

Major Arena Soccer League 2

WEEK 14 M2 REVIEW



Games of March 8-11





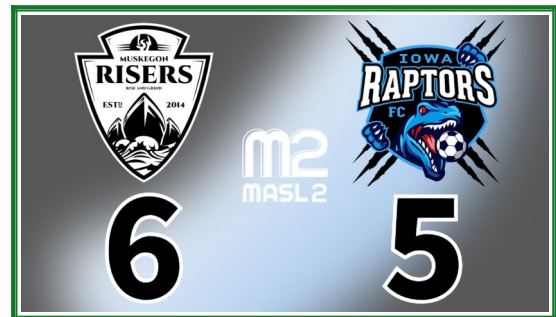
THE GAMES



Friday, March 8
MUSKEGON RISERS 6
IOWA RAPTORS 5
 Trinity Health Arena, Muskegon, MI



GAME RECAP: Muskegon thrilled a large Trinity Arena crowd by closing out their season with an upset win over the Raptors, a team that advanced all the way to the M2 Championship Game last year, and will be making a return trip to the post-season this year. The Risers rolled to a 6-1 lead in the second half, and then withstood a furious Raptors rally to get their third win of the season. The Raptors scored four times in the final 10 minutes – the last one at the buzzer – but it wasn't quite enough. With team scoring leadier Miguel Flores out with an injury, Aldony Mendez and Fikret Hasovic stepped forward with two goals each and netminder Jake Lofgren backstopping a strong defensive effort for most of the night. Five different Raptors scored, a no one had a multi point game.



UP NEXT: Muskegon Risers have completed their regular season / Iowa Raptors at Iowa Demon Hawks on Friday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Buccaneer Arena, Des Moines, Iowa.



Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9
ROCHESTER 15 ORLANDO 2
ROCHESTER 16 ORLANDO 3
 Total Sports Experience, East Rochester, NY



GAME RECAPS: Rochester had already clinched a playoff spot, but had a spectacular weekend both offensively and defensively to remain undefeated in nine starts, and officially clinch the East Division title as well. On Friday, a quartet of players all had four-point nights, led by Matt D'Amico and Eduardo Figueroa who scored four goals each. Ali Alomari continued his huge season with three goals and one assist and Jake Schindler had four assists. Taner Bay had two goals and



one assist and Issac Bourne had one goal and two assists. Rochester outshot Orlando 51-31. In the second half of the doubleheader, it was much the same story, although the Lancers led just 2-1 through the first 15 minutes, and then stretched their lead to pretty much insurmountable status with five unanswered goals in the second. Rochester outshot the visitors 58-36 in this one. Alomari pumped in four goals in this one, and had two assist. Recording a five-point night was Alex Harling with two goals and three assists. Teammate August Finn had the hat trick while Schindler added three more assists. Bay had two goals and one assist. Daniel Aular picked up two goals for Orlando.

NEXT: Rochester Lancers at Baltimore Arsenal on Saturday, March 16 at 2 p.m. Towson Arena, Towson, Maryland / Atletico Orlando at United Elite Krajisnik on Saturday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Nexus Center, Utica, NY.



Friday, March 8, / Saturday, March 9
AMARILLO 12 KANSAS 5
AMARILLO 16 KANSAS 5
Amarillo Civic Center, Amarillo, TX



GAME RECAP[S]: After leading M2 in scoring last year, the Bombers reached the 100 goal mark after nine games with two big performances over the Kansas Bandits, who saw their season come to a close in Texas. Amarillo scored 146 goals in 12 regular season games last year, so they just under that pace by a bit in 2023-24. Amarillo scored the first five goals of the game and raced to an 8-1 lead en route to a lopsided final. Rene Loya had a big night with four goals and three assists while teammate David Trevizo had four goals and one assist. Miguel Reyes had a goal and three assists while Jorge Gonzalez had two goals and two assists. Julio Molina added a hat trick. Wyatt Fowler had two goals and one assist and Angel Lopez a goal and one assist for Kansas. On Saturday, Kansas trailed just 3-2 five minutes into the second quarter, just 4-2 at intermission before the Bombers scored seven in the fourth quarter to pull away. Loya had four goals and an assist while Trevizo had two goals and one assist. Reyes also added two goals for Amarillo. For Kansas, Lopes had a nice game with three goals and one assist.



