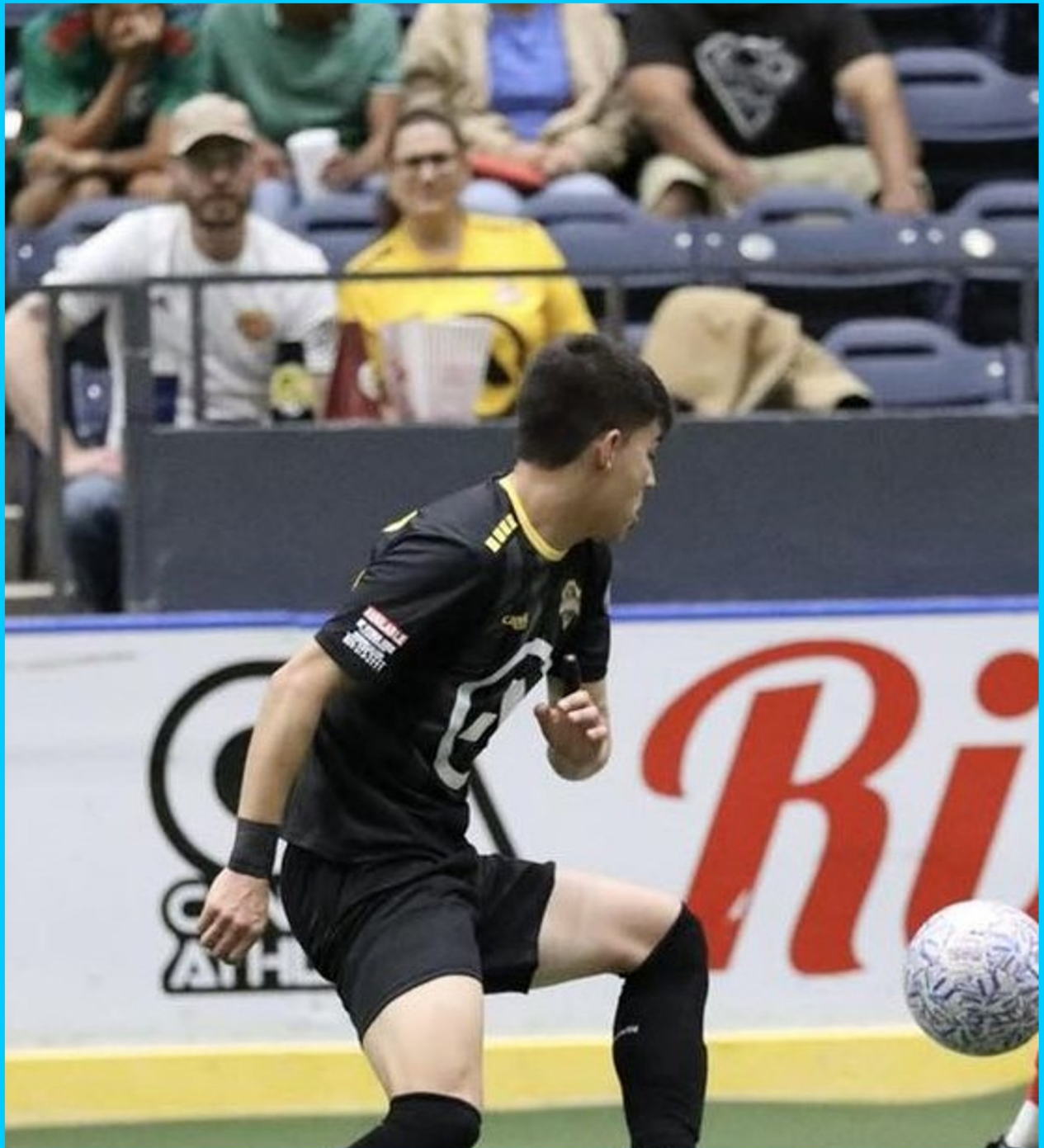


Major Arena Soccer League 2

WEEK 15 REVIEW



Games of March 15-17





THE GAMES



Friday, March 15

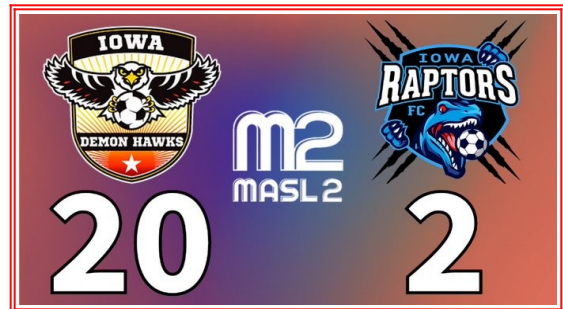
IOWA DEMON HAWKS 20

IOWA RAPTORS 2

Buccaneer Arena, Des Moines, Iowa



GAME RECAP: The Hawkeye State rivalry was pretty lopsided on this day, with the Demon Hawks (12-0) completing a perfect regular season – the fourth team in M2 history to pull off that feat, with the Rochester Lancers this year still looking to do it as well. The three previous teams to finish undefeated in the regular season were: San Diego Sockers 2 (2018-19), Chihuahua Savage II (2019-20) and the Cleveland Crunch (2021-22). It was just a 1-0 game after the first 15 minutes, but the hosts scored five unanswered in the second quarter and pulled away from there. Bruno Henrique had three goals and four assists, while teammate Thiago Freitas had a goal and six assists to have a seven-point game of his own. Joao Vitor and Ricardo Diegues added four goals each. Rainer Hauss continued to shine in goal, credited with his 12th win of the season while lowering his goals against average to 3.89, best in the league. He also leads in saves percentage (.811). The Raptors (5-7), who advanced to the M2 Championship Game last season, has already qualified for the postseason this year by virtue of their second place finish in the North Division.



UP NEXT: Iowa Demon Hawks have complete their regular season / Iowa Raptors have completed their regular season.

**>> M2's CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND WILL
FEATURE EIGHT TEAMS PLAYING APRIL 4-7 AT
HARTMAN ARENA IN PARK CITY, KANSAS,
HOSTED BY THE WICHITA WINGS <<**



Saturday, March 16
ROCHESTER LANCERS 14
BALTIMORE ARSENAL 7
 Towson Arena, Towson, Maryland



GAME RECAP: Rochester (10-0) continued its march to a fifth perfect regular season in league history – and maybe on a colossal collision course with the Iowa Demon Hawks – in the M2 post season. Iowa has already finished at 12-0 and scored 156 goals along the way. In 10 games to date for the Lancers, they have poured in 130; so both have average exactly 13 goals per game average. In Baltimore (2-6), the Lancers outshot the Arsenal 38-24, with Aiden Miller and Taner Bay getting two goals and one assist each. Five different Lancers had three-point games as well with one goal and two assists including Davinson Diaz, Darren Toby and Jake Schindler. Joe Balls had two goals and well for Rochester. Villy Fortulus and Kofi Forkuoh each scored twice. Fortulus also added an assist for a three-point night, while Matt Martinez added a goal and two assists for Baltimore. Jakeb Mitchell was credited with 12 saves in picking up his seventh win.



