals and five assists this year for Iowa. Dancer played last season for the St. Louis Ambush 2, and was that squads second leading scorer with 12 goals and eight assists. In 33 career MASL 2 games, he has 37 goals and 17 assists.

>> UP NEXT: Wichita Wings vs. Iowa Demon Hawks on Saturday, February 7 at 7 p.m. CST at Heartland Credit Union Arena, Park City, Kansas / Iowa Raptors at Iowa Demon Hawks on Saturday, February 14 at 7 p.m. CST at SIG Sportsplex, Des Moines, Iowa.

Soccer Central Black Hawks at Soles de Sonora

Saturday, January 31

Kickoff at 7 p.m. PST

Sunday, February 1

Kickoff at 6 p.m. PST

Gimnasio Unison, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico



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

>> GAME NOTES: The Black Hawks, who play out of Watsonville near Monterrey, California, comes in having picked up its first win in team history last weekend over the visiting Texas Spurs, 12-4. They are 1-1 with 14 goals scored and nine allowed for a plus 5 differential. Sonora is still trying to hit its stride and is 1-2-1 with a goal differential of minus 2 with 20 goals scored and 22 allowed.

>> PLAYERS TO WATCH: Hugo Vargas has been Soccer Central's biggest weapon on offense to date, with six points in two games on three goals and three assists. Ivan Campos is second on the team with five points on two goals and three assists ... Sonora has plenty of firepower up front with several MASL standouts from past seasons, including Franck Tayou (3 goals), Cristhian Segura (4G, 2A) and Hiram Ruiz (1G, 3A).

>> UP NEXT: Soccer Central Black Hawks at Mexico City on Saturday, February 7 at 3 p.m. CST at Gimnasio Olimpico Juan de Berrera, Mexico City, Mexico / Soles de Sonora at Guadalajara Mariachis on Sunday, February 8 at 8 p.m. MST at Panamericano San Rafael Arena, Guadalajara, Mexico.

Texas Spurs at Guadalajara Mariachis

Saturday, January 31

Kickoff at 8 p.m. MST

Gimnasio Olimpico Juan De Berrera



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

>> GAME NOTES: Guadalajara opened with two home wins against Turlock two weekends

ago by scores of 10-4 and 8-4. They are one of seven teams still without a loss on the season to date, and are 2-0 with a goals differential of plus nine on 16 goals scored and just seven allowed. Texas comes in after getting their first win of the season last weekend on the road in Turlock, 9-8. They are 1-4 coming into this weekend, with a goals differential of minus 28 with 24 goals scored and 52 allowed.

» **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Erik Olivares Celis leads Guadalajara in goals with three while Brian Alcaraz Hernandez leads in points with two goals and two assists. Several players with pretty extensive time in the MASL are leading Texas, including VcMor Eligwe with seven goals and five assists. Wyatt Fowler is tied for the team lead in goals with seven, having played for the St. Louis Ambush and Texas Outlaws of the MASL previously.

» **UP NEXT:** Texas Spurs at Mexico City on Sunday, February 1 at 3 p.m. MST at Gimnasio Olimpico Juan de Berrera, Mexico City, Mexico / Guadalajara Mariachis vs. Soles de Sonora on Sunday, February 8 at 8 p.m. PST at Panamericano San Rafael Arena, Guadalajara, Mexico.

Texas Spurs at Mexico City

Sunday, February 1

Kickoff at 3 p.m. CST

Gimnasio Olimpico Juan De Berrera



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

» **GAME NOTES:** For Texas Spurs notes and players to watch, see above. Mexico City is off to a 3-0 start, a game behind the OKC Certified Lions who lead the West Division at 4-0. Asuncion has a goal differential of plus 10 with 19 goals scored and just 9 allowed.

» **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Mexico City has potentially the best goaltending duo in the league with MASL veterans Berna Valdavinos and Deigo Reynoso to choose from for MASL legend Gennoni Martinez who now coaches Mexico City. Eduardo Davalos leads the team in goals with five

» **UP NEXT:** Texas Spurs vs. OKC Certified Lions on Saturday, February 7 at 7:30 p.m. CST at TOCA Soccer Center, Allen, Texas / Mexico City vs. Soccer Central Black Hawks on Saturday, February 7 at 3 p.m. CST at Gimnasio Olimpico Juan De Berra, Mexico City, Mexico.

