



New England Revolution II Sign Forward/Winger Shuma Sasaki

23-year-old Japanese left winger bolsters New England's attack

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (April 1, 2026) – New England Revolution II has signed Japanese forward/winger **Shuma Sasaki** to an MLS NEXT Pro professional contract through the 2026 MLS NEXT Pro season, with a club option for the 2027 season, pending receipt of his P-1 Visa.



[Shuma Sasaki Photos](#)

[Revolution II Media Assets](#)

Sasaki, 23, arrives in New England following a collegiate career that included stints at the University of the Cumberland (2021-2024) and most recently, the University of Michigan (2025), where he played under current Revolution Assistant Coach **Sean Hughes**. This past fall, Sasaki tallied three goals and two assists over 15 matches, 13 of them starts, while pacing the team with 39 shot attempts. As a graduate student with the Wolverines, Sasaki earned All-Big Ten Second Team and United Soccer Coaches All-North Region Team honors.

Prior to Michigan, the attacker registered 12 goals and 25 assists over 69 matches played, including 64 starts, across four seasons at the University of the Cumberland. As a senior in 2024, Sasaki tallied a team-high eight helpers and collected multiple accolades, including Mid-South Conference First Team All-Conference, MSC Academic All-Conference, and Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete honors. The Kawasaki, Japan native also suited up for three starts with Lubbock Matadors SC of USL League Two in 2024, contributing two goals and one assist in U.S. Open Cup action.

Sasaki and Revolution II will continue the 2026 MLS NEXT Pro season on Sunday, April 12, when they host Red Bull New York II at Bryant University's Beirne Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7:00 p.m. ET, with live coverage on [MLSNEXTPro.com](#) and the [OneFootball](#) platform, featuring Philip Galati on the call.

TRANSACTION: New England Revolution II signed forward/winger **Shuma Sasaki** to an MLS NEXT Pro professional contract through the 2026 MLS NEXT Pro season, with a club option for the 2027 season, pending receipt of his P-1 Visa, on April 1, 2026.

SHUMA SASAKI

Position: Forward/winger

Date of Birth: Feb. 17, 2003 (Utsunomiya, Japan)

Hometown: Kawasaki, Japan

Height: 5-8

Weight: 163

College: University of Michigan (2025), University of the Cumberland (2021-2024)

Nationality: Japan

Revolution Digital Media Center

Revolution Communications

Communications Staff

Interviews, Access & Credential Requests

media@revolutionsoccer.net

Adam Klionsky

Director of Communications

adamk@revolutionsoccer.net

C: (508) 455-7551

Dan Shulman

Senior Communications Coordinator

dshulman@revolutionsoccer.net

C: (508) 404-5677

Harold Rivera

Communications Manager (Español)

haroldr@revolutionsoccer.net

C: (508) 404-0248

Kylie Roberts

Senior Communications Coordinator

kylier@revolutionsoccer.net

C: (774) 378-0668

About MLS NEXT Pro

Launched in 2022 by Major League Soccer, MLS NEXT Pro is a professional men's soccer league in the United States and Canada that completes the pro player pathway from MLS NEXT to MLS first teams. MLS NEXT Pro continues to grow the game through innovation and inclusion, bringing professional soccer to new communities and creating opportunities both on and off the field. MLS NEXT Pro celebrates its fifth season in 2026 with 30 teams, 27 MLS-affiliated and three independent, Carolina Core FC, Chattanooga FC and Connecticut United FC. Additional MLS-affiliated and independent clubs will join in the years ahead, including Cleveland, Jacksonville Armada FC, AC Grand Rapids, and The Island F.C. For more information about MLS NEXT Pro, visit mlsnexpro.com.

Media Resources



[Revolution Media Center](#) | [Schedule](#) | [MLS Resources](#)
[Photo/Video Assets](#) | [News](#) | [MLSNEXTPro.com](#)

NERevolution | #NERevs

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION • 1776 REVOLUTION WAY • FOXBOROUGH, MA 02035

Revolution Communications | 1776 Revolution Way | Foxborough, MA 02035 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Our Privacy Policy](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)