UP NEXT: Rochester Lancers vs. United Elite Krajisnik FC on Friday, March 22 at 7:45 p.m. EDT at Total Sports Experience, East Rochester, NY / Baltimore Arsenal vs. Atletico Orlando on Saturday, March 23 at 6 p.m/ EDT at Baltimore Practice Facility Baltimore, Maryland.



Sat., March 16 / Sun., March 17
UNITED ELITE 14 ORLANDO 13
ORLANDO 5 UNITED ELITE 4
 Nexus Center / Adirondack Bank Center, Utica NY



GAME RECAPS: This past weekend's games between United Elite Krajisnik FC and Atletico Orlando have been ruled as two forfeit wins for Orlando, according to M2 Commissioner Chris Economides. "It is unfortunate that United Elite inadvertently dressed an ineligible player for the games," Economides said. "After several hours of discussions with the teams involved, and a review of all our relevant rules, we were left with no alternative than to declare the forfeits. We always strive for fairness to all teams involved, and while we feel for United Elite in this case, the end result came after a collaborative process with our members." Because M2 is a developmental league, in large part intended to showcase players' abilities and talents for possible



promotion to the Major Arena Soccer League, individual performances from the two games will continue to be reflected in the league's stats.

UP NEXT: United Elite Krajisnik at Rochester Lancers on Friday, March 22 at 7:45 p.m. EDT at Total Sports Experience, East Rochester, NY / Atletico Orlando at Baltimore Arsenal on Saturday, March 23 at 6 p.m. at Baltimore Practice Facility, Baltimore, MD.



Sat., March 16 / Sun., March 17
EL PASO 13 AMARILLO 7
EL PASO 9 AMARILLO 7
La Frontera Indoor Soccer, El Paso, Texas



GAME RECAPS: El Paso became the sixth team to clinch one of eight playoff spots in M2 in Wichita this April with another impressive offensive performance, ramming in 22 goals in two home games against Amarillo, which has already secured its spot in the postseason.

UP NEXT: These are the final regular season games for both teams.



Sunday, March 17
WICHITA WINGS 8
NEW MEXICO RUNNERS 6
Rio Rancho Events Center, Rio Rancho, NM



GAME NOTES: New Mexico (1-11) gave Wichita (11-0-1) all they could handle in the regular season finale for both. The Runners had leads on three different occasions, the last coming on a Terry Zamora goal less than three minutes into the third quarter. However, the Wings scored the last three goals of the game, including the winner from Jared Robbins with just over four minutes to go in the third quarter, part of his three goal afternoon. Mershad Ahmadi added two for Wichita, while Taylor Henry had a pair of goals as well.

