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### NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION VS. CHICAGO FIRE

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### NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Hometown	Last Team
1	Matt Reis	GK	6-1	205	3/28/1975	Mission Viejo, Calif.	Los Angeles (MLS)
2	Flo Lechner	DEF	5-10	170	3/3/1981	Ellwangen, Germany	Karlsruher SC (GER)
3	Tyler Polak	DEF	5-9	150	5/13/1992	Lincoln, Neb.	Creighton
4	John Lozano	DEF	6-2	180	7/31/1984	Guacari, Colombia	America de Cali (COL)
5	A.J. Soares	DEF	6-1	170	11/28/1988	Solana Beach, Calif.	California
6	Michael Roach	MID	6-1	165	11/18/1988	St. Louis, Mo.	Saint Louis
8	Chris Tierney	DEF	6-1	170	1/9/1986	Wellesley, Mass.	Virginia
9	Jose Moreno	FWD	6-1	180	9/10/1981	Santender de Quilichao, Colombia	Once Caldas (COL)
11	Kelyn Rowe	MID	5-8	150	12/2/1991	Federal Way, Wash.	UCLA
13	Ryan Guy	MID	5-8	160	9/5/1985	Carlsbad, Calif.	St. Patrick's Athletic (IRL)
14	Diego Fagundez	MID	5-8	140	2/14/1995	Leominster, Mass.	Revolution Under-16s
15	Jeremiah White	MID	5-9	170	4/3/1982	Lansdowne, Pa.	GKS Belchatow (POL)
17	Sainey Nyassi	MID	5-8	155	1/31/1989	Bwiam, Gambia	Ports Authority FC (GAM)
19	Clyde Simms	MID	5-9	170	8/21/1982	Jamestown, N.C.	D.C. United (MLS)
21	Shalrie Joseph	MID	6-3	195	5/24/1978	Brooklyn, N.Y.	N.Y. Freedoms (USL)
22	Benny Feilhaber	MID	5-9	160	1/19/1985	Irvine, Calif.	AGF Aarhus (DEN)
23	Blake Brettschneider	FWD	6-1	172	4/11/1989	Lilburn, Ga.	D.C. United (MLS)
24	Lee Nguyen	MID	5-8	150	10/7/1986	McKinney, Texas	Vancouver Whitecaps FC (MLS)
25	Darrius Barnes	DEF	6-1	175	12/24/1986	Raleigh, N.C.	Duke
26	Stephen McCarthy	MID	6-5	190	7/21/1988	Dallas, Texas	North Carolina
30	Kevin Alston	DEF	5-9	160	5/5/1988	Silver Spring, Md.	Indiana
32	Bjorn Runstrom	FWD	6-1	175	3/1/1984	Stockholm, Sweden	Hammarby (SWE)
33	Zak Boggs	FWD	5-11	180	12/25/1986	Vienna, W. Va.	South Florida
34	Bobby Shuttleworth	GK	6-2	205	5/13/1987	Tonawanda, N.Y.	Austin Aztex (USL)
39	Saër Sène	FWD	6-3	185	11/4/1986	Paris, France	Bayern Munich II (GER)
40	Tim Murray	GK	6-2	190	7/30/1987	Haverhill, Mass.	Providence
80	Fernando Cardenas	FWD	5-4	150	4/30/1988	Cartago, Colombia	America de Cali (COL)
99	Alec Purdie	MID	5-10	185	11/24/1988	Elkhart, Ind.	Indiana
Hea	d Coach: Jay Heaps	Assistant Co	aches:	Jay M	iller, David Vaudreu	il Goalkeeper Coach: Remi Roy	

