



GAME NOTES

MATCH INFORMATION



TACOMA DEFIANCE
vs.
VENTURA COUNTY FC



Kickoff: August 1, 2025 | 7:00 p.m. PT

Location: Starfire Stadium

Broadcast: Apple TV

Talent: Jake Griffith

MATCH NOTES

- Tacoma Defiance hosts Ventura County FC on Friday, August 1 at Starfire Stadium (7:00 p.m. PT / Apple TV).
- Defiance is coming off a 2-1 loss to Timbers2 where Yu Tsukanome scored the lone goal for Tacoma.
- With the result, Tacoma sits in 12th place in the Western Conference and sixth in the Pacific Division with 23 points (6-8-3).
- Ventura County sits in first place in the Pacific Division with 32 points (9-5-4).
- The two sides have already met twice this year. Ventura won the first matchup 3-2 on March 7 before Tacoma won 2-1 on May 2, both home matches for Ventura County.
- Tacoma Defiance midfielder Snyder Brunell signed with Sounders FC earlier this week, the 25th Homegrown Player in Seattle's history.
- Following Friday's match, Tacoma hosts LAFC2 on Sunday, August 10 at Starfire Stadium (8:00 p.m. PT / MLSNEXTPro.com).

2025 DEFIANCE SCHEDULE

MLS NEXT PRO REGULAR SEASON RECORD: 6-8-3
(HOME: 3-2-3, AWAY: 3-6-0, GD: -1)

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	D, 1-1
6/11	at Real Monarchs	L, 1-2
6/29	at LAFC2	W, 3-2
7/3	The Town FC	D, 4-4
7/17	Real Monarchs	D, 2-2
7/20	at Colorado Rapids 2	L, 4-6
7/27	Timbers2	L, 1-2
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 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

*On loan from Vissel Kobe

%On loan with Richmond Kickers

2025 TACOMA DEFIANCE TECHNICAL STAFF

General Manager & Chief Soccer Officer
 Technical Director
 Director of Development
 Defiance Interim Head 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
 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**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



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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

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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

