



GAME NOTES for EMPIRE STRYKERS vs. BALTIMORE BLAST

Thursday, February 19, 2026



Major Arena Soccer League (MASL) Regular Season

Match Facts

Thursday, February 19, 2026 - 6:35 p.m. PT - Toyota Arena (Ontario, Calif.)

Broadcast Information

While the English live broadcast will air stateside on FOX Soccer Plus, it will also reach U.S. and international audiences via MASL+, the MASL's YouTube channel, Victory+, Unbeaten Network, Sportworld, APEX Sports, National Soccer Network, and local PBS station KVCR, with several of the platforms making the action available on demand as well. Around the world, English-speaking fans will be able to listen live via the exclusive radio broadcast on FOX Sports 1270AM. The Spanish-language live video broadcast will air exclusively in Mexico via the FOX Sports lineup of channels and outside of Mexico via the MASL's YouTube channel.

Team Records

Empire: 7-9-0 (wins-losses-overtime/shootout losses; 6th in MASL standings; Points: 19)

Baltimore: 6-6-2 (wins-losses-overtime/shootout losses; 7th in MASL standings; Points: 19)

Points Leaders

Empire: Mounir Alami, Justin Stinson (17 each)

Baltimore: Jonatas Melo (24; 5th in MASL), Oumar Sylla (21; tied for 10th in MASL)

Leading Goalscorers

Empire: Barbaro Shelier (11) Mounir Alami, Justin Stinson (10 each)

Baltimore: Jonatas Melo (14; tied for 6th in MASL), Juan Pereira (12; 5th in MASL)

Assists Leaders

Empire: Robert Palmer (11; tied for 8th in MASL), Mounir Alami, Justin Stinson, Alan Perez (7 each)

Baltimore: Oumar Sylla (15; tied for 1st in MASL), Jonatas Melo (10; tied for 5th in MASL)

Points-per-Game Leaders

Empire: Alan Perez (1.15 in 13 games), Barbaro Shelier (1.14 in 14 games)

Baltimore: Oumar Sylla (1.75 in 12 games; 8th in MASL), Jonatas Melo (1.71 in 14 games; 7th in MASL)



Leading Power-Play Goalscorers

Empire: Ant Powell (2; tied for 3rd in MASL), Robert Palmer, Marco Fabián, Barbaro Shelier (1 each; tied for 9th in MASL)

Baltimore: Jonatas Melo, Chad Poarch (2 each; tied for 3rd in MASL)

Blocks Leaders

Empire: Robert Palmer (36; 2nd in MASL), Filipe Dutra (17)

Baltimore: Juan Pereira (15), Marco Nascimento (13)

Goalkeepers

Goals-Against-Average

Empire: Claysson De Lima (3.89 in 6 games/139 mins; not eligible for MASL leaderboard since too few mins played), Brian Orozco (5.36 in 13 games/627 mins; 3rd in MASL) Brandon Gomez (6.35 in 7 games/180 mins)

Baltimore: Julian Rodriguez (5.47 in 13 games/746 mins)

Save Percentage

Empire: Claysson De Lima (75.7% in 6 games/139 mins; not eligible for MASL leaderboard since too few mins played), Brian Orozco (68.2% in 13 games/627 mins), Brandon Gomez (58.7% in 7 games/180 mins)

Baltimore: Julian Rodriguez (69.4% in 13 games/746 mins)

Total Saves

Empire: Brian Orozco (116), Claysson De Lima (28), Brandon Gomez (27)

Baltimore: Julian Rodriguez (152)

Goals & Assists

Empire: Brian Orozco (3 goals & 4 assists in 13 games/627 mins), Brandon Gomez (1 assist in 7 games/180 mins)

Baltimore: Julian Rodriguez (6 assists in 13 games/746 mins)

Points per Game

Empire: Brian Orozco (0.54 in 12 games), Brandon Gomez (0.14 in 7 games)

Baltimore: Julian Rodriguez (0.46 in 13 games)

Minutes per Point

Empire: Brian Orozco (~90), Brandon Gomez (~180)

Baltimore: Julian Rodriguez (~124)

Series History

The Strykers hold a 3-5 record in the all-time series, which includes a 1-0 record in overtime/shootout decisions. Even though Baltimore — like Empire — is an original MASL member club, the two sides did not face off until the 2017-18 campaign. In last season's only clash between the Strykers and the Blast, the Southern Californians grabbed a dramatic victory just about a year ago, downing the visitors from Maryland 4-3 in overtime. The 2025-26 series opener saw Baltimore claim an 8-2 home win back in early February.



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The Stakes

Having boosted their postseason hopes with unlikely back-to-back wins over mighty rival San Diego (5-4 away in overtime) and first-place Milwaukee (8-7 at home), Empire has an opportunity to truly shake up the MASL standings this week by making it four straight victories in their home games against the Baltimore Blast and the Tacoma Stars, each of whom have struggled on the road. Having climbed just above the playoff line, the sixth-place Strykers face a classic six-pointer in their meeting with Baltimore, as the seventh-place Blast sits even on points with two games in hand. Fifth-place Tacoma holds a one-point edge with two games in hand. Empire also needs to keep last-place Utica at bay, as the side from New York State has played one fewer game and trails by six points.

Under the guidance of then-rookie MASL Head Coach Onua Obasi, the Strykers last season returned to the knockout stages following three straight absences, falling 4-2 away to San Diego in the opening round.

Baltimore has been experiencing a rollercoaster 2025-26 so far. Most recently, the squad led by Head Coach David Bascome, which has been alternating between wins and losses in its last four fixtures, fell 7-3 to visiting St. Louis before drawing 7-7 with host Utica and prevailing in a shootout. Having comfortably punched its playoff ticket last season after previously missing out for the very first time, Baltimore advanced to the MASL semifinals, where host San Diego proved superior on the day, winning 11-3. The Blast looks to hoist its fourth championship trophy since the inaugural campaign in 2014-15, and its tenth across different leagues in the organization's storied 33-year history.

Strykers Availability Report

Out: Claysson De Lima (personal reasons), Cyro Oliveira (leg)

Doubtful: Walter Díaz González (leg)

Questionable: None

Probable: Abdul Mansaray (leg)

Suspensions: None

Match Preview

(from February 18, 2026)

Hernandez, Empire Ready for Six-Pointers vs. Baltimore, Tacoma

Pair of home games carries massive playoff implications

Ontario, Calif. — Having boosted their playoff hopes with unlikely back-to-back wins over mighty rivals San Diego Sockers and the first-place Milwaukee Wave, the Empire Strykers have an opportunity to truly shake up the Major Arena Soccer League (MASL) standings this week by making it four straight victories in their home games against the Baltimore Blast and the Tacoma Stars, each of whom have struggled on the road this season.

