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Revolution II Defender Chris Mbaï-Assem Called Up to Central African Republic Senior National Team

20-year-old center back earns second senior international call-up

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (March 20, 2026) — New England Revolution II defender **Chris Mbaï-Assem** has been called up to the Central African Republic Men's Senior National Team for a training camp in the nation's capital of Bangui during the March FIFA international window.



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Mbaï-Assem, 20, earns his second senior international call-up after suiting up for Central African Republic in a FIFA World Cup Qualifier last September. The center back earned a start in his international debut against Madagascar on Sept. 4, 2025, logging 45 minutes in central defense.

To open the 2026 MLS NEXT Pro season, Mbaï-Assem has logged three straight 90-minute performances for a Revolution II backline that ranks among league leaders in fewest goals conceded (T-3rd – 2) and shots against (T-4th – 11). Mbaï-Assem also helped secure the team's first clean sheet of the season in a scoreless draw with Toronto FC II on March 8.

New England, riding a three-game unbeaten streak, continues its five-match to open the season homestand on Sunday, hosting Connecticut United FC at Bryant University's Beirne Stadium. The weekend contest kicks off at 2:00 p.m. ET and is available to watch live on [MLSNEXTPro.com](https://www.mlsnextpro.com) and the [OneFootball](https://www.onefootball.com) platform, with Peyton Gallaher on the call.

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