Salisbury Steaks at FC Baltimore 1729

Sunday, February 1

Kickoff at 7 p.m. EST

Sofive XL Center, Hatfield, Pennsylvania



- » **PREVIOUS MEETINGS:** This is the first meeting of the season between the two teams.
- » **GAME NOTES:** After and 11th hour ownership change at Salisbury's home field, the Steaks are playing all road games this year while securing a new home for the 2026-27 season. They are 1-4 with a goals differential of minus 31 on 14 goals scored and 45 allowed. Baltimore has only taken the field once, and that was on the road where they acquitted themselves in fine fashion, falling to United Elite Krajisnik who leads the division, by a 7-6 score.
- » **PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Baltimore got big efforts from Ayoub Abdelkarim in the opener along with Eber Ospina who each scored twice ... Josh Danza is one of the best playmakers in both MASL 2 and MASL 3 where he plays for not only the Steaks, but the M3 Baltimore Kings as well.
- » **UP NEXT:** Salisbury Steaks vs. Harrisburg Heat on Friday, March 6 at 3 p.m. EST at TU Arena, Towson, Maryland / FC Baltimore at Spice City FC on Sunday, February 22 at 4 p.m. EST at Danbury Arena, Danbury, Connecticut.

>> 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.<<



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Sunday, February 1	Texas Spurs at Mexico City, 3 p.m. CST
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THE STATS

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» EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
United Elite Krajisnik	3	3	0	0	9	3	29	13	+16
Spice City FC	2	2	0	0	6	2	23	7	+16
Salisbury Steaks	5	1	4	0	3	1	14	45	-31
Harrisburg Heat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FC Baltimore 1729	2	0	2	0	0	0	6	7	-1

» MIDWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
Wichita Wings	4	4	0	0	12	4	34	18	+16
Iowa Raptors	4	3	1	0	8	2	31	25	+6
Omaha Kings	6	1	4	1	1	0	26	40	-14
Iowa Demon Hawks	1	1	0	0	3	1	8	2	+6
Minnesota Blizzard	3	0	3	0	0	0	13	27	-14

» SOUTH DIVISION

GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
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OKC Certified Lions	4	4	0	0	11	3	38	18	+20
Mexico City	3	3	0	0	9	3	19	9	+10
Guadalajara Mariachis	2	2	0	0	6	2	16	7	+9
Soles de Sonora	4	1	2	1	4	1	20	22	+2
Soccer Central Blackhawks	2	1	1	0	3	1	14	9	+5
Texas Spurs	5	1	4	0	3	1	24	52	-28
Turlock Cal Express	4	0	4	0	0	0	19	33	-14

2025-26 GOAL LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	GL
Jose Penalver	OKC Certified Lions	4	14
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	4	9
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	4	7
VcMor Eligwe	Texas Spurs	5	7
Francesco Pagano	United Elite Krajisnik	2	7
Radley Arnold	Wichita Wings	4	7
Lalo Derath	Wichita Wings	4	6
Manuel Lira	Omaha Kings	6	6
Brian Aleman	Wichita Wings	4	5
Francesco Esteban	Minnesota Blizzard	3	5
Jorge Lozada	United Elite Krajisnik	2	5
Eduardo Davalos	Mexico City	2	5
Kennerh Gaytan	OKC Certified Lions	4	5
Jesus Rodriguez	OKC Certified Lions	4	5

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
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	4	5
VcMor Eligwe	Texas Spurs	5	5
Fabian Romero	OKC Certified Lions	4	4
Radley Arnold	Wichita Wings	4	4
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	4	4

2025-26 POINTS LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	PTS
Jose Penalver	OKC Certified Lions	3	16
Ronaldo Rojas	Iowa Raptors	4	13
Jonah Dancer	Iowa Raptors	4	12
VcMor Eligwe	Texas Spurs	5	12
Radley Arnold	Wichita Wings	4	11
Francesco Pagano	United Elite Krajisnik	2	10
David Lucio	Wichita Wings	4	9

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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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