7-9-0 (wins-losses-overtime shootout losses) Empire takes on 6-6-2 Baltimore on Thursday at 6:35 p.m. PT, followed by Sunday's 4 p.m. PT clash with 7-6-1 Tacoma. While the English live broadcasts of both upcoming matches will air stateside on FOX Soccer Plus, they will also reach U.S. and international audiences via MASL+, the MASL's YouTube channel, Victory+, Unbeaten Network, Sportworld, APEX Sports and National Soccer Network, with several of the platforms making the action available on demand as well. The meeting with the Blast will also be carried live by local PBS station KVCR.

Around the world, English-speaking fans will be able to listen to the pair of games via the exclusive radio broadcasts on FOX Sports 1270AM. The Spanish-language live video broadcasts will air exclusively in Mexico via the FOX Sports lineup of channels and outside of Mexico via the MASL's YouTube channel.

In Sunday's rivalry game at San Diego, the Strykers recorded a dramatic 5-4 win in overtime. The hugely important victory, which snapped a three-game losing streak for Head Coach Onua Obasi's men, came despite a spirited rally by an opponent that had played at Kansas City the night before and had returned on the day of the second of its two weekend fixtures.

After leading 3-0 and later 4-2, the visitors saw their advantage evaporate but managed to find the golden tally well into the final minute of the additional ten. While Empire goalkeeper Brian Orozco earned an assist in the match, San Diego midfielder Leonardo De Oliveira had a goal and two helpers.

"Games in San Diego always get chippy, so you never know what's going to happen," said Polo Hernandez, who has been a lock in the Strykers midfield but had to watch from afar due to concussion protocol. "The guys put in a



good performance. I thought we had it under control, but a couple of mistakes led to the game going to overtime. Still, getting two points was massive, especially with where we're at in the season."

Empire would make it consecutive wins in its second straight nailbiter on Monday evening, defeating the league-leading Wave 8-7 at home. With each team playing its second match in as many days, the Strykers nearly let a 4-0 halftime lead slip away, as Milwaukee launched a furious comeback after the break. The Wisconsinites outscored Empire 7-4 in the final 27 minutes, powered by a four-point performance from Alex Sanchez and a three-point performance from Max Ferdinand, along with a brace by goalkeeper Gerardo Perez.

In addition to his goals, the 21-year-old Perez wreaked havoc again and again by joining the attack and sending several more dangerous shots on frame.

A quartet of players had standout showings for the Strykers. While captain Robert Palmer collected two assists and four blocks, fellow backline anchor Filipe Dutra finished with five blocks. Defender-midfielder Alan Perez continued his fantastic form on offense with two more goals and another helper, and backstop Brian Orozco made a staggering 18 saves and recorded a save percentage of 72.0%.

Back in the fold, Polo Hernandez had a strong showing of his own, collecting two assists in the contest.

"Milwaukee could have scored three or four in the first half, so we were fortunate to have a cushion," he said. "In the second half, they came out using the goalkeeper as an attacker, which caught us off guard. At that point, we were doing anything it takes to get the three points. Probably not a lot of people were counting on us for the win, but we believed in each other and got it done. I'm proud of the team for that."

The Sacramento native specifically addressed the unfamiliar territory of facing an additional attacker throughout the final two quarters, an approach pioneered last season by Empire Head Coach Obasi.

"We were saying after the game that this must be what other teams felt when we first brought the goalie up," offered Hernandez. "We're used to it because we train a lot with the goalie up, but it's different facing it in a game. We basically had to be on our toes the entire time. In the end, we also scored a couple because the goalie was pushed up, so I'd say we did okay against it."

Having climbed back into the MASL playoff picture, the sixth-place Strykers face two classic six-pointers this week. While seventh-place Baltimore is even on points with two games in hand, fifth-place Tacoma holds a one point edge with two games in hand. Empire also needs to keep last-place Utica City FC at bay, as the side from New York State has played one fewer game and trails by six points.

This season, Empire has been attacking by committee. Mounir Alami and Justin Stinson lead the team in points (17 each) while also jointly ranking runners-up in goals (10 each) and in assists together with Alan Perez (7 each), who tops the Strykers in points per game (1.15 in 13 games). Former Utica forward Barbaro Shelier, who debuted for Empire against Milwaukee, leads his new side in goals (11) and sits second in points per game (1.14 in 14 games), with Ant Powell being tied for third in the MASL in power play goals (2).

Notably, defender Robert Palmer not only sits second in the league in blocks (36) but also tied for eighth in helpers (9). Filipe Dutra has recorded the second-most blocks of all Strykers (17), tying him for tenth MASL-wide.

Palmer and Dutra are primarily tasked with protecting their team's backstops. While Brian Orozco ranks third in the league in goals-against average (5.36 in 13 games/516 mins), Claysson De Lima (3.89 goals-against average and 75.7% save percentage in 6 games/139 mins), who previously missed several matches due to injury, does not qualify for the leaderboard because he has logged too few minutes.

In addition to taking care of his core responsibilities, the 24-year-old Orozco is enjoying his most remarkable season on offense thus far, having earned three netters and four assists for a stunning 0.54 points per game. On average, he has earned one point for roughly every 90 minutes played.

Under the guidance of then-rookie MASL Head Coach Obasi, the Strykers last season returned to the playoffs for the first time since 2021.

In their meeting with the Blast, Obasi's men have a chance to improve on their 3-5 record in the all-time series, which includes a 1-0 record in overtime/shootout decisions. Even though Baltimore — like Empire — is an original MASL member club, the two sides did not face off until the 2017-18 campaign. In last season's only clash between the Strykers and the Blast, the Southern Californians grabbed a dramatic victory just about a year ago, downing the visitors from Maryland 4-3 in overtime. The 2025-26 series opener saw Baltimore claim an 8-2 home win back in early February.

"They dominated us in that game," said Empire's Hernandez. "Their field is very small, which makes it hard for us to implement our playing style and to keep possession. They're so comfortable there and put so much pressure on us that we could only do so much. At home, we're a lot more comfortable. Baltimore likes to be aggressive and to counter, so we have to keep the ball and avoid transitions. We've been doing a good job of that at Toyota Arena. I think we'll be successful."



The Blast has been experiencing a rollercoaster 2025-26 so far. Most recently, the squad led by Head Coach David Bascome, which has been alternating between wins and losses in its last four fixtures, fell 7-3 to visiting St. Louis before drawing 7-7 with host Utica and prevailing in a shootout.