UP NEXT: Amarillo Bombers at El Paso Rhinos Uno Seis on Saturday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. MDT at La Fronterra Indoor Soccer, El Paso, Texas / Kansas Bandits end of regular season.



Friday, March 8
IOWA DEMON HAWKS 14
ST. LOUIS AMBUSH 2 5
Buccaneer Arena, Des Moines, Iowa



GAME RECAP: The Demon Hawks are one win away from an undefeated season after taking care of the St. Louis Ambush 2. Five unanswered goal in the second quarter was more than enough for Iowa to roll to an 11th straight win. Bruno Henrique was huge with three goals and four assists while Thiago Freitas had four goals and one assist. St. Louis peppered 48 shots on goal, with Rainer Hausw picking up another win in goal. Luan Silva had a hat trick for the Demon Hawks and Jose Vitor added two goals and two assists. For St. Louis, Skylar Funk and Louie Perez each chipped in with a goal and an assist.



UP NEXT: Iowa Demon Hawks vs Iowa Raptors on Friday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. CDT at Buccaneer Arena, Des Moines, Iowa / St. Louis Ambush 2 vs. Iowa Raptors on Sunday, March 17 at 5 p.m. CDT at Family Arena, St. Charles, Missouri.



Saturday, March 9
WICHITA WINGS 5
EL PASO RHINOS UNO SEIS 4
Hartman Arena, Park City, Kansas



GAME RECAP: Although El Paso didn't pick up the win, they may have served notice that they will be a tough out in the M2 playoffs in taking the once-beaten Wings to the wire. Colin Lawler got the game winner for Wichita with just over five minutes left to play. The score was tied twice at 1-1 and 4-4, but Wichita never trailed. Wings netminder Aaron Parrott was named the games first star with his 22 save performance. Mershad Ahmadi picked up two goals and Jared Robbins had two assists to lead the Wings attack. For El Paso, Edgar Mercado led with two goals while Pedro Cajtaneda added a goal and one assist. El Paso outshot Wichita 33-28.



UP NEXT: Wichita Wings at New Mexico Runners on Sunday, March 17 at 3:05 MDT at the Rio Rancho Events Center, Rio Rancho, NM / El Paso Rhinos Uno Seis vs. Amarillo Bombers on Saturday, Mmarch 16 at 7:30 p.m. at La Frontera Indoor Soccer, El Paso.



Monday, March 11
AMARILLO BOMBERS 14
NEW MEXICO RUNNERS 11
 Amarillo Civic Center, Amarillo, Texas



GAME RECAP: The Bombers completed a weekend “three peat” with a Monday night “futbol” win at home against the Runners. The game was a rescheduled affair from a game that was not able to be played earlier in the year because of dangerous travel conditions. Amarillo scored five goals in the first quarter, and nine in the half, en route to their third straight win at home after a sweep of the Kansas Bandits on Friday and Saturday. The Runners were pesky, pulling to within two with just over two minutes to play, but could get no closer. David Trevizo was huge with five goals and two assists, while Rene Loya had three goals. Teammates Kevin Alvidrez and Eduardo “Benji” Monreal each had a goal and an assist. Josh Garcia led the Runners with two goals and four assists. New Mexico was outshot, 34-24. Colton Oord had three goals, as did Nicholas Cashmere.



