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GAME PREVIEW: New England Revolution vs. Columbus Crew SC

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FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – The New England Revolution are set to open the home portion of the 2019 MLS regular season schedule at Gillette Stadium against Columbus Crew SC on Saturday afternoon. The match kicks off at 2:00 p.m. ET and will be televised locally on NBC Sports Boston, with Brad Feldman, Paul Mariner, and Naoko Funayama calling the action. Authenticated subscribers may also stream the match on NBCSportsBoston.com and on the NBC Sports app. The contest airs locally on the radio with 98.5 The Sports Hub broadcasting the action in English and 1260 AM Nossa Radio providing Portuguese commentary.

The Revs return to Gillette Stadium for the first of 17 home tests this season, and the first of two meetings with Columbus in 2019. New England enters Saturday's match aiming to extend a 12-game unbeaten streak in home openers, with a 7-0-5 mark in Foxborough debuts since 2007. The Revolution will look to improve on a 15-16-6 all-time record at home against Columbus, as Crew SC claimed a 1-0 victory in the last meeting at Gillette Stadium courtesy of a goal from Lalas Abubakar on May 19, 2018.

Following Saturday's match, the Revolution will return to the road to face Toronto FC on Sunday, March 17. The club's second away contest of the 2019 campaign will kick off at 7:30 p.m. ET on NBC Sports Boston, 98.5 The Sports Hub, and 1260 AM Nossa Radio.

Game 2 vs. Columbus Crew SC

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019

Kickoff: 2:00 p.m. ET

Location: Gillette Stadium (Foxborough, Mass.)

BROADCAST INFORMATION

TV: NBC Sports Boston (Streaming on NBCSportsBoston.com and on the NBC Sports app)

Talent: Brad Feldman (play-by-play), Paul Mariner (analyst), Naoko Funayama (sideline)

Revolution Postgame Live begins immediately following the match.

Radio: 98.5 The Sports Hub

Talent: Brad Feldman (play-by-play), Paul Mariner (analyst), Naoko Funayama (sideline)

Postgame Show: Rob "Hardy" Poole (host), Clyde Simms (analyst)

Portuguese Radio: 1260 AM "Nossa Radio USA"

Talent: Luis Lombardi Jr. (play-by-play), Raphael Fraga (analyst)

SOUNDBYTES AVAILABLE on MEDIA WEBSITE:

Soundbytes from Head Coach **Brad Friedel**, midfielder **Scott Caldwell**, defender **Antonio Delamea**, goalkeeper **Brad Knighton**, and defender **Edgar Castillo** previewing Saturday's match are available for media use [HERE](#).

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

Here are some relevant storylines ahead of Saturday's match against Columbus Crew SC. Click [HERE](#) to view the complete Revolution Game Notes for Saturday's match.

- New England extending its unbeaten streak in home openers to 13 straight games, with a 7-0-5 record in the last 12 season debuts at Gillette Stadium.
- Offseason signings **M Carles Gil**, **D Edgar Castillo**, and **F Juan Fernando Caicedo** potentially making their MLS debuts at Gillette Stadium.
- Revolution Academy products and Homegrown Players **F Justin Rennicks** and **M Nicolas Firmino**, as well as 2019 MLS SuperDraft selections **F Tajon Buchanan** and **M DeJuan Jones**, potentially making their professional debuts.
- **M Diego Fagundez** scoring in a third consecutive home match in the regular season, having tallied on Oct. 13, 2018 vs. Orlando and Oct. 28, 2018 vs. Montreal.
- **Fagundez** tallying once to tie Lee Nguyen for the second most goals scored in Revolution history (51).
- **F Teal Bunbury** scoring once to tie Kelyn Rowe for ninth most goals scored in Revolution history (29), and scoring three goals to reach 50 for his MLS career.

Official MLS Game Guides can be downloaded for all regular season games at: <http://www.mlssoccer.com/media-resources/game-guides>.

For up-to-the-minute information on the Revolution, visit the team's official web site at revolutionsoccer.net, or join the conversation and interact with fans on any of the team's social platforms.

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