Having comfortably punched its playoff ticket last season after previously missing out for the very first time, Baltimore advanced to the MASL semifinals, where host San Diego proved superior on the day, winning 11-3. The Blast looks to hoist its fourth championship trophy since the inaugural campaign in 2014-15, and its tenth across different leagues in the organization's storied 33-year history.

During the current campaign, the Baltimore attack has been primarily powered by the dynamic duo of Jonatas Melo and Oumar Sylla. Melo ranks sixth league-wide in points (24) and ninth in points per game (1.71 in 14 games) as well as tied for seventh in goals (14) and for third in power play goals together with his teammate Chad Poarch (2 each) — in addition to sitting second on Baltimore in assists (10). Sylla is seventh in the league in points per game (1.75 in 12 games) as well as tied for first in assists (15) and for ninth in points (21).

Juan Pereira not only ranks tied for tenth in the MASL in goals (10) but also leads the Blast in blocks (15), with Marco Nascimento (13) trailing narrowly behind. Like Empire 'keeper Brian Orozco, Baltimore netminder Julian Rodriguez has been a major threat on offense this season, his six assists in 13 games and 746 minutes making for an impressive 0.46 points per game and 124 minutes per point.

In Sunday's clash with the Tacoma Stars, Empire faces a squad that has been sliding in the standings and will be desperate to snap a three-game losing streak. Head Coach Adam Becker's team, which has gone 4-7 since opening its campaign with three straight narrow home victories, most recently fell 8-5 at St. Louis and 7-6 to visiting Milwaukee.

Of the Stars' seven total wins, two have come in shootouts and three by one-goal margins, and two more have come by two-goal margins. Meanwhile, three of Tacoma's defeats have been blowouts, giving the Washingtonians the second-worst goal differential in the league.

With the Strykers and the Stars having faced each other for the first time as MASL founding members during the 2014-15 campaign, the all-time head to head is tied at 22-22, which includes a 2-3 record in overtime/shootout decisions. The two sides have never met in the playoffs.

Last season, the Strykers took the series 4-1. After years of fierce battles over which team would make the elimination stages at the expense of the other, the four defeats went a long way toward Tacoma missing out in 2024-25. Empire leads the current campaign's count 2-1, having bounced back from a 3-2 away loss on December 20 with wins at home (10-3) and on the road (7-6) in early and mid-January, respectively.

When asked whether any changes are in order from Empire's big victory over the Stars about a month and a half ago, midfielder Polo Hernandez said, "If something worked, why go away from it? In some of our previous games, we've had spells where we dominated the opposition and some spells where it turned into transitions, which makes it hard for us to control the game and establish our style. In that game against Tacoma, we didn't really allow those bad spells. If we can do that again, we should be able to get the result."

Defensively, Tacoma is led by Logan Jones, who ranks tied for fourth in the MASL in blocks (23), with former Strykers fan favorite Nestor Hernandez (13) holding runner-up on his team. Stars goalkeeper Luis Birrueta sits third league-wide in goals-against average (5.49 in 13 games).

On a Tacoma attack that has struggled this season, Jamael Cox and Tyler John have been the standouts. While Cox leads the Stars in points (17), goals (10) and points per game (1.42 in 12 games), John (14 points, 8 assists, 1.27 points per game in 11 games) is second in all three categories. Midfielder Cox also ranks second in assists (7), narrowly trailing Alex Caceres (8). Eddie Na sits tied for third MASL-wide in power play goals (2).

Most Recent Game

(from February 16, 2026)

Empire Fights Off Wave Rally, Holds on for 8-7 Win
Quartet of Strykers shines in crucial victory over league leaders

Ontario, Calif. — The Empire Strykers made it back-to-back wins in their second straight nailbiter on Monday evening, defeating the first-place Milwaukee Wave 8-7 at home. With both teams playing their second game in as many days, the Strykers nearly let a 4-0 halftime lead slip away, as Milwaukee launched a furious comeback after the break. The Wisconsinites outscored Empire 7-4 in the final 27 minutes of the match, powered by a four-point



performance from Alex Sanchez and a three-point performance from Max Ferdinand, along with a brace by goalkeeper Gerardo Perez.

While Strykers captain Robert Palmer collected two assists and four blocks, fellow backline anchor Filipe Dutra finished the contest with a total of five blocks. Defender-midfielder Alan Perez continued his fantastic form on offense with two more goals and another helper, and 'keeper Brian Orozco made a staggering 18 saves, recording a save percentage of 72.0%.

With the victory, Empire improves to 7-9-0 on the 2025-26 Major Arena Soccer League (MASL) campaign, injecting further life into its postseason hopes.

The home side grabbed the lead just over a third of the way into the opening period. On a beautiful interplay in the right corner between Ant Powell, Polo Hernandez and Lucas Ramalho, Hernandez picked out fellow midfielder Ramalho for a simple finish from close range. The Strykers would double their lead with just over 42 seconds left on the clock, Justin Stinson receiving the ball from Palmer and sending a clever screened shot into the near-side bottom corner from the right.

In the game's second quarter, the Empire attack picked up right where it had left off, Perez picking out Mounir Alami for 3-0 just over four minutes in. Stinson then bagged his second netter late in the period, as the stung the gloves of Perez and collected his own rebound before calmly slotting the ball underneath the Wave backstop and inside the right post.

Milwaukee pulled one back early in the third quarter, 'keeper Perez adding to his attack-minded reputation by bravely pushing forward and taking a touch inside the right corner before poking a hard effort underneath the crossbar for 4-1. After the Wave's Mario Alvarez produced a spectacular last-ditch block with Perez again off his line, denying Stinson's attempted finish into the open net, Alvarez's side would cut its deficit to one by scoring two more goals for a total of three straight.

First, Max Ludwig picked up a pass by Sanchez and made it 4-2 by tucking a low curler inside the far post from a tight angle on the left. Then, Derek Huffman ran onto an attacking restart and sent a powerful first-time hit on frame that was touched home at the doorstep by Ferdinand. With their big lead reduced by three in barely more than six minutes, the Strykers would grab two crucial netters to interrupt their opponents' momentum.

After Dayerson Graterol produced a carbon copy of his goal in Sunday's overtime win at San Diego, cutting inside from the left and rifling a bullet underneath the bar, Abdul Mansaray won possession with Milwaukee's Perez pushed up and made it 6-3 by calmly sending the ball into the unguarded goal from inside his own half.