### CHICAGO FIRE

_	FIRE						
No.		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Hometown	Last Team
1	Jay Nolly	GK	6-3	205	1/2/1982	Littleton, Colo.	Vancouver (USL)
3	Dan Gargan	DEF	5-11	175	12/14/1982	Philadelphia, Pa.	Toronto (MLS)
4	Kwame Watson-Siriboe	DEF	6-3	196	11/13/1986	Chino Hills, Calif.	Connecticut
5	Cory Gibbs	DEF	6-1	180	1/14/1980	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Colorado (MLS)
6	Jalil Anibaba	DEF	6-1	175	10/19/1988	Davis, Calif.	North Carolina
7	Kheli Dube	FWD	5-11	160	6/18/1983	Bulawayo, Zimbabwe	Coastal Carolina
8	Dominic Oduro	FWD	6-1	160	8/13/1985	Pramso, Ghana	Houston (MLS)
9	Federico Puppo	FWD	5-8	160	12/6/1986	Colonia del Sacramento, Uruguay	Danubio F.C. (Uruguay)
10	Sebastian Grazzini	MID	5-11	165	1/25/1981	Rosario, Argentina	CA All Boys (Argentina)
11	Daniel Paladini	MID	5-9	165	11/11/1984	Northridge, Calif.	San Fernando Valley Quakes (PDL)
12	Logan Pause	MID	5-10	155	8/22/1981	Hillsborough, N.C.	North Carolina
13	Gonzalo Segares	DEF	5-11	162	10/13/1982	San Jose, Costa Rica	Apollon Limassol (Cyprus)
14	Patrick Nyarko	FWD	6-1	165	1/15/1986	Kumasi, Ghana	Virginia Tech
15	Orr Barouch	FWD	6-2	190	11/29/1991	Woodland Hills, Calif.	Tigres (Mexico)
16	Marco Pappa	MID	5-10	155	11/15/1987	Guatemala City, Guatemala	CSD Municipal (Guatemala)
17	Pavel Pardo	MID	5-10	150	7/26/1976	Guadalajara, Mexico	Club America (Mexico)
18	Chris Rolfe	FWD	5-8	146	1/17/1983	Kettering, Ohio	Aalborg BK (Denmark)
19	Corben Bone	MID	5-9	160	9/16/1988	Plano, Texas	Wake Forest
20	Tony Walls	DEF	5-11	185	1/16/1990	Wauwatosa, Wisc.	WisGreen Bay
21	Michael Videira	MID	5-10	170	1/6/1986	Boston, Mass.	AC St. Louis (USSF)
22	Austin Berry	DEF	6-2	180	10/6/1988	Cincinnati, Ohio	Louisville
23	Arne Friedrich	DEF	6-1	170	5/29/1979	Bad Oeynhausen, Germany	VfL Wolfsburg (GER)
25	Sean Johnson	GK	6-3	217	5/31/1989	Lilburn, Ga.	Central Florida
27	Victor Pineda	MID	5-11	140	5/15/1993	Bolingbrook, III.	Chicago Fire Juniors
28	Steven Kinney	DEF	6-1	175	10/28/1987	Norcross, Ga.	Elon
70	Paolo Tornaghi	GK	6-2	175	6/21/1988	Milan, Italy	Inter Milan (ITA)
88	Rafael Robayo	MID	6-1	171	4/24/1984	Bogota, Colombia	Millionarios F.C. (Colombia)
94	Kellen Gulley	FWD	6-1	185	4/6/1994	Clinton, Miss.	Chicago Fire Juniors - Mississippi
99	Hunter Jumper	DEF	6-2	175	2/28/1989	Dallas, Texas	Virginia
He	ad Coach: Frank Klopas	Assistant C	oache	s: Mik	e Matkovich, Leo P	erkovich, Aron Hyde	

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### NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION

