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## **GAME PREVIEW: New England Revolution at Portland Timbers**

*Revs face fourth consecutive Western Conference opponent on ESPN2  
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FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – The New England Revolution are on the road this weekend to play the Western Conference leading Portland Timbers. The match kicks off at 9:00 p.m. ET and will be televised nationally on ESPN2 with Adrian Healey, Taylor Twellman, and Julie Stewart-Binks on the call. Locally, 98.5 The Sports Hub will be broadcasting the match on radio with Brad Feldman and Paul Mariner calling all the action in English, while WMVX 1570 AM Nossa Radio will provide Portuguese commentary.

Last weekend, the Revolution picked up their first win of the 2017 MLS campaign, defeating Minnesota United FC, 5-2. Defender Chris Tierney, midfielders Diego Fagundez and Lee Nguyen, and forwards Juan Agudelo and Kei Kamara were named to MLS Team of the Week for their performance against Minnesota. Agudelo was also named Alcatel MLS Player of the Week after scoring a pair of goals against the expansion side.

Last season, the Revolution and Timbers played to a 1-1 draw on April 27 at Gillette Stadium after a Timbers own goal in the 89<sup>th</sup> minute was enough to earn the Revs a point. Overall, New England is 1-2-4 against the Portland Timbers, including a 0-2-1 mark in matches played at Providence Park.

### **Game 4**

**Date:** Sunday, March 31, 2017

**Kickoff:** 9:00 p.m. ET

**Location:** Providence Park (Portland, Ore.)

### **WHAT TO WATCH FOR**

Here are some relevant storylines ahead of Sunday's match against the Portland Timbers. Click [HERE](#) to view the complete Revolution Game Notes for Sunday's match.

- Multiple Revolution players have been advancing up the club's all-time assists chart this season, as four players are currently in the top 10 in Revs history. Revolution defender **Chris Tierney** moved into second place on the list with his 36<sup>th</sup> assist in the home opener on March 25 vs. Minnesota. Midfielder **Lee Nguyen** is only one helper behind him with 35 career assists, tied for third in the New England record books. With his 26<sup>th</sup> career assist on March 25, midfielder **Diego Fagundez** became the first Homegrown Player to crack the top 10.
- Forward **Kei Kamara** is inching closer to the top of the MLS record books. Kamara currently sits in 12<sup>th</sup> place on the League's all-time goal-scoring chart with 87 tallies, leaving him just one goal outside of the top 10. The Revolution forward has recorded eight goals for the Revolution since joining the team on May 12, 2016.
- Goalkeeper **Matt Turner** and rookie forward **Brian Wright** are currently on short-term loans to the Richmond Kickers and Tulsa Roughnecks FC, respectively. Turner is set to join the Richmond Kickers for their April 1 match at New York Red Bulls II. He made his professional debut with the Kickers on April 30, 2016 vs. Toronto FC II and has since joined Richmond on multiple short-term

loans. Turner yielded only three goals in 630 minutes across seven starts last season. Wright will join Tulsa for its April 1 match vs. Rio Grande Valley FC. Should he make an appearance, it will be Wright's first minutes at the professional level.

- There are a number of connections between the Revolution and the Portland Timbers including:
  - Portland Timbers Head Coach Caleb Porter coached Revolution forward **Teal Bunbury** and midfielder **Scott Caldwell** at the University of Akron. In 2010, Porter and Caldwell won the NCAA Men's Division I National Championship against a Louisville team that featured Revolution defender **Andrew Farrell**.
  - This match features several other Akron connections between Portland and New England. **Scott Caldwell** was teammates with Timbers forward Darren Mattocks at Akron for two seasons (2010, 2011). Both Caldwell and **Teal Bunbury** played alongside Timbers midfielders Darlington Nagbe and Ben Zemanski and Timbers defender Zarek Valentin in 2009. In total, five players from Akron's 2009 squad are expected to suit up for Sunday night's match.
  - Revolution midfielder **Lee Nguyen** and Timbers midfielder Darlington Nagbe shared the field during a US Men's National Team friendly vs. Iceland on Jan. 31, 2016. Nagbe and Revolution forward **Juan Agudelo** also represented the USMNT together in a friendly vs. Jamaica on Feb. 3, 2017.
  - Revolution forward **Juan Agudelo** was teammates with Timbers midfielder Ben Zemanski on Chivas USA in 2011 and part of the 2012 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:** ESPN2

**Talent:** Adrian Healey (play-by-play), Taylor Twellman (analyst), Julie Stewart-Binks (sideline)

**English Radio:** 98.5 The Sports Hub

**Talent:** Brad Feldman (play-by-play), Paul Mariner (analyst)

**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**, forward **Juan Agudelo**, goalkeeper **Cody Cropper**, defender **Antonio Delamea**, and midfielder **Lee Nguyen** previewing Sunday's game against the Portland Timbers 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**

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- [Kouassi poised to return in Portland: "Very important that we have him for selection"](#)
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- [Tactical shift sparks offensive explosion in Revolution's romp over Minnesota](#)
- [Juan Agudelo Voted Alcatel MLS Player of the Week for Week 4](#)
- [Five players, head coach Jay Heaps named to MLSsoccer.com's Team of the Week](#)
- [Tierney on 200th start with Revs: "I really can't see myself playing for any other club"](#)
- [Muitos golos e primeira vitória, 5-2 sobre Minnesota United FC, na estreia do Revolution em casa](#)
- [Recap: Revolution win home opener vs. Minnesota United FC, 5-2](#)
- [Goals flow as Revs roll in home opener: "It was time to draw a line in the sand"](#)
- WATCH: [The Kickoff: Revs preview Sunday night's nationally-televvised meeting with Portland](#)
- WATCH: [Xavier Kouassi on his long-awaited comeback and his continued progress](#)
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- WATCH: [Boot Room Breakdown: Juan Agudelo takes us through both of his goals vs. Minnesota](#)
- WATCH: [Outside the Box: Experience the Revs' big win over Minnesota from new angles](#)
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- WATCH: [Must-See Academy Goal: Joe Brito finishes off clever corner with brilliant finish](#)
- WATCH: [Players, supporters celebrate win over Minnesota together with new postgame tradition](#)
- WATCH: [Highlights: New England Revolution 5, Minnesota United FC 2 | March 25, 2017](#)
- WATCH: [The Final Whistle: Agudelo, Fagundez, Tierney react to Revs' 5-2 win over MNUFC](#)
- WATCH: [Diego Fagundez on big win over Minnesota: "We knew we weren't going to lose"](#)
- WATCH: [Juan Agudelo reacts to Revs' win over MNUFC: "We knew we had to win at home"](#)
- PHOTO GALLERY: [Revs over Minnesota United FC](#)
- LISTEN: [The Far Post Podcast #218 | March 28](#)

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- [Revs hoping Kouassi, Angoua convert friendship into results](#)
- [Kick Off: Crew SC swaps Tchani, cash for Manneh | Week 5 Preview](#)
- [With games under his belt, New England's Cody Cropper sets sights on USMNT](#)
- [New England attacker Juan Agudelo named Alcatel MLS Player of the Week](#)
- [MLS Power Rankings, Week 4: Slight changes after short week](#)
- [2017 Team of the Week \(Wk 4\): Crew SC, Revs rewarded for strong displays](#)
- [New England Revolution 5, Minnesota United FC 2 | 2017 MLS Match Recap](#)
- [Revolution call their "triangle partnership" a force to be reckoned with](#)
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