

PLAYER BIOS

80 | ALHASSAN YUSUF

**POSITION**

Midfielder

BORN

July 8, 2000

HEIGHT

5-9

WEIGHT

145

YEARS IN MLS

3

YEARS WITH CLUB

3

HOMETOWN

Kano, Nigeria

BIRTHPLACE

Kano, Nigeria

NATIONALITY

Nigeria

PREV. CLUB

Royal Antwerp FC

YUSUF AT A GLANCE

- Owns 41 MLS appearances, including 37 starts, with two goals and four assists since joining in New England in August 2024.
- One of two players to appear in all 34 games in 2025, recording 32 starts with two goals and two assists.
- Joined New England from Royal Antwerp FC, where he won the Belgian championship (2022-23), Belgian Cup (2023), and Belgian Super Cup (2023-24).
- Began career with Swedish Allsvenskan club IFK Göteborg from 2018-21, where he was named the 2019 Allsvenskan Newcomer of the Year.
- Capped eight times in 2024 by the Nigeria National Team, including three appearances at the 2024 Africa Cup of Nations en route to runner-up finish.
- Honored as a Member of the Order of the Niger, one of the country's highest honors.

HOW ACQUIRED: Transferred to New England from Belgian club Royal Antwerp FC for an undisclosed fee and signed through December 2027, with a club option through December 2028.

MLS CAREER: Owns 41 MLS appearances, including 37 starts, with two goals and four assists...In 2025, started 32 of his 34 appearances, tallying two goals and two assists...Ranked eighth among MLS outfield players in minutes played (2,936) in 2025...During first season with the club in 2024, saw action in seven matches, starting five times, with two assists after debuting for the club in September.

2025: Appeared in all 34 matches, starting 32 of them, with two goals scored and two assists...One of only two players to appear in all 34 matches in 2025, alongside Carles Gil...Ranked eighth among MLS outfield players in minutes played (2,936)...Logged one game-winning assist...(2/22) **at NSH:** Logged 90 minutes in season opener, securing a road point and a shutout...(5/3) **at TOR:** Recorded first assist of the season in a 90-minute effort...(5/10) **at ORL:** Tallied first MLS goal to spark a comeback effort on the road...(5/24) **at SKC:** Credited with game-tying assist in the 84th minute of a 3-3 draw...(6/28) **vs. COL:** Made 25th MLS appearance, tying career high with three chances created...(7/9) **vs. MIA:** Made 25th MLS start...(7/19) **vs. ORL:** Made 30th MLS appearance, playing all 90 minutes in the loss...(7/25) **vs. MTL:** Matched career high with three fouls won...(8/30) **vs. CLT:** Tallied two shots in a 90-minute performance...(9/6) **at CHI:** Eclipsed 3,000 career minutes played in MLS...(10/18) **vs. CHI:** Netted the opening goal of the match, his second of the season, in New England's season finale...Logged two shots, one on goal, in the 90-minute performance.



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2024: Made seven MLS appearances, five of them starts, with two assists after joining New England in August 2024...Missed three MLS games due to international duty with Nigeria...(9/14) **at ORL:** Suited up for MLS and Revolution debuts with an 18-minute performance off the bench on the road...Finished the match with one shot and one chance created...(9/21) **at CLT:** Collected first MLS start, a 75-minute performance, on the road in Charlotte...(9/28) **vs. NSH:** Started and played all 90 minutes, collecting first MLS assist, the game-winning helper, in 1-0 victory...(10/2) **at HOU:** Registered season-high four shots in a 90-minute shift...(10/19) **at MIA:** Posted third 90-minute performance of debut season and registered second assist of the campaign...Finished the match with two fouls won and one shot on target.



