



GAME NOTES

MATCH INFORMATION



TACOMA DEFIANCE

VS.

LAFC 2



Kickoff: March 1, 2026 | 7:00 p.m. PT

Location: Starfire Stadium

Broadcast: One Football / MLSNEXTPro.com

Talent: Ryan Le

MATCH NOTES

- Tacoma Defiance kicks off its 2026 MLS NEXT Pro campaign against LAFC 2 on Sunday, March 1 at Starfire Stadium (7:00 p.m. PT / One Football / MLSNEXTPro.com)
- Defiance is coming off a 2025 season that saw the club finish in 12th place in the Western Conference with 36 points (10-14-4), missing the playoffs for the first time since joining MLS NEXT Pro in 2022.
- LAFC2 finished in 13th place in the West in 2025 with 33 points (9-15-4).
- Yu Tsukanome set the single-season S2/ Defiance goal-scoring record with 21 goals in all competitions. Tsukanome signed with Sounders FC in the 2026 offseason.
- Tacoma hired Paulo Nagamura as its newest Head Coach. Nagamura has experience coaching with Houston Dynamo FC and Chicago Fire FC. Former Sounders FC midfielder João Paulo was also hired as an Assistant Coach.
- Following Sunday's match, Tacoma hits the road to take on Houston Dynamo 2 on Sunday, March 8 at SaberCats Stadium (4:00 p.m. PT / One Football / MLSNEXTPro.com).

2026 DEFIANCE SCHEDULE

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

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (PT) / RESULT
3/1	LAFC 2	7:00 p.m.
3/8	at Houston Dynamo 2	4:00 p.m.
3/14	SJ Earthquakes II	7:00 p.m.
3/22	Austin FC II	7:00 p.m.
3/29	Ventura County FC	8:00 p.m.
4/12	at Whitecaps FC 2	4:00 p.m.
4/17	St. Louis CITY2	7:00 p.m.
4/26	LAFC 2	8:00 p.m.
5/3	at SKC II	5:00 p.m.
5/10	at Austin FC II	5:30 p.m.
5/17	at Whitecaps FC 2	4:00 p.m.
5/22	Ventura County FC	7:00 p.m.
5/31	at Timbers2	1:00 p.m.
6/17	Houston Dynamo 2	7:00 p.m.
6/21	Real Monarchs	7:00 p.m.
6/27	at MNUFC2	5:00 p.m.
7/5	Timbers2	7:00 p.m.
7/12	at SJ Earthquakes II	TBD
7/19	at Real Monarchs	2:30 p.m.
7/26	Colorado Rapids 2	7:00 p.m.
8/1	Whitecaps FC 2	7:00 p.m.
8/8	at North Texas SC	5:45 p.m.
8/16	at LAFC 2	7:00 p.m.
8/23	Sporting KC II	7:00 p.m.
8/30	at Real Monarchs	2:30 p.m.
9/5	at SJ Earthquakes II	TBD
9/13	at Ventura County FC	4:00 p.m.
9/20	Timbers2	2:00 p.m.