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STANDINGS

(As of March 12, 2024)

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
>>East Division									
y - Rochester Lancers	9	9	0	0	27	9	116	37	+79
United Elite Krajisnik FC	8	3	5	0	9	3	46	54	-8
Baltimore Arsenal	7	2	5	0	6	2	33	54	-31
Atletico Orlando	6	1	5	0	3	1	27	66	-39

>>North Division

y - Iowa Demon Hawks	11	11	0	0	33	11	136	50	+86
x - Iowa Raptors	9	5	5	0	15	5	72	75	-3
St. Louis Ambush 2	11	3	8	0	9	3	65	107	-33
Muskegon Risers	12	3	9	0	9	3	64	105	-43

>>Midwest Division

y - Wichita Wings	11	10	0	1	31	10	114	64	+50
Amarillo Bombers	10	7	3	0	20	6	114	91	+20
El Paso Rhinos Uno Seis	10	6	4	0	18	6	97	65	+32
Kansas Bandits	12	3	8	1	10	3	81	135	-54
New Mexico Runners	10	1	10	0	2	0	84	134	-50

x - clinched playoff spot

y - clinched regular season division title and playoff spot

Teams receive three points for a regulation time win (RW), two points for a win in overtime, one point for an overtime loss (OTL), and no points for a loss in regulation time. Teams play a 12-game regular season.

Standings and playoff tiebreakers: POINTS > REGULATION WINS > WINS > HEAD TO GROUP > GOAL DIFFERENTIAL > GOALS FOR > GOALS AGAINST

Eight teams will qualify for M2 Championship Weekend April 4-7 at Hartman Arena, Park City, Kansas, hosted by the Wichita Wings who are guaranteed as host one of the eight playoff spots. The top two division finishers earn playoff spots, along with two wildcard entrants, the teams with the two top point totals among the third and fourth place teams in the three divisions.

FINAL 2022-23 REGULAR SEASON

	<u>GP</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>OTL</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>RW</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>DIF</u>
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>>North Division

x - Iowa Raptors	12	7	3	2	23	7	82	89	-7
Rochester Lancers	12	8	4	0	23	7	81	63	+18
Iowa Demon Hawks	12	7	4	1	21	6	94	76	+18

Muskegon Risers	12	2	10	0	5	1	74	103	-29
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>>Midwest Division

x - Amarillo Bombers	12	10	2	0	30	10	146	91	+55
x - Wichita Wings	12	10	2	0	29	9	122	77	+45
New Mexico Runners	12	4	7	1	13	4	107	134	-27
Colorado Inferno	12	3	9	0	9	3	82	134	-52
Kansas Bandits	12	3	9	0	9	3	81	102	-21

>>West Division

x - Chihuahua Savage II	12	10	2	0	30	10	111	63	+48
Club Deportivo de Baja	12	8	4	0	24	8	113	69	+44
RGV Barracudas	12	7	5	0	20	6	78	69	+9
Empire Jets	12	6	5	1	19	5	68	84	-16
Turlock Cal Express	12	3	9	0	8	2	66	127	-61
San Diego Sockers 2	12	2	9	1	7	2	65	89	-24



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 Sun., March 17 Wichita Wings at New Mexico Runners, 3 p.m. MDT
 Sun., March 17 Iowa Raptors at St. Louis Ambush 2, 5 p.m. CDT
 Sun. March 17 Atletico Orlando at United Elite Krajisnik, 6:30 p.m. EDT



THE STATS

2023-24 MASL 2 GOAL LEADERS

Player	Team	Goals	GP
Angel Lopez	Kansas Bandits	34	12
Ali Alomari	Rochester Lancers	26	9
Rene Loya	Amarillo Bombers	26	9
Mershad Ahmadi	Wichita Wings	23	11
Bruno Henrique	Iowa Demon Hawks	20	10
Ricardo Diegues	Iowa Demon Hawks	20	7
Thiago Freitas	Iowa Demon Hawks	18	10

2023-24 MASL 2 ASSISTS LEADERS

Player	Team	Assists	GP
Thiago Frietas	Iowa Demon Hawks	19	10
Bruno Henrique	Iowa Demon Hawks	19	10
Kevin Ten Eyck	Wichita Wings	17	11
Ricardo Diegues	Iowa Demon Hawks	15	8
Miguel Reyes	Amarillo Bombers	13	9

2023-24 MASL 2 TOTAL POINTS LEADERS

Player	Team	Points	GP
Angel Lopez	Kansas Bandits	39	12
Bruno Henrique	Iowa Demon Hawks	39	11
Ali Alomari	Rochester Lancers	37	9
Thiago Freitas	Iowa Demon Hawks	37	10
Rene Loya	Amarillo Bombers	35	9
Ricardo Diegues	Iowa Demon Hawks	35	8