To the visitors' credit, they refused to give up, and they were rewarded when netminder Perez completed his brace, smashing a shot inside the near post from the right. Alvarez collected the assist on the play. Empire answered back shortly thereafter, as Alan Perez made it 7-4 after the ball was poked clear by recent signing Barbaro Shelier, who registered his first point in his first game with the new club.

The Wave kept things close by bagging its fifth with just under seven minutes to go in the contest. Ferdinand found Sanchez on the left, and the attacking ace opened up his hips to send a gorgeous curler over the top of fully-outstretched backstop Orozco and into the far-side upper ninety. Perez then reestablished his team's previous three-goal advantage at the other end. On a counterattack, a pair of Strykers missed first wide and then high, defender-midfielder Perez opportunistically nodding home the second rebound for 8-5.

The match transitioned into high drama mode when Milwaukee recorded two consecutive tallies to get back to within one. After Sanchez blasted a hart shot inside the left upright on a helper by Ferdinand, Oscar Flores converted from Sanchez to make it 8-7 with just over two minutes left on the clock. The away side continued to send its goalkeeper forward for the remainder of the contest, forcing a frantic conclusion and several moments of desperate defending by the Empire players. In the end, Head Coach Onua Obasi's side did just enough to hold on for a massive three points.



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Previous Game

(from February 15, 2026)

Empire Does It the Hard Way, Beats San Diego 5-4 in OT

Strykers bag crucial win after scrappy Sockers comeback from three goals down

Ontario, Calif. — The Empire Strykers gave their playoff hopes a much-needed boost on Sunday evening, recording a dramatic 5-4 overtime win away to regional foes San Diego Sockers. The hugely important victory, which snapped a three-game losing streak for Head Coach Onua Obasi's men, came despite a spirited rally by an opponent that had played at Kansas City the night before and arrived back on the day of the second of its back-to-back weekend fixtures.

Having led 3-0 and later 4-2, the visitors saw their lead evaporate but managed to find the golden tally well into the final minute of the additional ten, thereby collecting two points and improving to 6-9-0 (wins-losses-overtime/shootout losses) on their 2025-26 Major Arena Soccer League (MASL) campaign. Empire goalkeeper Brian Orozco earned yet another attacking point in the match, bringing his total to a staggering seven in 11 appearances. Meanwhile, San Diego midfielder Leonardo De Oliveira had a netter and two assists in the match.

The Strykers jumped on top early. Positioned near the boards on the left, Dayerson Graterol received a pass by Justin Stinson and cut inside before releasing a hard drive from the yellow line that nestled inside the far post. San Diego nearly leveled the match late in the period, former Empire attacker Charlie Gonzalez smashing a shot off the crossbar on a power play. Back to even strength, fellow Sockers midfielder Sebastian Mendez then went close himself with less than ten seconds left on the clock. The 24-year-old's low shot bounced off the inside of the right post and back into play.

The away side doubled its advantage well into the second quarter. Mounir Alami, Andy Reyes and Stinson combined for a beautiful interplay, with Reyes providing the assist and Stinson finding the back of the net for his second point. Moments after the break, Empire grabbed its third, as Ali Somow collected a pass by backstop Orozco and drove into the opposition half on the left, followed by a long-range bullet into the near-side upper corner for 3-0. However, just as the Strykers appeared to be in cruise control, the hosts pulled two back before the end of the opening third of the quarter.

After Charlie Gonzalez received a pass by De Oliveira and picked out the far-side netting with a well-placed shot from the left, the Sockers made it 3-2 by taking full advantage of Empire 'keeper Brian Orozco being pushed up into the attack. On a breakaway, Juan Salazar set up Jesus Pacheco via a shot off the boards to the left of the frame, Pacheco easily slotting the ball into the open net.

Early in the final period, the Strykers came agonizingly close to reestablishing their two-goal edge. On a power play following one of many violations by San Diego in quick successions, Marco Fabián found himself with the ball on the left side of the box and opted to open up his hips, his curled effort from a tight angle rattling the right post. Empire did make it 4-2 deep into the quarter, Alan Perez releasing Alami down the right and the Moroccan beating netminder Nathaniel Linquist courtesy of an exquisite finish inside the left upright.

Fielding six attackers, the Sockers had a golden chance to pull one back inside the final third of the fourth period, as Luiz Morales fired a shot off the left post. San Diego finally managed to cut its deficit to 4-3 on a super power play. Continuing on with an additional field player after a Strykers blue card, Nick Perera fired home on a helper by De Oliveira. The netter set the stage for a dramatic late equalizer by the hosts, Empire getting dispossessed with 'keeper Orozco pushed up into the attack and De Oliveira finding the unguarded goal with a perfect hit from inside his own half.

Brazilian De Oliveira had a massive chance to win all three points for his team, but his effort in the dying moments bounced off the left post. It would be the final noteworthy action of the sixty minutes, as the two longtime rivals headed to overtime. After Sockers star Gonzalez tragically had to be wheelchaired off with an apparent leg injury, his former team scored with just over 28 seconds left for a dramatic 5-4 victory. Flying down the right on a counterattack, Issak Somow set up the winner with a ball off the boards by the near post. The pinpoint helper made for an easy tap-in from the doorstep by Alami.



Recent Club News

(from February 19, 2026)

Strykers Make Aspire Club's Official Insurance Sponsor

MASL outfit partners with Rancho Cucamonga-based provider through 2027-28

Ontario, Calif. — The Empire Strykers of the Major Arena Soccer League (MASL) today announced a multi-year partnership with Aspire General Insurance, making the company the club's official insurance sponsor through the 2027-28 season. The agreement will not only bring Aspire's branding to Toyota Arena through in-game announcements, digital signage and promotional integrations but will also support the Strykers' transportation initiatives with branded passenger vans.

Founded in 2013, Aspire General Insurance works with a network of independent brokers and leverages a technology-driven platform aimed at delivering accessible and affordable auto insurance solutions. The company emphasizes a commitment to building a modern insurance experience focused on efficiency, transparency and customer care, while maintaining strong ties to the communities it serves across the United States.

As part of the collaboration, Aspire will receive prominent exposure across the Empire Strykers' digital platforms and gameday environment, including LED fascia ribbon board placement, promotional video features and sponsor messaging throughout home matches at Toyota Arena. Additionally, Aspire-branded passenger vans will enhance mobility for the club while increasing the partner's visibility throughout the Inland Empire.

"At Aspire, we believe strong communities build strong businesses. Sponsoring the Empire Strykers is more than a partnership. It's an investment in the families, youth and local leaders who make this region thrive," said Byron Storms, President and CEO of Aspire General Insurance. "The Strykers represent discipline, teamwork and resilience, values that align directly with our mission. We're proud to stand alongside an organization that brings people together and inspires the next generation."