#### (4-7-1, 13 pts.) THROUGH GAMES OF MAY 26, 2012

UNF	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	Α	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	СК	С	Е
39	F	Saer Sene	11	10	793	7	2	29	18	12	16	5	0	0	0
24	М	Lee Nguyen	12	10	873	2	2	20	6	8	19	0	1	1	0
21	М	Shalrie Joseph	11	11	990	1	3	8	3	20	19	0	0	3	0
8	D	Chris Tierney	11	11	987	1	3	12	5	8	5	0	17	3	0
23	F	Blake Brettschneider	6	6	514	1	0	8	3	3	8	7	0	0	0
80	F	Fernando Cardenas	10	2	329	1	0	11	3	4	5	3	2	0	1
9	F	Jose Moreno	5	3	254	1	0	8	5	2	4	2	0	0	0
11	М	Kelyn Rowe	9	8	624	1	0	16	11	5	5	2	13	0	0
5	D	A.J. Soares	12	12	1039	1	0	4	2	10	12	0	0	0	0
30	D	Kevin Alston	11	11	873	0	1	2	0	17	13	0	0	0	0
13	М	Ryan Guy	8	6	532	0	1	8	5	8	5	3	0	0	0
26	D	Stephen McCarthy	10	10	819	0	1	0	0	8	9	0	0	1	1
19	М	Clyde Simms	10	10	878	0	1	6	2	8	6	1	0	0	0
25	D	Darrius Barnes	1	0	48	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
14	F	Diego Fagundez	4	0	78	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
22	М	Benny Feilhaber	9	7	668	0	0	17	7	11	29	1	7	3	0
2	D	Florian Lechner	2	1	135	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
4	D	John Lozano	2	2	155	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	0
3	D	Tyler Polak	1	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
99	F	Alec Purdie	4	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
1	G	Matt Reis	12	12	1080	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
32	F	Bjorn Runstrom	3	0	32	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
15	М	Jeremiah White	2	0	31	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
33	М	Zak Boggs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	G	Tim Murray	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	М	Sainey Nyassi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	F	Michael Roach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	G	Bobby Shuttleworth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Team totals	12	12	1080	16	14	151	70	132	175	25	40	13	2
		Opponent totals	12	12	1080	18	18	166	58	175	132	27	52	21	1

GAME-WINNING GOALS: Saer Sene 2, Chris Tierney 1, Fernando Cardenas 1

GAME-WINNING ASSISTS: Chris Tierney 1, Saer Sene 1, Lee Nguyen 1, Shalrie Joseph 1, Kevin Alston 1 PENALTY KICK GOALS/ATTEMPTS: Saer Sene 1-1

#### NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION INDIVIDUAL GOALKEEPING

UNF	POS	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MIN	SHTS	sv	GA	GAA	PG	PA	W	L	Т	SO
1	G	Matt Reis	12	12	1080	58	39	18	1.50	0	0	4	7	1	1
		Team totals	12	12	1080	58	39	18	1.50	0	0	4	7	1	1
		Opponent totals	12	12	1080	70	54	16	1.33	1	1	7	4	1	4

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**3** TYLER POLAK



JOHN LOZANO



5 A.J. SOARES



6 MICHAEL ROACH



8 CHRIS TIERNEY



9 JOSE MORENO



KELYN ROWE

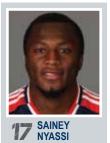


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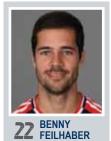
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**25** DARRIUS BARNES



26 STEPHEN McCARTHY



30 KEVIN ALSTON



32 BJORN RUNSTROM



**33** ZAK BOGGS



34 BOBBY SHUTTLEWORTH



**39** SAËR SÈNE





80 FERNANDO CARDENAS



**99** ALEC PURDIE



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### SERIES HISTORY



#### RESULTS

Overall:	13-18-9
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- Home games: 9-8-3
- Road games: 4-10-6

#### LAST FIVE MEETINGS

10/17/09	Chicago 0 at New England 0	Т
06/27/10	Chicago 1 at New England 0	L
08/18/10	New England 1 at Chicago 2	L
06/18/11	Chicago 1 at New England 1	Т
09/25/11	New England 2 at Chicago 3	L

### PLAYER TO WATCH



#### 8 - DOMINIC ODURO

In his second season with the Fire, Dominic Oduro is off to a hot start with four goals – including two game-winners – and one assist through the team's first 12 games. The 26-year-old forward gave the Fire an early 2-0 lead against New England when the teams last met in Chicago last Sept. 25, finishing 2011 with 12 goals and becoming the runner-up for MLS' comeback player of the year award.