Michael Stephens had a big afternoon for New Mexico with three goals and an assist. In two seasons in Albuquerque, he has nine goals in 15 games. Aaron Parrott picked up the win in goal for the Wings, his third of the season. He has appeared in seven total games with a .708 saves percentage.



UP NEXT: This is the last regular season game for both teams.



Sunday, March 17
ST. LOUIS AMBUSH 12
IOWA RAPTORS 4
 Family Arena, St. Charles, MO



GAME NOTES: St. Louis (4-8) closed out its first season in M2 in impressive style, beating last year's runners up for the M2 title, the Iowa Raptors. The Ambush 2 led just 3-1 at the break, but poured it on in the second half with four goals in the third and five more in the fourth. Skylar Funk, who has played for both the parent Ambush in the MASL this year, and previously in the MASL with the Florida Tropics, had a big game with four goals and two assists. Tristan Austin had a hat trick as well for St. Louis. Kyle Swanner and Nico Kardis had two assists each. Both have also logged time with the M1 Ambush this year as well. Matteo Anzallo and Merci Ngiriuseneza punched in a pair each for Iowa (5-7). Iowa will advance to the M2 playoffs in April by virtue of their second place finish in the North Division.



UP NEXT: This is the final regular season game for both teams.

STANDINGS

(As of March 19, 2024)

	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
>>East Division									
y - Rochester Lancers	10	10	0	0	30	10	130	44	+86
Atletico Orlando*	8	3	5	9	9	3	45	84	-39
United Elite Krajisnik FC*	10	3	8	0	9	3	64	72	-8
Baltimore Arsenal	8	2	6	0	6	2	39	78	-39

*Includes two games ruled as forfeit wins for Orlando over United Elite.

>>North Division

y - Iowa Demon Hawks	12	12	0	0	36	12	156	52	+104
x - Iowa Raptors	12	5	7	0	15	5	78	107	-29
St. Louis Ambush 2	12	4	8	0	12	4	77	111	-34
Muskegon Risers	12	3	9	0	9	3	64	105	-43

>>Midwest Division

y - Wichita Wings	12	11	0	1	34	11	122	70	+52
x - El Paso Rhinos U. Seis	12	8	4	0	24	8	128	113	+15
x - Amarillo Bombers	12	7	5	0	20	6	114	91	+20
Kansas Bandits	12	3	8	1	10	3	81	135	-54
New Mexico Runners	12	1	11	0	2	0	90	142	-52

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

GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	RW	GF	GA	DIF
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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

>>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 24 Atletico Orlando at Baltimore Arsenal, 1 p.m. EDT



THE STATS

2023-24 MASL 2 GOAL LEADERS

Player	Team	Goals	GP
Angel Lopez	Kansas Bandits	34	12
Rene Loya	Amarillo Bombers	29	12
Ali Alomari	Rochester Lancers	26	9
Bruno Henrique	Iowa Demon Hawks	26	12

Mershad Ahmadi	Wichita Wings	25	12
Ricardo Diegues	Iowa Demon Hawks	24	9
David Trevizo	Amarillo Bombers	22	12

2023-24 MASL 2 ASSISTS LEADERS

Player	Team	Assists	GP
Thiago Frietas	Iowa Demon Hawks	26	12
Bruno Henrique	Iowa Demon Hawks	24	12
Kevin Ten Eyck	Wichita Wings	19	12
Ricardo Diegues	Iowa Demon Hawks	16	9
Jake Schindler	Rochester Lancers	14	9
Eduardo "Benji" Monreal	Amarillo Bombers	14	8
Miguel Reyes	Amarillo Bombers	13	9

2023-24 MASL 2 TOTAL POINTS LEADERS

Player	Team	Points	GP
Bruno Henrique	Iowa Demon Hawks	50	12
Thiago Freitas	Iowa Demon Hawks	46	12
Ricardo Diegues	Iowa Demon Hawks	40	9
Angel Lopez	Kansas Bandits	39	12
Rene Loya	Amarillo Bombers	38	10
Ali Alomari	Rochester Lancers	37	9

2023-24 MASL 2 GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE LEADERS

Rainer Hauss	Iowa Demon Hawks	3.80
Jacob Mitchell	Rochester Lancers	4.26
Jose Ocampo	Wichita Wings	5.29
Alejandro Sosa	Baltimore Arsenal	8.23

2023-24 MASL 2 GOALKEEPER WINS

Rainer Hauss	Iowa Demon Hawks	12
Jose Ocampo	Wichita Wings	9
Jakeb Mitchell	Rochester Lancers	7
Fredo Chavez	Amarillo Bombers	7

2023-24 MASL 2 GOALKEEPER SAVES PERCENTAGE

Rainer Hauss	Iowa Demon Hawks	.821
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Jose Ocampo	Wichita Wings	.756
Jakeb Mitchell	Rochester Lancers	.689
Alejandro Sosa	Baltimore Arsenal	.647
Nate Yeager	New Mexico Runners	.590

>> 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

Player	Team	Goals
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

Player	Team	Assists
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

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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 years 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,’ Luddy 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.