Empire's Managing Partner, Jeff Burum, also expressed his excitement.

"We're thrilled to welcome Aspire General Insurance to our family," he said. "Local businesses are the backbone of our community, so it's especially exciting to be teaming up with a company from our own backyard. Aspire's commitment to supporting local families and providing accessible solutions aligns with our mission to connect with fans across our region. Partnerships like this help strengthen our foundation as we continue building something special on and off the field."

Recent Club News

(from February 16, 2026)

Strykers Sign Attackers Shkidchenko and Shelier

Duo adds wealth of international and MASL experience

Ontario, Calif. — The Empire Strykers of the Major Arena Soccer League (MASL) have signed Zahkar Shkidchenko and Barbaro Shelier, adding pace, creativity and a wealth of international experience to the club's roster. Both attackers are available immediately and could feature in tonight's home game against the Milwaukee Wave. While Shkidchenko is under contract through 2027-28, Shelier has committed through 2028-29, following a transfer from fellow MASL side Utica City FC in exchange for financial considerations.

Born and raised in Kyiv, Ukraine, Zahkar Shkidchenko earned a coveted spot in the youth academy of Dynamo Kyiv early in his life. After representing the European giants between the ages of 11 and 14, he continued his development domestically with FC Zmina Obolon, FC Avanhard Koriukivka and FC Lev Yashin.

In 2018, despite not speaking any English, the then 17-year-old moved to Illinois and played for Governors State University, the University of St. Francis and Lewis University. Between 2023 and 2025, he would lace up for United Premier Soccer League (UPSL) outfit FC Chicago Nation as well as for two more Chicago-based clubs in RWB Adria and Edgewater Castle FC.

"I'm incredibly grateful and excited to be joining the Strykers," said the 25-year-old Shkidchenko. "For a long time, I wasn't able to pursue opportunities like this, so finally being here truly means the world. What inspires me most is how much this organization gives back to the community. I'm ready to work hard, earn my place, help the team win, and continue growing as a player."



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Barbaro Shelier arrives from Utica after an impactful run in the MASL and boasting a decorated indoor soccer background from his native Cuba. Hailing from Havana, the 28-year-old represented Centro Habana in Cuban futsal for a decade, playing extensively alongside current Strykers teammate Walter Díaz González. He also spent one year with neighboring Cerro. Like fellow attacker Díaz González, Shelier is a former standout with his country's senior futsal national team.

After leaving Cuba in 2023 and eventually making his way to Florida, the forward participated in the 2024 U.S. Futsal National Championship in Las Vegas with a team from Miami. In November of the same year, he joined Utica City FC and would go on to record 13 attacking points (9 goals, 4 assists) in as many appearances during the remainder of his first MASL campaign. Prior to joining Empire this season, Shelier recorded 15 points (11 goals, 4 assists) in 13 matches for UCFC.

Last summer, the Havana native suited up for Newtown Pride FC under current Empire Head Coach Onua Obasi, playing in The Soccer Tournament (TST), the world's most prestigious small-sided outdoor competition.

"I'm excited for this new challenge with the Strykers" said Shelier. "My goals are to be a leader, to keep improving, and to help us reach the playoffs and compete for a title. Eventually, I also want to push for individual honors such MVP and the Golden Boot. It's important I represent the club and the community in the right way. I'm ready to give it my all. Go, Empire!"

Onua Obasi offered his perspective on the pair of signings.

"We're thrilled to welcome both of these players," said the reigning MASL Coach of the Year. "In addition to being fast and highly technical, Zahkar Shkidchenko adds a weapon from range with his powerful left foot. He's a young player with lots of upside. We expect him to be a goalscorer for us. Barbaro Shelier provides us with a big, physical presence up top who possesses excellent range and the ability to dribble past defenders. I believe he has the potential to develop into one of the top players in this league."

MASL Standings

Rk	Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	RW	GF	GA	Diff	Home	Away	Streak
1	 Milwaukee Wave	16	10	4	2	30	8	110	97	+13	5-1-0	5-3-2	L 1
2	 Kansas City Comets	17	9	5	3	28	7	112	103	+9	4-2-2	5-3-1	OTL 1
3	 San Diego Sockers	15	9	4	2	27	7	92	78	+14	4-1-2	5-3-0	OTL 1
4	 St. Louis Ambush	15	9	3	3	27	6	80	78	+2	5-1-1	4-2-2	W 3
5	 Tacoma Stars	14	7	6	1	20	5	69	88	-19	7-2-0	0-4-1	L 2
6	 Empire Strykers	16	7	9	0	19	5	83	84	-1	4-3-0	3-6-0	W 2
7	 Baltimore Blast	14	6	6	2	19	5	90	83	+7	4-3-1	2-3-1	W 1
8	 Utica City FC	15	4	8	3	13	2	85	110	-25	2-5-2	2-3-1	L 1

POINTS > REGULATION WINS > WINS > HEAD TO HEAD (OLD) > GOAL DIFFERENTIAL > GOALS FOR > GOALS AGAINST

Teams get 3 points for a Regulation Win, 2 points for an overtime/shootout Win, 1 point for an overtime/shootout loss.



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2025-26 Empire Strykers Roster

Numerical

Name	Position	#	Date of birth	Height	Citizenship
Brandon Gomez	Goalkeeper	0	February 13, 1996	5'10"	U.S.
Brian Orozco	Goalkeeper	1	October 15, 2001	5'10"	U.S. & Guatemala
Qudus Lawal	Forward	3	September 4, 1995	5'10"	Nigeria & U.S.
Mounir Alami	Forward	5	July 16, 1999	5'11"	Morocco
Cyro Oliveira	Midfielder-Defender	6	August 10, 1998	5'11"	Brazil
Jorge DeLeon	Midfielder	7	December 3, 1992	5'10"	U.S.
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Justin Stinson	Midfielder	10	May 29, 1997	5'10"	U.S.
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Ben Suddeth	Defender	16	February 18, 2002	5'8"	U.S.
Walter Díaz González	Forward-Defender	18	March 18, 1996	6'2"	Cuba
Alan Perez	Defender-Midfielder	20	March 31, 1999	5'11"	U.S.
Andy Reyes	Midfielder-Defender	21	June 25, 1992	5'4"	U.S. & Mexico
Claysson De Lima	Goalkeeper	22	March 2, 1998	6'2"	Brazil
Issak Somow	Midfielder-Defender	24	November 23, 1997	6'1"	Kenya & U.S.
Abdul Mansaray	Forward	28	November 20, 1996	6'0"	U.S. & England
Zahkar Shkidchenko	Forward	30	November 25, 2000	5'10"	Ukraine
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Technical Staff

