



GAME NOTES

MATCH INFORMATION



TACOMA DEFIANCE
vs.
NORTH TEXAS SC

Kickoff: May 25, 2025 | 7:00 p.m. PT

Location: Starfire Stadium

Broadcast: MLSNEXTPro.com

Talent: Sam Goldfarb

MATCH NOTES

- Tacoma Defiance hosts North Texas SC on Sunday, May 25 at Starfire Stadium (7:00 p.m. PT / MLSNEXTPro.com).
- Defiance is coming off a 2-1 loss to Timbers2 on May 18, with Yu Tsukanome scoring the lone goal for Tacoma.
- Tacoma currently holds a 5-4-0 record and sits in second place in the Pacific Division with 15 points, six points behind division leader Ventura County FC.
- Tsukanome's goal against T2 was good for his eighth of the season, tied for the most in MLS NEXT Pro alongside Sounders FC forward Osaze De Rosario and Whitecaps FC 2's Nelson Pierre.
- Defiance and North Texas played twice last year, including in the Western Conference Semifinals, with North Texas winning both contests.
- Following Sunday's match, Defiance stays at home to host Minnesota United FC 2 on Saturday, May 31 at Starfire Stadium (7:00 p.m. PT / MLSNEXTPro.com).

2025 DEFIANCE SCHEDULE

MLS NEXT PRO REGULAR SEASON RECORD: 5-4-0
(HOME: 3-0-0, AWAY: 2-4-0, GD: +3)

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	W, 2-1 (U.S. Open Cup)
4/23	at Sporting KC II	W, 4-1
4/26	St. Louis CITY2	W, 4-1
5/2	at Ventura County FC	W, 2-1
5/6	Portland Timbers	L, 2-3 (U.S. Open Cup)
5/14	at Whitecaps FC 2	L, 0-5
5/18	at Timbers2	L, 1-2
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.

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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

^Sounders FC Academy Player

2025 TACOMA DEFIANCE TECHNICAL STAFF

General Manager & Chief Soccer Officer
Techincal Director
Director of Development
Defiance Head Coach
Defiance Assistant Coach
Defiance Athletic Trainer
Director of Player Personnel
Team Services Director
Team Services Coordinator
MLS NEXT Pro Equipment Manager

Craig Waibel
Henry Brauner
Wade Webber
Hervé Diese
Mike Morris
Emma Strom
Corey Sinser
Vince Johnson
Josh Gehrke
Jojo Comstock



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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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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