2023-24 MASL 2 GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE LEADERS

Jacob Mitchell	Rochester Lancers	3.77
Rainer Hauss	Iowa Demon Hawks	4.14
Jose Ocampo	Wichita Wings	5.29
Robert Sams	United Elite	7.61

2023-24 MASL 2 GOALKEEPER WINS

Rainer Hauss	Iowa Demon Hawks	10
Jose Ocampo	Wichita Wings	9
Jakeb Mitchell	Rochester Lancers	6

Fredo Chavez Amarillo Bombers 6

2023-24 MASL 2 GOALKEEPER SAVES PERCENTAGE

Rainer Hauss	Iowa Demon Hawks	.815
Jose Ocampo	Wichita Wings	.756
Jakeb Mitchell	Rochester Lancers	.704
Alejandro Sosa	Baltimore Arsenal	.647
Nate Yeager	New Mexico Runners	.693

>> Note: Goalkeepers must have appeared in at least 50 percent of their team's games to qualify for GK category leaders

2022-23 MASL 2 GOAL LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Goals</u>
Mershad Amadhi	New Mexico Runners	38
Miguel Reyes	Amarillo Bombers	25
David Trevizo	Amarillo Bombers	22
Francisco Rivas	Colorado Inferno	22
Bruno Henrique	Iowa Demon Hawks	21
Rene Loya Hernandez	Chihuahua Savage II	19
Jorge Gonzalez	Amarillo Bombers	18
Vince Aragon	New Mexico Runners	18

2022-23 MASL 2 ASSISTS LEADERS

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Assists</u>
Miguel Reyes	Amarillo Bombers	23
Jared Robins	Wichita Wings	17
Thiago Freitas	Iowa Demon Hawks	17
David Luico	Wichita Wings	15
David Trevizo	Amarillo Bombers	13
Bruno Henrique	Iowa Demon Hawks	12
Kevin Ten Eyck	Wichita Wings	12
Ricardo Diegues	Iowa Demon Hawks	12
Francisco Rivas	Colorado Inferno	12

2022-23 MASL 2 TOTAL POINTS LEADERS

Player	Team	Points
Mershad Ahmadi	New Mexico Runners	48
Miguel Reyes	Amarillo Bombers	48
David Trevizo	Amarillo Bombers	35
Francisco Rivas	Colorado Inferno	34
Bruno Henrique	Iowa Demon Hawks	33
Jared Robbins	Wichita Wings	33
Vince Aragon	New Mexico Runners	29
David Luico	Wichita Wings	28
Jorge Gonzalez	Amarillo Bombers	28

2022-23 MASL 2 GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE LEADERS

Jakeb Mitchell	Rochester Lancers	4.92
Aaron Parrott	Wichita Wings	5.01
Rainer Hauss	Iowa Demon Hawks	5.66
Diego Arriaga	RGV Barracudas	5.67
Jesus Ortiz	Iowa Raptors	5.93
David Escarcega Trevizo	Chihuahua Savage II	6.40

2022-23 MASL 2 GK SAVES PERCENTAGE

Jakeb Mitchell	Rochester Lancers	4.92
Aaron Parrott	Wichita Wings	5.01
Rainer Hauss	Iowa Demon Hawks	5.66
Diego Arriaga	RGV Barracudas	5.67
Jesus Ortiz	Iowa Raptors	5.93
David Escarcega Trevizo	Chihuahua Savage II	6.40



LATEST NEWS

Owners of Newtown Pride – winners of last year’s million dollar winner-take-all TST– will launch M2 team in Danbury, Connecticut

TAMPA, Florida -- Indoor soccer fans have a million reasons to be excited about the latest addition to Major Arena Soccer League 2.

The Danbury Ice Arena alongside partners of Spice City Futbol Club, LLC have announced Danbury's newest professional sports team – Spice City FC. The team will participate in Major Arena Soccer League 2 and will play seven home games on turf at the Danbury Ice Arena in Connecticut beginning in winter of 2024-25.