Onua Obasi	Head Coach
Jesus "Chuy" Molina	Assistant & Goalkeeper Coach
Quenton Swift	Performance Coach
Daissy Zapiain	Head Athletic Trainer
Myo Set	Operations Support Manager
Jason Smith	Head Physical Therapist
Dr. Asghar Husain	Team Doctor
Dr. Kevin Parkes	Team Physician

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Pronunciation Guide

Mounir Alami Moo-NEER ah-LAH-mee	Steven Chávez STEE-vin CHAH-vez	Antonio De La Torre an-TOH-nee-oh deh lah TOH-reh
Claysson De Lima CLAY-suhn deh LEE-mah	Jorge DeLeon JORJ deh-lay-OWN	Filipe Dutra fee-LEE-pay DOO-tra
Walter Díaz Gonzalez WAHL-ter DEE-ahs gon-ZAH-les	Dayerson Graterol DYE-er-suhn gra-te-ROHL	Marco Fabián MAHR-koh fah-bee-AHN
Brandon Gomez BRAN-dun GOH-mez	Leopoldo "Polo" Hernandez leh-oh-POHL-do POH-lo her-NAN-dez	Qudus Lawal KOO-doos lah-WAHL (second vowel in <i>Qudus</i> like <i>book</i> , not <i>goose</i>)
Abdul Mansaray ab-DOOL man-sa-RAY	Cyro Oliveira SEE-roh oh-lee-VEH-rah	Brian Orozco BRY-uhn oh-ROHZ-koh
Robert "Berto" Palmer ROH-bert BER-to PAHL-mer	Alan Perez AL-uhn peh-REZ	Ant Powell ANT POW-uhl
Lucas Ramalho LOO-cas ra-MAH-lo	Andy Reyes AN-dee RAY-es	Barbaro Shelier BAR-bah-roh sheh-lee-EHR
Zahkar Shkidchenko ZAH-kar shkid-CHEN-koh	Ali Somow AH-lee SOH-moh	Issak Somow EE-sahk SOH-moh
Justin Stinson JUH-stin STIN-suhn	Ben Suddeth BEN SUD-eth	



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Team Stats

Field player abbreviations

Pos = Position; GP = Games Played; G = Goals; A = Assists; Pts = Points; PPGA = Points-per-Game Average; PIM = Penalty Minutes; GWG = Game-Winning Goals; S% = Scoring %; ShBl = Shots Blocked; PPG = Power Play Goals; SHG = Short-Handed Goals; Sh = Shots; F = Fouls; Blk = Blocked Opposition Shots; BC = Blue Cards; YC = Yellow Cards; RC = Red Cards

Goalkeeper abbreviations

GP = Games Played; GS = Games Started; W = Wins; L = Losses; OTL = Overtime Losses; SA = Shots Against; GA = Goals Against; GAA = Goals-Against Average; Sv = Saves; Sv% = Save %; SO = Shutouts; MP = Minutes Played; PIM = Penalty Minutes; G = Goals; A = Assists; BC = Blue Cards; YC = Yellow Cards

Empire Stats

STREAK	GOALS FOR AVERAGE	GOAL DIFFERENTIAL	POWER PLAY %	PENALTY KILL %
2w	5.2	-1	25%	78%

PLAYER STATS - REGULAR SEASON

#	Name	Pos	GP	G	A	Pts	PPGA	PIM	GWG	S%	SB	PPG	SHG	Sh	F	BS	BC	YC	RC
5	Alami, Mounir	F	16	10	7	17	1.1	0	2	.250	5	0	0	40	22	8	3	0	0
10	Stinson, Justin	M	16	10	7	17	1.1	2	0	.152	30	0	0	66	25	6	1	0	0
11	Shelier, Barbaro	F	14	11	5	16	1.1	0	0	.297	7	1	0	37	18	3	0	0	0
20	Perez, Alan	M/D	13	8	7	15	1.2	0	1	.364	7	0	2	22	4	13	0	0	0
18	Díaz González, Walter	F	11	8	4	12	1.1	2	1	.222	11	0	0	36	12	2	1	0	0
51	Palmer, Robert	D	14	1	11	12	0.9	4	0	.111	6	1	0	9	22	36	2	0	0
31	Chavez, Steven	M	15	5	6	11	0.7	2	1	.357	3	0	0	14	14	4	1	1	0
28	Mansaray, Abdul	F	10	7	2	9	0.9	0	1	.292	3	0	0	24	11	5	0	0	0
9	Powell, Anthony	F	14	6	3	9	0.6	0	0	.273	8	2	0	22	7	1	2	0	0
33	Fabián, Marco	M	10	7	1	8	0.8	0	0	.149	15	1	0	47	10	2	0	0	0
99	Somow, Ali	M	13	5	3	8	0.6	4	0	.200	13	0	0	25	15	0	2	0	0
8	Hernandez, Leopoldo "Polo"	M	15	2	6	8	0.5	7	0	.500	0	0	0	4	8	13	1	1	0
47	De La Torre, Antonio	M	8	2	2	4	0.5	6	0	.250	4	0	0	8	12	3	3	0	0
24	Somow, Issak	F	11	2	2	4	0.4	4	0	.200	4	0	0	10	19	4	2	0	1
14	Graterol, Dayerson	M	11	2	1	3	0.3	0	0	.154	5	0	0	13	9	1	1	0	0
70	Ramalho, Lucas	F/M	8	2	0	2	0.3	2	1	.200	2	0	0	10	5	1	1	0	0
3	Lawal, Qudus	F/M	5	1	0	1	0.2	0	0	.250	1	0	0	4	5	0	0	0	0



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7	DeLeon, Jorge	M	6	1	0	1	0.2	0	0	.083	5	0	0	12	1	1	0	0	0
44	Dutra, Filipe	D	10	1	0	1	0.1	7	0	.500	0	0	0	2	10	17	1	1	0
21	Reyes, Andy	D	5	0	1	1	0.2	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0
30	Shkidchenko, Zakhar	M	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
16	Suddeth, Ben	D	5	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	6	4	0	0	0
6	Oliveira, Cyro	M	6	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0

GOALKEEPER STATS - REGULAR SEASON

#	Name	GP	GS	W	L	OTL	SA	GA	GAA	Sv	Sv%	SO	MP	PIM	G	A	BC	YC
22	De Lima, Claysson	6	4	1	1	0	37	9	3.89	28	.757	0	138:44	2	0	0	1	0
1	Orozco, Brian	13	10	5	6	0	170	56	5.36	116	.682	0	626:43	0	3	4	0	0
0	Gomez, Brandon	7	2	1	2	0	46	19	6.35	27	.587	0	179:30	0	0	1	0	0