Photo by Jim McIsaac/Getty Images

### SERIES INFORMATION

- Saturday's match will be the 41st MLS regular-season meeting between the two teams and the 60th meeting overall, including MLS Cup playoffs, U.S. Open Cup and SuperLiga meetings
- Chicago leads the all-time, regular-season series between the two teams, 18-13-9 ... in all meetings, Chicago holds a 28-21-10 edge in the series
- The Revs are 9-8-3 at home against Chicago all-time, including a 7-5-2 record at Gillette Stadium
- The Revs have struggled at home against the Fire of late, and are 0-4-1 in their last five home matches against Chicago, dating back to the start of the 2008 season
- The Revs are winless against the Fire in their last 10 regular-season meetings, with New England's last in-season win coming May 6, 2007 at Gillette Stadium (3-1)
- Saturday's match is the first of three regular-season meetings between the two clubs this year ... on Aug. 18, the Revs will travel to Chicago before returning to Gillette Stadium to host the Fire on Oct. 20
- Chicago won the 2011 regular-season series after defeating New England, 3-2, on Sept. 25 at Chicago following a 1-1 draw on June 18, at Gillette Stadium
- The Revs' win in Chicago in SuperLiga 2010 remains the Revs' first and only -- victory at Toyota Park since the stadium's inaugural year in 2006 ... prior to the win, the Revs were 0-6-1 in their seven previous appearances at Toyota Park (2007-present), and had been outscored 14-2 in those matches
- The Revs are a combined 2-9-4 in all competitions against the Fire since the start of the 2008 season ... that record includes nine regularseason games, four playoff matches and two SuperLiga games ... the Revs' 1-0 win on July 17, 2010, in the SuperLiga group stage was their most recent victory in the series
- New England and Chicago have met at least five times per season (regular-season, playoffs, U.S. Open Cup, SuperLiga) six times since 2002
   ... in 2007 and 2004, the clubs only played each other four times each ... the high came in 2006 when the teams met seven times four times in the regular season, twice in the playoffs and once in the Open Cup
- The Revs and Fire have met in seven of the last 10 postseasons (2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009) ... in total, the teams have met in the playoffs in eight seasons, all since 2000

### PLAYER NOTES

- Shalrie Joseph is the team's active leading scorer against Chicago, with one goal and four assists in 23 matches... Joseph's lone goal against the Fire was scored in the clubs' 1-1 draw on May 9, 2009, at Toyota Park
- Ryan Guy has two goals in two appearances against the Fire as Guy recorded two stoppage-time goals at Chicago on Sept. 25, 2011
- Matt Reis is the Revolution's all-time wins leader against the Fire with seven, while he has posted a 1.48 goals against average and five shutouts ... Reis also has three career postseason shutouts in seven appearances against Chicago
- Diego Fagundez recorded his first career assist on Ryan Guy's second goal against Chicago on Sept. 25, 2011



