



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 24, 2017

GAME PREVIEW: New England Revolution vs. Minnesota United FC

Revs square off with Western Conference expansion side in home opener
@NERevolution, #NERevs, #NEvMIN

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – The New England Revolution are set to host an opponent at Gillette Stadium for the first time in the 2017 MLS regular season on Saturday when Minnesota United FC comes to town. The match kicks off at 2:00 p.m. ET and will be televised locally on CSN New England with Brad Feldman, Paul Mariner, and Naoko Funayama on the call. Saturday's match also airs nationally on the radio on SiriusXM FC Channel No. 85. Locally, 98.5 The Sports Hub will be broadcasting the action in English and WMVX 1570 AM Nossa Radio will provide Portuguese commentary.

The Revolution will look to extend their run of recording at least a point for an 11th consecutive home opener. Overall, New England is 12-5-4 in home openers and played D.C. United to a scoreless draw in last season's home debut. Saturday's match will be the first MLS meeting between New England and expansion side Minnesota. All-time, the Revolution have compiled a 5-4-4 record in the club's first matches against MLS expansion teams.

Game 3

Date: Saturday, March 25, 2017

Kickoff: 2:00 p.m. ET

Location: Gillette Stadium (Foxborough, Mass.)

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

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

- Revolution midfielder and Designated Player **Xavier Kouassi** made his MLS debut in the club's match against FC Dallas on March 18. Kouassi started and played 79 minutes, managing 36 total touches, 22 total passes, three tackles, and completed 81.8 percent of his passes. With his debut, Kouassi became the third player from Côte d'Ivoire to appear for the Revolution, joining Arsene Oka and current teammate **Benjamin Angoua**.
- Midfielder **Lee Nguyen** moved up in the Revolution's record book in a number of statistical categories. With his 10th minute penalty kick goal against FC Dallas on March 18, Nguyen moved into a tie with Joe-Max Moore for third-most career goals in club history (41). With his next goal, he will tie Steve Ralston for second-most goals with the Revolution. With his 90-minute performance against FC Dallas, Nguyen (13,727) passed Joe Franchino (13,684) and now ranks seventh in most minutes played in club history.
- Forward **Kei Kamara** is inching closer to the top of the MLS record books. Kamara currently sits in 12th place on the League's all-time goal-scoring chart with 86 tallies, leaving him just two goals outside of the top 10. The Revolution forward recorded seven goals for New England after joining the team on May 12, 2016.
- The Revolution opened the 2017 MLS season with a fresh look in central defense. New England added a pair of center backs through the international market in January to reinforce its back line,

bringing in Slovenian **Antonio Delamea** and Ivorian **Benjamin Angoua** to the roster using TAM (targeted allocation money). Both players played 90 minutes in each of New England's first two matches.

- There are a number of connections between the Revolution and Minnesota United FC including:
 - Minnesota United FC goalkeeper Bobby Shuttleworth spent the first eight seasons of his professional career with the Revolution (2009-16). He ranks second in club history in games started in goal, minutes played in goal, wins, saves, and shutouts. He was traded to Minnesota in exchange for **Femi Hollinger-Janzen** on Feb. 15, 2017.
 - Revolution forward **Femi Hollinger-Janzen** was selected by Minnesota in the fifth round of the 2016 MLS Expansion Draft. He was reacquired by New England in exchange for Bobby Shuttleworth on Feb. 15, 2017.
 - Two Revolution players - goalkeeper **Cody Cropper** and forward **Teal Bunbury** - have roots in Minnesota. Cropper moved from Atlanta, Ga. to Maple Grove, Minn. at age 12 and played youth club soccer with the Minnesota Thunder, while Bunbury grew up in Prior Lake and attended Shattuck-St. Mary's High School.
 - Revolution forward **Kei Kamara** and Minnesota United FC midfielder Mohammed Saeid were teammates on Columbus Crew SC in 2015 and part of the 2016 season.