Baltimore Stats

STREAK GOALS FOR AVERAGE GOAL DIFFERENTIAL POWER PLAY % PENALTY KILL %
1w **6.4** **+7** **39%** **71%**

PLAYER STATS - REGULAR SEASON

#	Name	Pos	GP	G	A	Pts	PPGA	PIM	GWG	S%	SB	PPG	SHG	Sh	F	BS	BC	YC	RC
23	Melo, Jonatas	M	14	14	10	24	1.7	11	1	.286	18	2	0	49	12	12	3	1	0
2	Sylla, Oumar	D	12	6	15	21	1.8	2	0	.207	12	0	0	29	9	6	0	0	1
22	Pereira, Juan	F	14	12	7	19	1.4	4	0	.231	24	1	0	52	17	15	2	0	0
4	Poarch, Chad	D	11	11	5	16	1.5	0	2	.314	11	2	0	35	6	5	0	0	0
35	Chavez, Alejandro	M	12	7	7	14	1.2	0	1	.280	9	0	0	25	3	6	0	0	0
31	Frater, Kevaughn	F	13	9	3	12	0.9	4	0	.346	10	0	0	26	24	3	3	0	0
19	Guevara, Jairo	F	12	6	3	9	0.8	6	0	.316	6	0	0	19	25	5	5	0	0
88	Thompson, Patrick	D	12	5	1	6	0.5	2	0	.161	9	0	0	31	13	9	1	0	0
18	Ospina, Eber	M	8	4	1	5	0.6	5	0	.400	2	0	0	10	2	10	0	1	0
77	Bramusse, Wellington	F	14	4	1	5	0.4	6	1	.129	10	0	0	31	22	6	3	0	0
6	Williams, Nico	F	7	3	1	4	0.6	2	0	.231	3	0	0	13	7	0	1	0	0



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25	Henrique, Bruno	F	2	1	2	3	1.5	0	0	.200	3	0	0	5	3	1	0	0	0
7	Parreira, Victor	M	3	2	0	2	0.7	0	0	.200	4	0	0	10	1	5	0	0	0
78	Santana, Nelson	D	1	1	1	2	2.0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
33	Espinoza, Leonardo	F	9	1	1	2	0.2	0	0	.125	2	0	0	8	9	1	1	0	0
11	Nascimento, Marco	D	12	0	2	2	0.2	2	0	.000	5	0	0	13	8	13	1	1	0
42	Schindler, Jake	D	3	1	0	1	0.3	0	0	.250	2	0	0	4	0	6	0	0	0
20	Deasel, Mike	D	3	0	1	1	0.3	7	0	.000	1	0	0	2	4	4	1	1	0
8	Betancourt Marroquin, Gabriel	M	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	Mwape, Kelvin	F	4	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
91	Fisher, Oniel	D	5	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0
99	Goncalves, Maldini	F	6	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	3	0	0	5	2	0	1	0	0

INACTIVE PLAYER STATS - REGULAR SEASON

#	Name	Pos	GP	G	A	Pts	PPGA	PIM	GWG	S%	SB	PPG	SHG	Sh	F	BS	BC	YC	RC
17	Thomas, Jamie	M/D	8	2	1	3	0.4	7	0	.250	1	0	1	8	10	9	1	1	0
32	Silva, Matheus	D	6	0	2	2	0.3	4	0	.000	4	0	0	4	7	3	2	0	0
	Alvarado, Dom	F	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
80	Madad, Youness	P	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	O'Malley, Owen	M	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30	Privitera, Gabrielle	M	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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1	Schlaefli, Andre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	.000	0	00:00	0	0	0	0	0
28	Rodriguez, Julian	13	12	6	4	2	222	68	5.47	155	.698	0	745:57	4	0	6	2	0
97	Navarrete, Jorge	5	2	0	2	0	34	11	7.01	23	.676	0	94:08	2	0	0	1	0

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	Mejia, Michael	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	.000	0	00:00	0	0	0	0	0
24	Zierhoffer, Mike	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	.000	0	00:00	0	0	0	0	0



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MASL Leaders

Points



36 POINTS

Sanchez, Alex

#80 MIDFIELDER

Milwaukee Wave

Goals



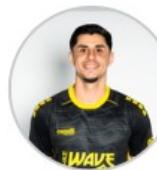
24 GOALS

Sanchez, Alex

#80 MIDFIELDER

Milwaukee Wave

Assists



15 ASSISTS

Alvarez, Mario

#10 DEFENDER

Milwaukee Wave

#26	Marques, Rian		36
#8	Reget, Zach		32
#10	Alvarez, Mario		31
#33	Pinal, Sergio		30
#23	Melo, Jonatas		24
#44	Steinwascher, Alex		23
#77	Perera, Nick		22
#19	Torrealba, Daniel		21
#2	Sylla, Oumar		21

#26	Marques, Rian		21
#8	Reget, Zach		21
#19	Torrealba, Daniel		17
#33	Pinal, Sergio		17
#10	Alvarez, Mario		16
#7	Francis, Dominic		14
#23	Melo, Jonatas		14
#16	Flores, Oscar		14
#44	Steinwascher, Alex		12

#2	Sylla, Oumar		15
#26	Marques, Rian		15
#11	De Oliveira, Leonardo		13
#77	Perera, Nick		13
#33	Pinal, Sergio		13
#80	Sanchez, Alex		12
#44	Steinwascher, Alex		11
#51	Palmer, Robert		11
#8	Reget, Zach		11

Points per game



2.6 PPG

Marques, Rian

#26 FORWARD

Kansas City Comets

Power Play Goals



4 PPG

Flores, Ignacio

#23 DEFENDER

Kansas City Comets

Short Handed Goals



2 SHG

Perez, Alan

#20 MIDFIELDER/DEFENDER

Empire Strykers

#80	Sanchez, Alex		2.3
#33	Pinal, Sergio		2.0
#10	Alvarez, Mario		1.9
#8	Reget, Zach		1.9
#21	Gonzalez, Charlie		1.8
#2	Sylla, Oumar		1.8
#11	De Oliveira, Leonardo		1.7
#23	Melo, Jonatas		1.7
#77	Perera, Nick		1.6

#8	Reget, Zach		3
#9	Powell, Anthony		2
#4	Poarch, Chad		2
#9	Na, Eddie		2
#23	Melo, Jonatas		2
#10	Alvarez, Mario		2
#16	Flores, Oscar		2
#7	Caceres, Alex		1
#80	Sanchez, Alex		1

