



NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION

MEDIA RELEASE

Revolution Sign Midfielder Cristiano Oliveira as Homegrown Player

Somerville product is New England's second Brazilian American academy alum to ascend to the MLS roster

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (January 14, 2026) – The New England Revolution today signed midfielder **Cristiano Oliveira** as the club's 16th Homegrown Player. The 17-year-old Somerville, Mass. resident is signed to a four-year MLS contract through December 2029, with an additional one-year club option.



Media Assets: Cristiano Oliveira Photo and Video

Oliveira, the second Brazilian American to graduate from the Revolution Academy and ascend to the first team roster, has spent the last two seasons developing in MLS NEXT Pro with Revolution II. He has scored five goals with two assists over 34 regular season games for the second team. During the 2025 season, he recorded 24 appearances and 21 starts for Revolution II, and represented New England at the MLS NEXT All-Star Game in Austin, Texas, where he started and tallied a goal.

"Cristiano Oliveira is a hard-working young man from an incredible family, and his story is a shining example of what our Pro Player Pathway is all about," Sporting Director Curt Onalfo said. "Born in Cambridge and raised in Somerville, he has impressed at every level of our pyramid, from the academy to the second team, to his U.S. Open Cup experience last season. If he continues to commit himself to his craft, he is poised to have a bright future with the Revolution."

The six-foot midfielder earned his first senior-team experience during the Revolution's 2025 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup campaign. Oliveira scored the game-winning goal in the 88th minute as a substitute in his first-team debut in the Round of 32 at Rhode Island FC, before starting the Round of 16 contest against Chicago Fire FC.

"It is exciting to have so many talented young players like Cristiano in our squad, and it is always extra special when a player has this opportunity to represent his hometown club," Head Coach Marko Mitrović added. "We believe that he has a high ceiling and we are ready to invest all our resources to help him reach his full potential and become an impactful player for our team. We look forward to working with Cristiano."

Oliveira represents the United States at the youth international level, receiving call-ups at the U-17, U-16, and U-15 levels. With the Under-17s, he has scored one goal in three appearances. Before ascending to Revolution II, Oliveira, the son of Brazilian immigrants, led the Revolution Under-17s with 12 goals, along with two assists, in the 2023 MLS NEXT fall season. He signed his first professional contract with Revolution II in October 2024, at age 16.

The New England Revolution kicked off preseason on Tuesday in Bradenton, Fla. The team will play five preseason friendlies in the lead-up to the 2026 MLS Regular Season, which begins on Saturday, Feb. 21 at Nashville SC (8:30 p.m. ET). New England's home opener is slated for March 7 vs. Houston Dynamo FC (2:30 p.m. ET). Watch every Revolution and MLS match during the 2026 season on Apple TV.

TRANSACTION: New England Revolution sign midfielder **Cristiano Oliveira** as a Homegrown Player and signed him to a four-year MLS contract through December 2029, with an additional one-year club option, on Jan. 14, 2026.

MEDIA AVAILABILITY: The Revolution will make Cristiano Oliveira and other Revolution players available in a virtual press conference from the team's preseason camp in Florida, on an upcoming date to be determined. Details will be made available soon. For one-on-one interview requests during preseason, please contact media@revolutionsoccer.net.



#35 CRISTIANO OLIVEIRA

Full Name: Cristiano Paulo Santos Oliveira

Position: Midfielder

Height: 6-0

Weight: 160

Date/Place of Birth: March 30, 2008 (Cambridge, Mass.)

Hometown: Somerville, Mass.

Nationality: United States / Brazil

Previous Club: Revolution II (MLS NEXT Pro)

How Acquired: Signed as a Homegrown Player on Jan. 14, 2026.

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About the New England Revolution

The New England Revolution, owned and operated by the Kraft family, began play in 1996 as one of the original founding clubs of Major League Soccer (MLS). Through 30 MLS seasons, the Revolution are five-time MLS Eastern Conference champions and claimed the 2021 Supporters' Shield after a record-setting campaign. The Revolution also won the 2008 North American SuperLiga and 2007 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup titles. The Revolution play their home matches at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass. The club and its

acclaimed pro pathway, including Revolution II (MLS NEXT Pro) and the Revolution Academy, are headquartered at the Revolution Training Center, which opened ahead of the 2020 season.

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