



# GAME NOTES

## MATCH INFORMATION



TACOMA DEFIANCE

vs.



OAKLAND ROOTS SC

**Kickoff:** April 15, 2025 | 7:30 p.m. PT

**Location:** Starfire Stadium

**Broadcast:** Paramount+

**Talent:** Joe Malfa & Ricky Lopez-Espin

## MATCH NOTES

- Tacoma Defiance hosts USL Championship side Oakland Roots SC in the Third Round of the 2025 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup on Tuesday, April 15 at Starfire Stadium (7:30 p.m. PT / Paramount+).
- Tacoma advanced to face Oakland by defeating USL League One side Spokane Velocity 2-1 in the Second Round on April 2 at Starfire Stadium.
- Defiance is most recently coming off a 3-2 loss to LAFC2 on Thursday, April 10 at Titan Stadium. Osaze De Rosario scored a brace in the contest and now leads all of MLS NEXT Pro with five goals.
- Per the policy determined by U.S. Soccer and Major League Soccer, due to Sounders FC's inclusion in the 2025 editions of both Leagues Cup and Concacaf Champions Cup, Tacoma Defiance is participating in the 2025 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup in place of the organization's First Team. Defiance is one of eight MLS NEXT Pro teams that entered in the tournament.
- Following Tuesday's match, Tacoma travels to Sporting KC II on Wednesday, April 23 at Swope Park Stadium (4:00 p.m. PT / Apple TV).

## 2025 DEFIANCE SCHEDULE

MLS NEXT PRO REGULAR SEASON RECORD: 2-2-0  
(HOME: 2-0-0, AWAY: 0-2-0, GD: +2)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (PT) / RESULT
3/7	at Ventura County FC	L, 2-3
3/14	The Town FC	W, 3-1
3/20	Wash. Athl. Club	W, 3-1 (U.S. Open Cup)
4/2	Spokane Velocity	W, 2-1 (U.S. Open Cup)
4/6	Whitecaps FC 2	W, 5-3
4/10	at LAFC2	L, 2-3
4/15	Oakland Roots SC	7:30 p.m. (U.S. Open Cup)
4/23	at Sporting KC II	4:00 p.m.
4/26	St. Louis CITY2	7:00 p.m.
5/2	at Ventura County FC	5:00 p.m.
5/14	at Whitecaps FC 2	6:00 p.m.
5/18	at Timbers2	7:30 p.m.
5/25	North Texas SC	7:00 p.m.
5/31	Minnesota United FC 2	7:00 p.m.
6/11	at Real Monarchs	6:30 p.m.
6/29	at LAFC2	7:00 p.m.
7/3	The Town FC	7:00 p.m.
7/17	Real Monarchs	7:00 p.m.
7/20	at Colorado Rapids 2	5:00 p.m.
7/27	Timbers2	7:00 p.m.
8/1	Ventura County FC	7:00 p.m.
8/10	LAFC2	8:00 p.m.
8/15	at Minnesota United FC 2	5:00 p.m.
8/24	at Timbers2	8:00 p.m.
8/31	at Real Monarchs	6:30 p.m.
9/4	Whitecaps FC 2	7:00 p.m.
9/12	Austin FC II	7:00 p.m.
9/17	at Houston Dynamo 2	5:00 p.m.
9/21	Colorado Rapids 2	7:00 p.m.
9/28	at The Town FC	5:00 p.m.
10/5	Houston Dynamo 2	1:00 p.m.