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DAY	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME (ET)	TV	RESULT
Sat., March 10	at San Jose Earthquakes	Buck Shaw Stadium	10:30PM	CSN	L, 0-1
Sat., March 17	at Sporting Kansas City	Livestrong Sporting Park	8:30PM	CSN	L, 0-3
Sat., March 24	vs. Portland Timbers	Gillette Stadium	4:00PM	CSN	W, 1-0
Sat., March 31	at LA Galaxy	The Home Depot Center	11:00PM	NBC Sports	W, 3-1
Thurs., April 5	at FC Dallas	FC Dallas Stadium	8:30PM	CSN	L, 0-1
Sat., April 14	vs. D.C. United	Gillette Stadium	4:00PM	CSN	L, 1-2
Sat., April 28	at New York Red Bulls	Red Bull Arena	3:30PM	NBC Sports	L, 0-1
Wed., May 2	vs. Colorado Rapids	Gillette Stadium	8:00PM	CSN	W, 2-1
Sat., May 5	at Real Salt Lake	Rio Tinto Stadium	9:00PM	CSN	L, 1-2
Sat., May 12	vs. Vancouver Whitecaps FC	Gillette Stadium	7:30PM	CSN	W, 4-1
Sat., May 19	vs. Houston Dynamo	Gillette Stadium	7:30PM	CSN	T, 2-2
Sat., May 26	at D.C. United	RFK Stadium	7:30PM	CSN	L, 2-3
Sat., June 2	vs. Chicago Fire	Gillette Stadium	7:30PM	CSN	
Sat., June 16	vs. Columbus Crew	Gillette Stadium	7:30PM	CSN	
Sat., June 23	at Toronto FC	BMO Field	4:30PM	CSN	
Sat., June 30	vs. Seattle Sounders FC	Gillette Stadium	7:30PM	CSN	
Sun., July 8	vs. New York Red Bulls	Gillette Stadium	7:00PM	CSN/Galavision	
Sat., July 14	vs. Toronto FC	Gillette Stadium	7:30PM	CSN	
Wed., July 18	at Montreal Impact	Saputo Stadium	8:00PM	CSN	
Sat., July 21	at Sporting Kansas City	Livestrong Park	8:30PM	CSN	
Sun., July 29	at Philadelphia Union	PPL Park	7:00PM	NBC Sports	
Sat., Aug. 4	vs. Sporting KC	Gillette Stadium	7:30PM	CSN	
Sun., Aug. 12	vs. Montreal Impact	Gillette Stadium	7:00PM	CSN	
Sat., Aug. 18	at Chicago Fire	Toyota Park	8:30PM	CSN	
Sat., Aug. 25	at Columbus Crew	Crew Stadium	7:30PM	CSN	
Wed., Aug. 29	vs. Chivas USA	Gillette Stadium	8:00PM	CSN	
Sat., Sept. 1	vs. Philadelphia Union	Gillette Stadium	7:30PM	CSN	
Wed., Sept. 5	vs. Columbus Crew	Gillette Stadium	8:00PM	CSN	
Sat., Sept. 15	at D.C. United	RFK Stadium	7:30PM	CSN	
Sat., Sept. 22	vs. New York Red Bulls	Gillette Stadium	7:30PM	CSN	
Sat., Sept. 29	at Houston Dynamo	BBVA Compass Stadium	8:30PM	CSN	
Sat., Oct. 6	at Philadelphia Union	PPL Park	7:00PM	CSN	
Sat., Oct. 20	vs. Chicago Fire	Gillette Stadium	7:30PM	CSN	
Sat., Oct. 27	at Montreal Impact	Saputo Stadium	2:00PM	CSN	



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### MLS EASTERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	GP	w	L	т	PTS	GF	GA	STREAKS	LAST 10
D.C. United	15	8	4	3	27	28	19	Won 3	7-2-1
New York Red Bulls	13	8	3	2	26	26	18	Tied 1	7-1-2
Sporting Kansas City	12	8	3	1	25	17	10	Won 1	6-3-1
Columbus Crew	12	5	4	3	18	13	13	Won 2	4-3-3
Chicago Fire	12	5	4	3	18	15	15	Lost 1	4-4-2
Houston Dynamo	11	4	3	4	16	12	12	Won 1	3-3-4
NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION	12	4	7	1	13	16	18	Lost 1	4-5-1
Montreal Impact	13	3	7	3	12	15	21	Lost 2	3-5-2
Philadelphia Union	11	2	7	2	8	8	14	Lost 1	2-6-2
Toronto FC	10	1	9	0	3	8	21	Won 1	1-9-0