CLUB CAREER OUTSIDE MLS: Recorded nearly 200 club appearances between Royal Antwerp FC and IFK Göteborg, with six goals and 16 assists in over 13,000 minutes...Signed first professional contract with Swedish side IFK Göteborg in 2018 after impressing in a youth tournament with Tiki Taka Academy...Spent three seasons with IFK Göteborg, logging 77 appearances in all competitions and tallying two goals and nine assists...In 2019, played 26 league matches in first full season with the club, scoring two goals and adding two assists...Named 2019 Allsvenskan Newcomer of the Year...Added three assists in seven Swedish Cup matches...Tallied two assists in 29 matches during the 2020 Allsvenskan campaign...Appeared in 10 league matches during 2021 Allsvenskan season prior to departing club during the summer transfer window...Joined Royal Antwerp on July 16, 2021 after reaching verbal agreement with the club...Scored three goals and added one assist in 26 matches during first season with Royal Antwerp in 2021...Also recorded one assist in four UEFA Europa League appearances...In 2022, tallied 22 league appearances with two assists...Also appeared in six UEFA Europa Conference League qualifying matches...Appeared in 20 league contests during the 2023 season, tallying two assists...Added one goal and one assist in six UEFA Champions League group stage matches...Won 2022-23 Belgian Cup and 2023 Belgian SuperCup...Made substitute appearance in 2024 JPL season opener.

Royal Antwerp (BEL): Joined Royal Antwerp on July 16, 2021...Scored three goals and added one assist in 26 matches during first season with Royal Antwerp in 2021...Made first appearance for the club on August 8, 2021 at Standard Liège...Tallied first assist on August 13 at RSC Charleroi...Scored first goal for the club on November 7, 2021 vs. RSC Anderlecht...Also recorded four UEFA Europa League appearances, notching an assist on November 25, 2021 at Eintracht Frankfurt...In 2022, tallied 22 league appearances with two assists...Also appeared in six UEFA Europa Conference League qualifying matches...Won 2022-23 Belgian Cup and 2023 Belgian SuperCup...Appeared in 20 league contests during the 2023 season, tallying two assists...Added one goal and one assist in six UEFA Champions League group stage matches...Scored first Champions League goal on October 25, 2023 against FC Porto...Added Champions League assist in group stage finale against FC Barcelona on December 13, 2023...Made substitute appearance in 2024 season opener.

IFK Göteborg (SWE): Signed first professional contract with Swedish side IFK Göteborg in 2018 after impressing in a youth tournament with Tiki Taka Academy...Spent three seasons with IFK Göteborg, logging 77 appearances in all competitions and tallying two goals and nine assists...Made professional debut on Oct. 22, 2018...In 2019, played 26 league matches in first full season with the club, scoring two goals and adding two assists...Named 2019 Allsvenskan Newcomer of the Year...Recorded first professional assist on July 13, 2019 vs. Falkenbergs FF...Notched first two professional goals, and one assist, in final match of 2019 against Östersund...Added three assists in seven 2019 Swedish Cup matches to win first trophy...Tallied two assists in 29 matches during the 2020 Allsvenskan campaign...Appeared in 10 league matches during 2021 Allsvenskan season prior to departing club during the summer transfer window.

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INTERNATIONAL (NIGERIA): Capped eight times by the Nigeria Men’s National Team... Most recently, was called up by Nigeria for FIFA World Cup Qualifiers in October and November 2025, but did not appear...Appeared in two CAF World Cup Qualifying matches in June 2024 against South Africa and Benin...Made three appearances at the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations, including starting the opening match against Equatorial Guinea...Made substitute appearance in AFCON Final, playing 11 minutes against hosts Cote d’Ivoire...Made international debut on January 8, 2024 in a friendly match against Guinea.

PERSONAL: Full name is Alhassan Yusuf Abdullahi Pigui...Hails from Kano in Northern Nigeria...Honored as a Member of the Order of the Niger, one of the country’s highest honors, after 2023 AFCON.



MLS CAREER STATISTICS

REGULAR SEASON

Year	Club	GP	GS	G	A	MINS	SHTS	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	Y	R
2024	New England Revolution	7	5	0	2	447	9	2	8	8	0	0	0	0
2025	New England Revolution	34	32	2	2	2936	24	6	52	40	2	0	5	0
Career Totals		41	37	2	4	3383	33	8	60	48	2	0	5	0

