



GAME NOTES

MATCH INFORMATION



TACOMA DEFIANCE

vs.

MINNESOTA UNITED FC 2



Kickoff: May 31, 2025 | 7:00 p.m. PT

Location: Starfire Stadium

Broadcast: MLSNEXTPro.com

Talent: James Hadnot

MATCH NOTES

- Tacoma Defiance hosts Minnesota United FC 2 on Saturday, May 31 at Starfire Stadium (7:00 p.m. PT / MLSNEXTPro.com).
- Defiance is coming off a 3-2 loss to North Texas SC on May 25, with Yu Tsukanome and Kaito Yamada scoring for the club.
- With the result, Tacoma holds a 5-5-0 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 North Texas was good for his ninth of the season, the most in MLS NEXT Pro. The striker scored five goals during the entirety of the 2023 campaign.
- Defiance and Minnesota played twice last season, with the two sides each winning their respective home contest.
- Following Saturday's match, Defiance has a week of before traveling to Real Monarchs on Wednesday, June 11 at Zions Bank Stadium (6:30 p.m. PT / MLSNEXTPro.com).

2025 DEFIANCE SCHEDULE

MLS NEXT PRO REGULAR SEASON RECORD: 5-4-0
(HOME: 3-1-0, AWAY: 2-4-0, 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	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	L, 2-3
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

General Manager & Chief Soccer Officer

Technical 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

**TACOMA DEFIANCE vs. MINNESOTA UNITED FC 2 | MAY 31, 2025 - 7:00 P.M. PT****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





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