### MLS WESTERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

WESTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	Т	PTS	GF	GA	STREAKS	LAST 10
Real Salt Lake	14	9	3	2	29	22	14	Won 2	6-2-2
San Jose Earthquakes	14	8	3	3	27	27	17	Lost 1	5-2-3
Seattle Sounders FC	13	7	3	3	24	16	9	Tied 1	5-2-3
Colorado Rapids	13	6	6	1	19	20	18	Won 1	4-5-1
Vancouver Whitecaps FC	12	5	3	4	19	13	14	Tied 2	3-3-4
Chivas USA	13	4	6	3	15	9	14	Tied 2	3-4-3
Portland Timbers	12	3	5	4	13	12	15	Tied 1	2-5-3
FC Dallas	15	3	8	4	13	15	24	Lost 2	1-6-3
LA Galaxy	13	3	8	2	11	15	21	Lost 3	2-6-2

### THIS WEEK'S MATCHES

#### Saturday, June 2

Chicago at New England, 7:30 p.m.

### AST WEEK'S MATCHES

Wednesday, May 23
Chivas USA 1 at New York 1
Dallas 1 at Chicago 2
Columbus 2 at Seattle 0
San Jose 3 at LA 2
Saturday, May 26
LA 1 at Houston 2
Philadelphia 0 at Toronto 1
Chicago 1 at Columbus 2
New England 2 at D.C. 3
Dallas 2 at Salt Lake 3
Montreal 2 at Colorado 3
Vancouver 1 at Portland 1
Seattle 1 at Chivas USA 1
Sunday, May 27
San Jose 1 at Kansas City 2

#### **GOAL SCORING LEADERS**

#### PLAYER GOALS TEAM GP Chris Wondolowski SJ 12 11 13 Kenny Cooper NY 11 Thierry Henry NY 8 9 12 6 Maicon Santos DC NE 11 7 Saer Sène

#### **GOALKEEPING LEADERS**

PLAYER	TEAM	GP	MIN	SHTS	SVS	GA	GAA	W-L-T	SHO
Michael Gspurning	SEA	7	585	19	16	3	0.46	5-1-1	0
Bill Hamid	DC	6	540	34	29	5	0.83	4-2-0	2
Jimmy Nielsen	KC	12	1080	36	26	10	0.83	8-3-1	5

All MLS statistics as of games played through May 26, 2012

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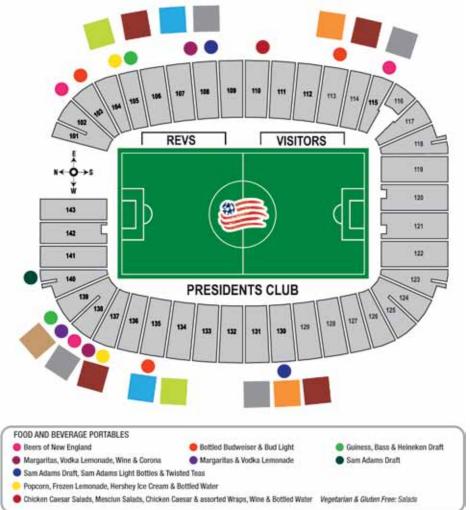
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2012 NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION



By Jessica Laurendeau

### How has the transition been from Germany to now living in New England?

I live here in an apartment and it's very nice. In Germany, we do not have the same (kind) of apartment complexes with a pool and a gym inside. I like it.

### What was it like coming into a completely new team?

For me, it's not big because I have played 15 years on professional teams and every year you get new players and that changes teams. But, the guys are very good and I'm happy to be here.

#### What would you say your proudest moment in your professional career is?

I played seven years in St. Pauli and Hamburg in Germany and we got up from the third league to the second league, and the second league to the first division. This experience was very good because after that we won the German League, the second league. We stood on the balcony and 80,000 people were standing on the ground and celebrating. I think we were all proud of this.

#### How did you get involve with Viva Con Agua?

Benjamin Adrion is the guy who came up with the idea and I played with him in St. Pauli (Germany), I played with him for 15 or 16 years. He is a good

friend of mine and he had the idea to help people in different countries who don't have a lot of money. The idea was to help them by getting clear water into kindergartens. I liked the idea. We worked together in Cuba at the preseason camp, where there was a bad situation in the kindergartens.

