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TIMBERS ACADEMY GOALKEEPER KELLEN TAMBLYN NAMED TO 2026 MLS NEXT ALL-STAR GAME ROSTER

Tamblyn will join the All-Star squad in Matthews, N.C., ahead of match on July 27

PORTLAND, Ore. – Portland Timbers Academy goalkeeper Kellen Tamblyn has been selected for the 2026 MLS NEXT All-Star Game, presented by Allstate, MLS NEXT announced today. The match will feature the top 44 players from the 2025-26 MLS NEXT season and is set to kickoff at 7:30 p.m. (Pacific) on Monday, July 27, at the Mecklenburg County Sportsplex, in Matthews, N.C.

Tamblyn, a member of the Portland Timbers Academy's U-16 squad, is currently in his third year of development in Green and Gold. As a member of the Timbers Academy, the young goalkeeper has received an invitation to a U.S. Soccer Talent ID Camp (2024) and was the starter for Portland's U-16 side at the Generation adidas Cup 2026.

[Tamblyn invited to U.S. Soccer Talent ID Center](#)

The fifth annual MLS NEXT All-Star Game, presented by Allstate, will pit players born between 2009-11 in an East vs. West showdown in North Carolina. Earning one of the 22 roster spots for the West All-Stars, Tamblyn becomes the fifth Timbers Academy product to be named to the MLS NEXT All-Star Game, following August Nystrom (2025), Max Eisenberg (2024), Sawyer Jura (2023) and Ian Shaul (2022).

The MLS NEXT All-Stars will experience unique opportunities during MLS All-Star Week, including a full slate of programming events like team trainings, the 2026 MLS All-Star Skills Challenge presented by AT&T on July 28, and the MLS All-Star Game presented by Chime on July 29.

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The MLS NEXT All-Star Game will be streamed live on [MLS' YouTube channel](#) and MLSSoccer.com. Admission to the game is free and fans in Charlotte can watch the standouts of MLS NEXT take center stage during MLS All-Star week.

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