The organization will add to the existing ice arena offering of Hat Tricks hockey while celebrating Danbury's multicultural flavor and delivering family friendly, affordable entertainment. The Danbury Ice Arena, like most arenas across the country, is preparing an operations team that will flip the switch from ice to turf overnight to bring soccer to the forefront of the 3,000 seat arena.

The name, Spice City, and its playful jalapeno logo, is a nod to a multicultural city with an edge to it. A spice; a simultaneous sweetness; and hotness, that consistently delivers a welcoming, fun yet surprising experience.

Mayor of Danbury, Roberto Alves, stated, "Bringing an M2 team to Danbury is an exciting time for our city. As a big soccer fan myself, you will see my family in those seats cheering on Spice City FC. This partnership has our attention and support – and we're confident the residents of the City of Danbury will get behind this team like they have every team that has called the Arena home. We're excited to also welcome more people downtown to experience all we have to offer."



Matt and Adriana Svanda, also owners of Newtown Pride FC in Newtown, Connecticut, have spearheaded the effort in Danbury.

"Bringing a fast paced, energy driven brand of soccer to Danbury is something we think is a perfect fit for this city," said owner and general manager Matt Swanda. "The game of soccer is a true passion of ours and we try and use it as a catalyst of good. We're confident that in partnership with the Danbury Ice Arena, we will be able to bring an incredible experience and different brand of soccer to fans both new and old."

In 2023, it was Newtown Pride FC who took America by surprise creating an instantly iconic national soccer memory with their win in the inaugural million-dollar winner-take-all TST tournament. The Pride will be partaking in this year's TST tournament in June to be aired on ESPN.

"Spice City FC will offer a great compliment to Danbury Hat Tricks hockey while giving fans an opportunity to not only see great hockey on ice; but also a great brand of soccer on turf!, said Herm Sorcher, Partner of Diamond Properties who owns the Danbury Ice Arena. "We are committed to private partnerships that will advance our space; bring more people to the arena and prove that our arena is multidimensional and can pivot to accommodate opportunities like this one."

Commissioner of MASL 2, Chris Economides said Newtown's next big soccer move to join the league speaks volumes for where the second tier of the American indoor soccer pyramid is headed.

"We're excited and proud to welcome Spice City FC to our M2 family. There are some incredible teams in the East Division, and we're anxiously awaiting their first goal in Danbury this winter," Economides said. "We're more intrigued to see how their front office puts together a team that's competitive in a league that boasts organizations like the Rochester Lancers, Utica, Baltimore and Orlando. We know that Spice City FC is committed to excellence both on and off the field, and couldn't be more thrilled that they'll be strong stewards of our league."

Kyle Lyddy, President of Operations for the organization, said the MASL 2 franchise was a natural extension of the club.

"Partnering with Herm Sorcher and the Danbury Ice Arena is the perfect setting to launch our brand to bring people together," Lyddy noted. "What better place than Danbury; bringing a global game to a city with a diverse set of individuals and cultures. Our mantra "You Belong Here" is a call to excite people to get in the building to witness high energy goals and a fast-paced brand of soccer we can all rally around. Our team is planning to create an atmosphere that is one of the best in minor league sports - it is our commitment that you won't just be coming to a soccer game - but an event. And while MASL 2 will bring us to cities like Rochester, Utica, Baltimore and Orlando, we're we're excited to add Danbury to the East to showcase our home turf."

Onua Obasi will be the head coach. Obasi, who has extensive experience within the MASL as a player, is committed to Spice City FC. Obasi has played with the Baltimore Blast, Utica City FC and the Empire Strykers, appearing in 78 total games in the Major Arena Soccer League, with 22 goals and 25 assists.

"I'm thankful for the Svanda family for trusting me in this role and am excited to get to work. My commitment is to building a team that our city can be proud of, and deliver a brand of soccer that fans will be excited to be in their seats at kickoff for," Obasi said.

Tickets are on sale now at spicecityfc.com with season ticket options available for just \$79 for a seven-game home schedule.