#### What do you enjoy doing off the field?

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I like to hang around with my wife and my dog. Both of them are not here right now, but they are coming. I like to play golf and I like to go to the cinema. To be in places of that nature is very good for me.

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## Becoming Iron Man

Kevin Alston has overcome injury woes to emerge as a staple at right back

> By Jeff Lemieux Staff Writer & Online Host

OXBOROUGH, Mass. – There would have been few willing to bet on Kevin Alston becoming the New England Revolution's newest "iron man" last year, setting a single-season club record for minutes played with 2,954 minutes logged in 33 league appearances.

It was a far cry from Alston's first two years as a professional in which the speedy right back struggled with recurring hamstring injuries in both legs, forcing him to miss time on seven separate occasions. In total, Alston sat out 15 games in both league and cup play between 2009 and 2010 because of hamstring issues.

Alston's ailments not only affected his club career, but his international aspirations, as well. Called into his first-ever full U.S. National Team camp in January 2010, he suffered a hamstring injury in the early stages and was unable to participate fully in the camp. Given another shot with a second call-up to the U.S. National Team in February of that year, Alston reinjured his hamstring the day before camp started and missed out once again.

"I think it took a toll on me mentally," Alston said of missing back-to-back national team camps because of injury. "It was one of those things where you look forward to it and you're so excited to finally get a call-up. You want to go out there and show them what you can do, so to have those injuries pop up like that and keep me back from doing that, it hurts."

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After missing the final four games of the 2010 season with yet another hamstring injury, Alston finally decided it was time to attack the issue head on. Although the Revolution's season ended in October, Alston stayed in Foxborough through late December to participate in rehab workouts three-to-four times a week with head athletic trainer Sean Kupiec. The Silver Spring, Md., native then spent time in January working with a specialist in Delaware to continue to strengthen the muscles as best he could.

The efforts paid off. Alston missed the first game of the 2011 season with a mild hamstring strain, but went on to start the Revolution's next 33 regular-season matches en route to setting a new club record for minutes played in a season.

"Those first couple years were tough with the injuries," Alston admits. "It means a lot just to be able to stay healthy and continue to go out there and play. I feel like when I'm not healthy, I'm kind of letting my team down, so definitely pride goes along with [maintaining my health]."

Alston is so determined to stay on the field, in fact, that he's battled through a trio of injuries in the past two seasons. Twice Alston has broken his nose and been forced to wear a protective facemask, while he played the final two months of the 2011 season in a heavily-wrapped cast after fracturing his wrist in August.

"You have to do what you have to do," Alston said of playing through minor injuries. "Fortunately, those were some of those injuries that you can kind of play around. It's unfortunate. It [stinks] having to wear the mask or playing with a cast, but I've got to be out there." As eager as he is to be on the field as often as possible, Alston is aware that there are some injuries he can't play through. Hamstring strains fall firmly into that category.

So Alston continues to maintain his hamstrings with extra care on a daily basis, aided in large part by t h e presence of strength and conditioning coach

Nick Downing. Together, they've devised a plan designed to strengthen Alston's muscles and prevent injuries from occurring in the first place.

"We go into the gym two times a week," said Alston, who also worked with a personal trainer in Florida this past offseason. "It's good maintenance. It's not like we're necessarily trying to get stronger and stronger. We are getting stronger, but it's also just keeping the muscles on the same levels as far as letting them not deteriorate.

"I feel like I'm past the injury thing, but injuries can pop up at any time, so you need to be smart," Alston added. "You need to do the right things off the field just to make sure you stay healthy. Although I'm past the initial hamstring injury, you never know when that could come back. Another one could pop up; you never

know. So you just have to do the right things all the time."

Alston hopes his continued presence on the field in MLS will eventually lead to another shot with the U.S. National Team. If and when that opportunity presents itself, he doesn't plan to let his hamstrings get in the way of his dreams.

"It'd mean a lot just to get a shot," Alston said. "Just to go out there and play with those guys and showcase my talents against theirs. Just to be on the same field and show them what I can do, it would mean a lot."

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