**2025 TACOMA DEFIANCE ROSTER**

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Birthdate	Hometown	Previous Club
3	Travian Sousa#	D	5-11	180	09/19/01	Lathrop, CA	Oakland Roots SC (USL)
4	Leo Burney#	D	6-3	195	11/02/01	Seattle, WA	Penn (NCAA)
21	Reed Baker-Whiting#	M	5-11	154	03/31/05	Seattle, WA	Sounders FC Academy
29	Jacob Castro#	GK	6-4	190	12/18/99	Tacoma, WA	San Diego State (NCAA)
30	Lars Hellenen	GK	6-2	190	10/13/98	Edmonds, WA	Colorado Rapids 2 (MLSNP)
31	Birame Diaw	D	5-9	163	05/01/03	Dakar, Senegal	RFC Liège II (Belgium)
32	Joonmo Kang	M	5-10	167	02/08/02	Seoul, South Korea	Ansan Greeners (South Korea)
33	Cody Baker#	D	5-10	155	01/04/04	Issaquah, WA	Sounders FC Academy
34	Danny Robles	M	5-6	158	01/04/02	Burien, WA	Northern Colorado Hailstorm (USL)
35	Antino Lopez	D	6-0	170	05/21/02	Las Vegas, NV	Duke (NCAA)
36	Yu Tsukanome	F	5-9	165	12/21/00	Saitama, Japan	Dakota Fusion FC (NPSL)
37	Snyder Brunell	M	5-10	151	03/23/07	Kirkland, WA	Sounders FC Academy
38	Kaito Yamada*	D	6-3	155	08/31/06	Itami, Japan	Vissel Kobe (Japan)
39	Stuart Hawkins#	D	6-1	158	09/18/06	Fox Island, WA	Sounders FC Academy
40	Charles Dodzi	M	6-3	166	12/10/06	Accra, Ghana	DME Academy
41	Mohammed Shour	GK	6-2	196	09/12/07	Seattle, WA	Sounders FC Academy
42	Rafferty Pedder	M	5-7	143	04/06/02	Maidstone, England	Queens Park Rangers U21 (England)
43	Omar Hassan	M	5-5	125	03/24/09	Seattle, WA	Sounders FC Academy
44	Charlie Gaffney	M	5-9	156	07/29/01	Seattle, WA	Penn (NCAA)
45	Peter Kingston	M	5-11	155	07/14/01	Tukwila, WA	Washington (NCAA)
46	Ryan Baer	M	5-8	142	05/29/01	Huntersville, NC	West Virginia (NCAA)
47	Demian Alvarez	D	5-11	180	03/26/02	Chico, CA	Seattle University (NCAA)
48	Jackson Khoury	M	6-1	165	11/13/02	Baulkham Hills, Australia	South Georgia Tormenta (USL)
51	Etienne Veillard^	D/M	5-7	140	05/03/07	Les Cayes, Haiti	
52	Mitchell Emert^	D	5-8	149	05/12/08	Seattle, WA	
53	Gallatin Sandnes^	D	6-0	156	06/03/08	Seattle, WA	
54	Shaun Brun^	D	6-0	173	08/27/07	Seattle, WA	
55	Kelvin Luis-Brito^	M	5-4	148	05/02/08	Kirkland, WA	
56	Noah Newman^	GK	6-4	177	10/23/07	Seattle, WA	
59	Leo Flores^	F	5-7	142	04/15/08	Anaheim, CA	
74	Edson Carli^	M	5-8	160	08/23/07	Lake Forest Park, WA	
75	Danny Leyva#	M	5-10	150	05/05/03	Las Vegas, NV	Sounders FC Academy
83	Elias Katsaros	D	5-11	169	01/03/02	Federal Way, WA	San Diego State (NCAA)
85	Kalani Kossa-Rienzi#	D/M	5-7	167	06/27/02	Berkeley, CA	Washington (NCAA)
90	Sebastian Gomez	M	5-9	150	05/21/06	Seattle, WA	Sounders FC Academy
95	Osaze De Rosario	F	6-2	189	07/19/01	San Jose, CA	York United FC (CPL)

#Sounders FC First Team Player

^Sounders FC Academy Player

**2025 TACOMA DEFIANCE TECHNICAL STAFF**

<b>General Manager &amp; Chief Soccer Officer</b>	Craig Waibel
<b>Technical Director</b>	Henry Brauner
<b>Director of Development</b>	Wade Webber
<b>Defiance Head Coach</b>	Hervé Diese
<b>Defiance Assistant Coach</b>	Mike Morris
<b>Defiance Athletic Trainer</b>	Emma Strom
<b>Director of Player Personnel</b>	Corey Sinsler
<b>Team Services Director</b>	Vince Johnson
<b>Team Services Coordinator</b>	Josh Gehrke
<b>MLS NEXT Pro Equipment Manager</b>	Jojo Comstock