**2026 TACOMA DEFIANCE ROSTER**

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Birthdate	Hometown	Previous Club
30	Edson Carli	M	5-8	160	08/23/07	Lake Forest Park, WA	
32	Xavi Gnaulati	M	5-9	146	01/22/05	San Diego, CA	Monterrey Bay FC (USL)
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	Kevin Bonilla	D	5-6	152	09/20/04	Dallas, TX	Real Salt Lake
39	Stuart Hawkins#	D	6-1	158	09/18/06	Fox Island, WA	Sounders FC Academy
40	Mark O'Neill	D	6-4	185	03/08/02	Louisville, CO	Vancouver Whitecaps FC
41	Mohammed Shour	GK	6-2	196	09/12/07	Seattle, WA	Sounders FC Academy
42	Rafael Jauregui	M	5-8	161	12/20/04	Sacramento, CA	Charlotte Independence (USL)
43	Omar Hassan	M	5-5	125	03/24/09	Seattle, WA	Sounders FC Academy
45	Peter Kingston	M	5-11	155	07/14/01	Tukwila, WA	Washington (NCAA)
46	Joe Dale	M	5-10	155	04/17/04	Seattle, WA	Washington (NCAA)
47	Demian Alvarez	D	6-3	180	03/26/02	Chico, CA	Seattle University (NCAA)
48	Codey Phoenix	D	5-9	141	02/03/05	Auckland, New Zealand	Auckland FC (New Zealand)
49	Cris Batiz	F	5-8	120	03/28/11	San Pedro Sula, Honduras	Sounders FC Academy
50	Max Anchor#	GK	6-3	190	07/21/04	Surrey, BC, Canada	Vancouver Whitecaps FC
51	Etienne Veillard^	D/M	5-7	140	05/03/07	Les Cayes, Haiti	
53	Gallatin Sandnes^	D	6-0	156	06/03/08	Seattle, WA	
54	Shaun Brun^	D	6-0	173	08/27/07	Seattle, WA	
56	Noah Newman^	GK	6-4	177	10/23/07	Seattle, WA	
58	Jasper Winslow	D	6-2	175	04/10/02	Los Angeles, CA	Cal Poly Pomona (NCAA)
62	Mitchell Emert^	D	5-8	149	05/12/08	Seattle, WA	
65	Brayden Smith^	M	5-9	173	02/07/08	Seattle, WA	
67	Taiki Sugita^	D	5-7	167	07/23/09	Renton, WA	
70	Kelvin Luis-Brito^	M	5-4	148	05/02/08	Kirkland, WA	
73	Samuel Harvey^	GK	6-2	210	10/15/09	Providenciales, Turks/Caicos Islands	
79	Leo Flores^	F	5-7	142	04/15/08	Anaheim, CA	
80	Drew Brown	D	6-2	178	08/28/02	Waukee, IA	UCLA (NCAA)
81	Mark Bronnik	F	6-0	156	11/08/06	Brooklyn, NY	Union Omaha (USL)
82	Bridger Sandnes^	D	6-1	165	07/19/10	Seattle, WA	
84	Charlie Gaffney	M	5-9	156	07/29/01	Seattle, WA	Penn (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)
97	Saku Kitafuji	F	5-8	143	07/20/05	Osaka, Japan	Kwansei Gakuin University (Japan)
99	Landon Lucero^	F	6-2	177	02/25/10	Shoreline, WA	

#Sounders FC First Team Player

^Sounders FC Academy Player

2026 TACOMA DEFIANCE TECHNICAL STAFF

General Manager & Chief Soccer Officer	Craig Waibel
Technical Director	Henry Brauner
Director of Development	Wade Webber
Defiance Head Coach	Paulo Nagamura
Defiance Assistant Coach	João Paulo
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



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30 M EDSON CARLI

Height: 5-8
Weight: 160
Born: August 23, 2007
Hometown: Lake Forest Park, WA



32 M XAVI GNAULATI

Height: 5-9
Weight: 146
Born: January 22, 2005
Hometown: San Diego, CA
Pronunciation: SHAW-vee NYOW-law-tee



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



38 D KEVIN BONILLA

Height: 5-6
Weight: 152
Born: September 20, 2004
Hometown: Dallas, TX



40 D MARK O'NEILL

Height: 6-4
Weight: 185
Born: March 8, 2002
Hometown: Louisville, CO



41 GK MOHAMMED SHOUR

Height: 6-2
Weight: 180
Born: September 12, 2007
Hometown: Seattle, WA
Pronunciation: Shore



42 M RAFAEL JAUREGUI

Height: 5-8
Weight: 161
Born: December 20, 2004
Hometown: Sacramento, CA



43 M OMAR HASSAN

Height: 5-6
Weight: 130
Born: March 24, 2009
Hometown: Seattle, WA



45 M PETER KINGSTON

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



46 D JOE DALE

Height: 5-10
Weight: 155
Born: April 17, 2004
Hometown: Seattle, WA



47 D DEMIAN ALVAREZ

Height: 6-3
Weight: 178
Born: March 26, 2002
Hometown: Chico, CA
Pronunciation: Day-me-un Al-vuh-rez





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48 D CODEY PHOENIX

Height: 5-9
Weight: 141
Born: February 3, 2005
Hometown: Auckland, New Zealand



49 F CRIS BATIZ

Height: 5-7
Weight: 120
Born: March 28, 2011
Hometown: San Pedro Sula, Honduras



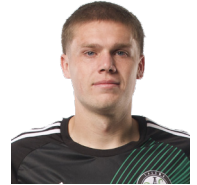
58 D JASPER WINSLOW

Height: 6-2
Weight: 175
Born: April 10, 2005
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA



80 D DREW BROWN

Height: 6-2
Weight: 178
Born: August 28, 2002
Hometown: Waukee, IA



81 F MARK BRONNIK

Height: 6-0
Weight: 156
Born: November 8, 2006
Hometown: Brooklyn, NY



84 M CHARLIE GAFFNEY

Height: 5-9
Weight: 150
Born: July 29, 2003
Hometown: Seattle, WA



97 F SAKU KITAFUJI

Height: 5-8
Weight: 143
Born: July 20, 2005
Hometown: Osaka, Japan

