



# GAME NOTES

## MATCH INFORMATION



TACOMA DEFIANCE

vs.

HOUSTON DYNAMO 2



**Kickoff:** October 5, 2025 | 1:00 p.m. PT

**Location:** Starfire Stadium

**Broadcast:** Apple TV

**Talent:** Philip Galati

## MATCH NOTES

- Tacoma Defiance hosts Houston Dynamo 2 in a Decision Day matchup on Sunday, October 5 at Starfire Stadium (1:00 p.m. PT / Apple TV).
- Defiance is coming off a 1-0 road win over Pacific Division-leading The Town FC on September 28.
- With the result, Tacoma sits in 12th place in the Western Conference and sixth in the Pacific Division with 33 points (9-14-4).
- Houston Dynamo 2 sits in 10th place in the Pacific Division with 37 points (9-12-6).
- This is the second meeting between the two sides this year. Defiance won the first match 2-1 on the road on September 17.
- Tacoma forward Yu Tsukanome now has 16 goals this season, tied for second in the league and two away from the Golden Boot.
- Following Sunday's match, Tacoma officially heads into the offseason to begin preparations for the 2026 MLS NEXT Pro season.

## 2025 DEFIANCE SCHEDULE

MLS NEXT PRO REGULAR SEASON RECORD: 9-14-4  
(HOME: 4-6-3, AWAY: 5-8-1, GD: -9)

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	L, 4-6
8/10	LAFC2	W, 4-2
8/15	at Minnesota United FC 2	D, 1-1
8/24	at Timbers2	L, 1-2
8/31	at Real Monarchs	L, 0-3
9/4	Whitecaps FC 2	L, 1-3
9/12	Austin FC II	L, 2-1
9/17	at Houston Dynamo 2	W, 2-1
9/21	Colorado Rapids 2	L, 1-4
9/28	at The Town FC	W, 1-0
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)
31	Birame Diaw	D	5-9	163	05/01/03	Dakar, Senegal	RFC Liège II (Belgium)
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

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**2025 TACOMA DEFIANCE TECHNICAL STAFF**

**General Manager & Chief Soccer Officer**

Craig Waibel

**Technical Director**

Henry Brauner

**Director of Development**

Wade Webber

**Defiance Interim Head Coach**

Mike Morris

**Defiance Athletic Trainer**

Emma Strom

**Director of Player Personnel**

Corey Sinsler

**Team Services Director**

Vince Johnson

**Team Services Coordinator**

Josh Gehrke

**MLS NEXT Pro Equipment Manager**

Jojo Comstock



**31 D BIRAME DIAW**

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



**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



**45 M PETER KINGSTON**

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



**46 M RYAN BAER**

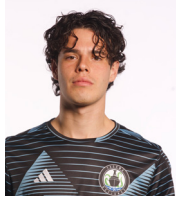
**Height:** 5-8  
**Weight:** 142  
**Born:** May 29, 2001  
**Hometown:** Huntersville, NC  
**Pronunciation:** Bear  
*\*On loan with the Richmond Kickers*





**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:** Baulkahn 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