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## 30 GK LARS HELLERN

**Height:** 6-2  
**Weight:** 190  
**Born:** October 13, 1998  
**Hometown:** Edmonds, WA  
**Pronunciation:** LARH-z HEL-ur-en



## 31 D BIRAME DIAW

**Height:** 5-9  
**Weight:** 163  
**Born:** May 1, 2003  
**Hometown:** Dakar, Senegal  
**Pronunciation:** Bee-rum Joe



## 32 M JOONMO KANG

**Height:**  
**Weight:**  
**Born:** February 8, 2002  
**Hometown:** Seoul, South Korea  
**Pronunciation:** June-mo



## 34 M DANNY ROBLES

**Height:** 5-6  
**Weight:** 158  
**Born:** January 1, 2002  
**Hometown:** Burien, WA



## 35 D ANTINO LOPEZ

**Height:** 6-0  
**Weight:** 170  
**Born:** May 21, 2002  
**Hometown:** Las Vegas, NV



## 36 F YU TSUKANOME

**Height:** 5-9  
**Weight:** 165  
**Born:** December 21, 2000  
**Hometown:** Saitama, Japan  
**Pronunciation:** You Soo-ka-no-mey



## 37 M SNYDER BRUNELL

**Height:** 5-10  
**Weight:** 151  
**Born:** March 23, 2007  
**Hometown:** Kirkland, WA  
**Pronunciation:** BREW-nell



## 38 D KAITO YAMADA

**Height:** 6-3  
**Weight:** 155  
**Born:** August 31, 2006  
**Hometown:** Itami, Japan  
**Pronunciation:** Kai-toe Ya-mah-duh  
*\*On loan from Vissel Kobe*



## 40 M CHARLES DODZI

**Height:** 6-3  
**Weight:** 166  
**Born:** December 10, 2006  
**Hometown:** Accra, Ghana



## 41 GK MOHAMMED SHOUR

**Height:** 6-2  
**Weight:** 180  
**Born:** September 12, 2007  
**Hometown:** Seattle, WA  
**Pronunciation:** Shore



## 42 M RAFFERTY PEDDER

**Height:** 5-7  
**Weight:** 143  
**Born:** April 6, 2002  
**Hometown:** Maidstone, England



## 43 M OMAR HASSAN

**Height:** 5-6  
**Weight:** 130  
**Born:** March 24, 2009  
**Hometown:** Seattle, WA





**44 M CHARLIE GAFFNEY**

**Height:** 5-9  
**Weight:** 150  
**Born:** July 29, 2003  
**Hometown:** Seattle, WA



**45 M PETER KINGSTON**

**Height:** 5-8  
**Weight:** 153  
**Born:** July 14, 2001  
**Hometown:** Tukwila, WA



**46 M RYAN BAER**

**Height:** 5-8  
**Weight:** 142  
**Born:** May 29, 2001  
**Hometown:** Huntersville, NC  
**Pronunciation:** Bear



**47 D DEMIAN ALVAREZ**

**Height:** 6-3  
**Weight:** 178  
**Born:** March 26, 2002  
**Hometown:** Chico, CA  
**Pronunciation:**  
Day-me-un Al-vuh-rez



**48 M JACKSON KHOURY**

**Height:** 6-4  
**Weight:** 165  
**Born:** November 13, 2002  
**Hometown:** Baulkham Hills, Australia  
**Pronunciation:** Coor-ee



**83 D ELIAS KATSAROS**

**Height:** 5-7  
**Weight:** 163  
**Born:** January 3, 2002  
**Hometown:** Federal Way, WA  
**Pronunciation:**  
Ell-ee-us Cat-sar-ohs



**90 M SEBASTIAN GOMEZ**

**Height:** 5-8  
**Weight:** 138  
**Born:** May 21, 2006  
**Hometown:** Seattle, WA



**95 F OSAZE DE ROSARIO**

**Height:** 6-2  
**Weight:** 180  
**Born:** July 19, 2001  
**Hometown:** San Jose, CA  
**Pronunciation:**  
Oh-SAW-zay DEE Rose-are-ee-oh

