GAME NOTES

MATCH INFORMATION

TACOMA DEFIANCE

at

SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES II

Kickoff: October 11, 2026 | 5:00 p.m. PT

Location: Starfire Stadium

Broadcast: One Football / MLSNEXTPro.com

Talent: Josh Lill

MATCH NOTES

- Tacoma Defiance faces San Jose Earthquakes II on Sunday, October 11 at PayPal Park in the Western Conference Play-In Round (5:00 p.m. PT / One Football, MLSNEXTPro.com).
- Tacoma qualified for the playoffs on the last day of the regular season with a 1-1 draw against Timbers2, with Charlie Gaffney scoring the lone goal for Defiance. Tacoma won the ensuing shootout 4-3.
- Defiance and San Jose played each other three times this season, with Tacoma playing to a 2-0-1 record.
- This is the fourth time Tacoma has qualified for the playoffs since MLS NEXT Pro was formed in 2022, only missing the postseason in 2025.
- Mark Bronnik led all Defiance players with 13 goals in the regular season. Bronnik made his First Team debut via Short-Term Agreement on October 1 against Sporting Kansas City.
- Charlie Gaffney led the team with eight assists this season, the most single-season assists ever in Defiance/S2 history.
- Should Defiance defeat San Jose, it would play at Austin FC II on Sunday, October 18 at Parmer Field (5:30 p.m. PT / One Football, MLS NEXTPro.com). Austin finished with 65 points, the most in MLSNEXT Pro.

2026 DEFIANCE SCHEDULE

MLS NEXT PRO REGULAR SEASON RECORD: 11-12-5
(HOME: 7-4-3, AWAY: 4-8-2, GD: -4)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (PT) / RESULT
3/1	LAFC 2	D, 2(1)-2(4)
3/8	at Houston Dynamo 2	L, 0-4
3/14	SJ Earthquakes II	D, 0(4)-0(1)
3/22	Austin FC II	L, 0-1
3/29	Ventura County FC	L, 0-1
4/12	at Whitecaps FC 2	L, 1-2
4/17	St. Louis CITY2	L, 1-2
4/26	LAFC 2	W, 4-1
5/3	at SKC II	D, 2(4)-2(2)
5/10	at Austin FC II	L, 0-3
5/17	at Whitecaps FC 2	W, 2-0
5/22	Ventura County FC	W, 1-0
5/31	at Timbers2	L, 0-1
6/17	Houston Dynamo 2	W, 2-1
6/21	Real Monarchs	W, 1-0
6/27	at MNUFC2	D, 2(4)-2(1)
7/5	Timbers2	L, 0-2
7/12	at SJ Earthquakes II	W, 1-0
7/19	at Real Monarchs	W, 4-2
7/26	Colorado Rapids 2	W, 2-1
8/1	Whitecaps FC 2	W, 4-2
8/8	at North Texas SC	L, 1-3
8/16	at LAFC 2	L, 3-4
8/24	Sporting KC II	W, 4-0
8/30	at Real Monarchs	L, 0-3
9/5	at SJ Earthquakes II	W, 2-1
9/13	at Ventura County FC	L, 0-3
9/20	Timbers2	1(4)-1(3)
10/11	SJ Earthquakes II	5:00 p.m.

***MLSNP Regular Season**

***MLSNP Playoffs**

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 Acadmey
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	
55	Jared Ríos	M	5-10	159	06/24/05	Liberia, Costa Rica	AD Municipal Libera (CRC)
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)
59	Matthew Bell	M	5-10	160	08/27/02	Kingston, Jamaica	Portmore United (JAM)
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 Ohama (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
Techincal 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 Sinser
Team Services Director	Vince Johnson
Team Services Coordinator	Josh Gehrke
MLS NEXT Pro Equipment Manager	Blake Keuhl

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

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
Pronunciation: Ra-fey-el Jar-ee-gee

43 M OMAR HASSAN



Height: 5-6
Weight: 130
Born: March 24, 2009
Hometown: Seattle, 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
Prononunciation:
Day-me-un Al-vuh-rez

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, Hondruas

53 D GALLATIN SANDNES



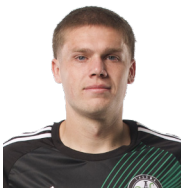
Height: 6-0
Weight: 156
Born: June 3, 2008
Hometown: Seattle, WA
Pronunciation: Gal-uh-tin Sand-ness

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
Pronunciation: Sah-koo Kit-a-foo-gee