

MATCH INFORMATION



TACOMA DEFIANCE

at



SPORTING KC II

Kickoff: April 23, 2025 | 4:00 p.m. PT

Location: Swope Park

Broadcast: MLSNEXTPro.com

Talent: Sam Goldfarb

MATCH NOTES

- Tacoma Defiance travels to Sporting KC II on Wednesday, April 23 at Swope Park (4:00 p.m PT / MLSNEXTPro.com).
- Tacoma most recently defeated USL
 Championship side Oakland Roots SC 2-1 in
 the Third Round of the 2025 U.S. Open Cup on
 Tuesday, April 15 at Starfire Stadium. Osaze De
 Rosario scored the game-winning goal in the
 second half of extra time.
- The club will now face the Portland Timbers in the U.S. Open Cup Round of 32 on Tuesday, May 6 at Starfire Stadium (7:00 p.m. PT / Paramount + / CBS Sports Network).
- In league play, Tacoma fell 3-2 to LAFC2 on Thursday, April 10 at Titan Stadium. De Rosario scored a brace in the contest and leads all of MLS NEXT Pro with five goals.
- Defiance has scored 12 goals through four matches, tied for third in MLSNP. Tacoma has played fewer games than every other club ranked above it.
- Following Wednesday's match, Tacoma returns home take on St. Louis CITY2 on Saturday, April 26 at Starfire Stadium (7:00 p.m. PT / MLSNEXTPro.com).

2025 DEFIANCE SCHEDULE

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

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



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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 Helleren	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 Liége 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

2025 TACOMA DEFIANCE TECHNICAL STAFF

Craig Waibel **General Manager & Chief Soccer Officer** Henry Brauner **Techincal Director Director of Development** Wade Webber **Defiance Head Coach** Hervé Diese **Defiance Assistant Coach** Mike Morris **Defiance Athletic Trainer** Emma Strom **Director of Player Personnel** Corey Sinser **Team Services Director** Vince Johnson **Team Services Coordinator** Josh Gehrke **MLS NEXT Pro Equipment Manager** Jojo Comstock

[^]Sounders FC Academy Player



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30 GK LARS HELLEREN

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





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CHARLIE GAFFNEY

Height: 5-9 Weight: 150

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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: Hunersville, NC Pronunciation: Bear



47 D DEMIAN ALVAREZ

Height: 6-3 Weight: 178

Born: March 26, 2002 Hometown: Chico, CA Prononunciation: Day-me-un Al-vuh-rez



48 M JACKSON KHOURY

Height: 6-4 Weight: 165

Born: November 13, 2002

Hometown: Baulkahm Hills, Australia

Prononunciation: Coor-ee



83 D ELIAS KATSAROS

Height: 5-7 Weight: 163

Born: January 3, 2002 Hometown: Federal Way, WA

Prononunciation: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

Prononunciation:

Oh-SAW-zay DEE Rose-are-ee-oh