#26	Marques, Rian		2
#44	Steinwascher, Alex		1
#7	Alves, Geo		1
#17	Thomas, Jamie		1
#93	Michaud, Jeff		1
#13	Mendez, Sebastian		1
#33	Pinal, Sergio		1
#21	Spurr, Willie		1
#28	Mansaray, Abdul		0



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Game Winning Goals



3 GWG
Anderaos, Christian
#31 MIDFIELDER
KC Comets

#37	Chiles, Kraig		3
#80	Sanchez, Alex		2
#44	Steinwascher, Alex		2
#4	Poarch, Chad		2
#19	Torrealba, Daniel		2
#10	Alvarez, Mario		2
#5	Alami, Mounir		2
#26	Marques, Rian		2
#28	Mansaray, Abdul		1

Penalty Minutes



24 PENALTY MINUTES
Ruggles, Drew
#8 DEFENDER
SD Sockers

#6	Pino, Guerrero		22
#21	Gonzalez, Charlie		16
#26	Marques, Rian		13
#13	Mendez, Sebastian		13
#23	Melo, Jonatas		11
#24	Brisco, Khai		11
#20	Walls, Tony		11
#29	Cerda, Cesar		9
#91	Pacheco, Jesus		9

Blocked Shots



45 BLOCKED SHOTS
Vandegriffe, Chad
#4 DEFENDER
KC Comets

#51	Palmer, Robert		36
#11	Thetsane, Lesia		29
#5	Williamson, Robert		25
#4	Jones, Logan		23
#31	Cardenas, Mitchell		23
#6	Pino, Guerrero		21
#6	Azcueta, Shawn		20
#8	Ruggles, Drew		19
#91	Hollimon, DeBray		17

Fouls



39 FOULS
Tavares, Jose
#8 DEFENDER
Utica City FC

#30	Alava, Juan		29
#19	Guevara, Jairo		25
#10	Stinson, Justin		25
#5	Rivers, Kyle		25
#15	Correa, Cesar		24
#31	Frater, Kevaughn		24
#29	Lenis, Michael		24
#11	Silva, Meny		23
#26	Marques, Rian		23



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GOALKEEPER

Goals Against Average



4.84 GAA

Nascimento, Paulo

#17 GOALKEEPER

St. Louis Ambush

Save Percentage



.729 SAVE %

Nascimento, Paulo

#17 GOALKEEPER

St. Louis Ambush

Wins



8 WINS

Pardo, Boris

#27 GOALKEEPER

San Diego Sockers

#27	Pardo, Boris		5.26
#1	Orozco, Brian		5.36
#28	Rodriguez, Julian		5.47
#00	Birrueta, Luis		5.49
#99	Ejimadu, Phillip		6.01
#33	Banahene, William		6.09
#25	Wilkin, Brian		6.30

#27	Pardo, Boris		.722
#28	Rodriguez, Julian		.698
#00	Birrueta, Luis		.695
#1	Orozco, Brian		.682
#33	Banahene, William		.673
#99	Ejimadu, Phillip		.661
#25	Wilkin, Brian		.660

#17	Nascimento, Paulo		8
#99	Ejimadu, Phillip		8
#33	Banahene, William		8
#28	Rodriguez, Julian		6
#00	Birrueta, Luis		6
#1	Orozco, Brian		5
#25	Wilkin, Brian		4

Saves



186 SAVES

Nascimento, Paulo

#17 GOALKEEPER

St. Louis Ambush

#25	Wilkin, Brian		167
#99	Ejimadu, Phillip		160
#27	Pardo, Boris		156
#28	Rodriguez, Julian		155
#00	Birrueta, Luis		153
#33	Banahene, William		150
#1	Orozco, Brian		116

GOALKEEPERS MUST PLAY AT LEAST 30% OF TOTAL TEAM MINUTES TO BE ELIGIBLE.



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2025-26 Empire Strykers Schedule

#	Date	Division	Away	vs	Home	Score	Time
2	Fri Nov 28	MASL		Empire Strykers	vs	San Diego Sockers	5 - 4 Final OT
8	Fri Dec 12	MASL		San Diego Sockers	vs	Empire Strykers	6 - 3
14	Fri Dec 19	MASL		St. Louis Ambush	vs	Empire Strykers	5 - 4
15	Sat Dec 20	MASL		Empire Strykers	vs	Tacoma Stars	2 - 3
22	Wed Dec 31	MASL		Empire Strykers	vs	Milwaukee Wave	1 - 3
24	Sat Jan 3	MASL		Empire Strykers	vs	San Diego Sockers	3 - 4
28	Thu Jan 8	MASL		Tacoma Stars	vs	Empire Strykers	3 - 10
33	Fri Jan 16	MASL		Empire Strykers	vs	St. Louis Ambush	2 - 4
38	Sun Jan 18	MASL		Empire Strykers	vs	Tacoma Stars	7 - 6
40	Thu Jan 22	MASL		San Diego Sockers	vs	Empire Strykers	5 - 9
45	Sun Jan 25	MASL		Kansas City Comets	vs	Empire Strykers	6 - 10



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47	Fri Jan 30	MASL		Empire Strykers	vs		Kansas City Comets	3 - 6	8:05PM EST
49	Sun Feb 1	MASL		Empire Strykers	vs		Baltimore Blast	2 - 8	3:00PM EST
51	Thu Feb 5	MASL		Utica City FC	vs		Empire Strykers	10 - 9	9:35PM EST
58	Sun Feb 15	MASL		Empire Strykers	vs		San Diego Sockers	5 - 4 Final OT	7:00PM EST
61	Mon Feb 16	MASL		Milwaukee Wave	vs		Empire Strykers	7 - 8	9:35PM EST
62	Thu Feb 19	MASL		Baltimore Blast	vs		Empire Strykers		9:35PM EST
68	Sun Feb 22	MASL		Tacoma Stars	vs		Empire Strykers		7:05PM EST
73	Thu Mar 5	MASL		San Diego Sockers	vs		Empire Strykers		9:35PM EST
76	Sat Mar 7	MASL		Empire Strykers	vs		St. Louis Ambush		7:05PM EST
79	Thu Mar 12	MASL		Tacoma Stars	vs		Empire Strykers		9:35PM EDT
83	Sun Mar 15	MASL		Empire Strykers	vs		Milwaukee Wave		3:05PM EDT
88	Sun Mar 22	MASL		Empire Strykers	vs		Utica City FC		3:00PM EDT
96	Sun Mar 29	MASL		St. Louis Ambush	vs		Empire Strykers		7:05PM EDT