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

BROADCAST INFORMATION

TV: CSN New England

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

Revolution Postgame Live: Brad Feldman (host), Paul Mariner (analyst), Naoko Funayama (sideline)

English Radio: SiriusXM FC Channel No. 85, 98.5 The Sports Hub

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

Portuguese Radio: WMVX 1570 AM "Nossa Radio USA"

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

SOUNDBYTES AVAILABLE (HD VIDEO)

Soundbytes from Head Coach **Jay Heaps**, midfielder **Diego Fagundez**, forward **Kei Kamara**, and defender **Chris Tierney** previewing Saturday's game against Minnesota United FC are available for media use.

Direct link to the soundbytes and b-roll: <http://bit.ly/MLSSoundbytes>

No sign-up is required to access the files, although it is recommended (<https://mlssoccer.box.com>)

- Easy access to MLS and all teams' video files and headshots
- Files are available in broadcast-quality .mov format (1920x1080 HD h.264) for easy download
- Preview options available
- If media outlets would like specific videos/interviews posted ahead of each game, please contact the Revolution Communications staff

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

RevolutionSoccer.net

- [Revolution estreia-se em casa para procurar os primeiros pontos da temporada](#)
- [Revolution Rewind: Ranking the top five home openers in club history](#)
- [Revs aim to jumpstart attack at home: "You can't get three points without goals"](#)
- [Academy Update: March 22, 2017](#)
- [U12 Alliance clubs to hold identification clinics](#)
- [Friendly Foe: Former Revs GK Shuttleworth returns to Foxborough with Minnesota](#)

- [AS Roma and Juventus FC to square off at Gillette Stadium as part of International Champions Cup presented by Heineken](#)
- [Home opener a chance to turn the tide: "These are the games that we have to win"](#)
- [Kouassi's long-awaited debut a bright spot in loss to Dallas: "He was outstanding"](#)
- [Nguyen's early penalty not enough as Revs fall, 2-1, on the road at FC Dallas](#)
- WATCH: [The Kickoff: Heaps, Fagundez, Kamara and Tierney preview home opener vs. Minnesota](#)
- WATCH: [The Kickoff: New England Revolution vs. Minnesota United FC | Portugues](#)
- WATCH: [Follow Kei Kamara and his Revs teammates through the players' tunnel in Dallas](#)
- WATCH: [Scott Caldwell on the Revs' 2-1 loss at FC Dallas: "We just have to learn from it"](#)
- WATCH: [Juan Agudelo on Revs' 2-1 loss to FC Dallas: "I thought we deserved more"](#)
- WATCH: [Jay Heaps Postgame Press Conference | March 18](#)
- WATCH: [Highlights: FC Dallas 2, Revolution 1 | March 18, 2017](#)
- WATCH: [The Final Whistle: Heaps, Agudelo and Caldwell react to Revs' 2-1 loss to FC Dallas](#)

MLSsoccer.com

- [RSL readying for first match without Cassar: What's going on in MLS Week 4](#)
- [New England Revolution vs. Minnesota United FC | 2017 MLS Match Preview](#)
- [FC Dallas 2, New England Revolution 1 | 2017 MLS Match Report](#)

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.

MEDIA RESOURCES

[2017 Schedule](#) | [Roster](#) | [Videos](#) | [YouTube](#) | [Photos](#) | [Soundbytes/B-Roll](#)
[Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Google+](#) | [SoundCloud](#)

Social: NERevolution | #NEREvs

COMMUNICATIONS CONTACTS

Communications Staff		Media@revolutionsoccer.net
Kaitlin Gangl Alden, Communications Director	(508) 549-0496	KaitlinGA@revolutionsoccer.net
Adam Klionsky, Communications Manager	(508) 455-7551	AdamK@revolutionsoccer.net
Scott Altman, Communications Coordinator	(508) 549-0533	ScottA@revolutionsoccer.net
Kevin Noonan, Communications Coordinator	(508) 549-0512	KevinN@revolutionsoccer.net

#NEREVS

New England Revolution | One Patriot Place | Foxborough, Mass. 02035