# **New England Revolution Game Notes**

March 28, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. ET





### **MATCH INFORMATION**

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2009

Kickoff: 7:30 p.m. ET

Location: Giants Stadium (East Rutherford, N.J.)

National TV: Fox Soccer Channel

Talent: Max Bretos (play-by-play), Christopher Sullivan (analyst), Steve Bell (sideline)

Pregame Show: 7 p.m., hosted by Todd Grisham

Radio: WRKO 680 AM (Brad Feldman - play-by-play, Greg Lalas - analyst)

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## REVOLUTION INJURY REPORT

QUESTIONABLE: Steve Ralston (R quad strain)

Chris Albright (R ankle sprain)

OUT: Taylor Twellman (neck pain)

Gabriel Badilla (lower back sprain/R achilles tendinitis)

Mauricio Castro (L hamstring strain)

### **PROBABLE STARTERS**

29 MANSALLY 1GP, 1GS, 0G, 0A 11 DUBE 1GP, 1GS, 1G, 0A

7 THOMPSON 1GP, 1GS, 0G, 0A **31 NYASSI** 1GP, 1GS, 0G, 0A

**21 JOSEPH** 1GP, 1GS, 0G, 0A 13 LARENTOWICZ 1GP, 1GS, 0G, 1A

**8 TIERNEY** 1GP, 1GS, 0G, 0A 30 ALSTON 1GP, 1GS, 0G, 0A

6 HEAPS 1GP, 1GS, 0G, 0A 25 BARNES 1GP, 1GS, 0G, 0A

1 REIS 1GP, 1GS, 0.00 GAA, 1 SHO

### 2009 REVOLUTION SCHEDULE

2009 MLS RECORD: 1-0-0 (HOME: 0-0-0 AWAY: 1-0-0)

2009 ALL-COMPETITIONS RECORD: 1-0-0 (HOME: 0-0-0 AWAY: 1-0-0)

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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV				
Sat., March 21	at San Jose Earthquakes	W 1-0	TV38				
Sat., March 28	at New York Red Bulls	7:30 p.m.	FSC/FSE				
Sat., April 4	FC DALLAS	7:30 p.m.	TV38				
Fri., April 17	at D.C. United	7:00 p.m.	ESPN2/Deportes				
Sat., April 25	at Real Salt Lake	9:00 p.m.	TV38				
Sun., May 3	HOUSTON DYNAMO	3:00 p.m.	TV38/Telefutura				
Sat., May 9	at Chicago Fire	8:30 p.m.	TV38				
Sat., May 16	COLORADO RAPIDS	7:30 p.m.	TV38				
Sat., May 23	at Toronto FC	TBA	TV38				
Sat., May 30	D.C. UNITED	7:30 p.m.	TV38				
Sun., June 7	NEW YORK RED BULLS	6:00 p.m.	TV38				
Sat., June 13	at Kansas City Wizards	8:30 p.m.	TV38				
Sat., July 4	at Los Angeles Galaxy	11:00 p.m.	FSC/FSE				
Sat., July 11	KANSAS CITY WIZARDS	4:00 p.m.	TV38				
Sun., July 19	CHIVAS USA	6:00 p.m.	TV38				
Sat., July 25	at Houston Dynamo	8:30 p.m.	TV38				
Sat., Aug. 1	TORONTO FC	7:30 p.m.	TV38				
Sat., Aug. 8	LOS ANGELES GALAXY	6:00 p.m.	FSC/FSE				
Thu., Aug. 20	at Seattle Sounders FC	10:00 p.m.	ESPN2/Deportes				
Sun., Aug. 23	REAL SALT LAKE	6:00 p.m.	TV38				
Sat., Aug. 29	SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES	7:30 p.m.	TV38				
Sat., Sept. 5	KANSAS CITY WIZARDS	7:30 p.m.	TV38				
Sun., Sept. 13	at Chivas USA	3:00 p.m.	TV38/Telefutura				
Fri., Sept. 18	at New York Red Bulls	7:30 p.m.	TV38				
Sat., Sept. 26	SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC	7:30 p.m.	TV38				
Wed., Sept. 30	at FC Dallas	8:30 p.m.	TV38				
Sat., Oct. 3	at Colorado Rapids	9:00 p.m.	TV38				
Sat., Oct. 10	COLUMBUS CREW	7:30 p.m.	TV38				
Sat., Oct. 17	CHICAGO FIRE	6:00 p.m.	FSC/FSE				
Sun., Oct. 25	at Columbus Crew	5:00 p.m.	TV38				

### 2009 TEAM COMPARISONS



Overall: 1-0-0 Points: 3 Place in Conference: T-First Home: 0-0-0 Away: 1-0-0

vs. East: 0-0-0 vs. West: 1-0-0 Goals For: 1 Goals Against: 0

+/-: +1

Steve Nicol



Overall: 0-1-0 Points: 0 Place in Conference: T-Sixth

NEW YORK

Home: 0-0-0 Away: 0-1-0

vs. East: 0-0-0 vs. West: 0-1-0 Goals For: 0 Goals Against: 3

+/-: -3

\_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Juan Carlos Osorio

### 2009 TALE OF THE TAPE

NEW ENGLAND \_\_\_\_\_ HEAD COACHES \_\_\_\_\_

8	Total Years Coaching in MLS	3
	Career MLS Record	
	Year with Team	
same	Record with Team	10-12-9
NEW ENGLAND	TEAM CATEGORIES	NEW YORK
1	Games	1
1	Goals Scored	0
1.00	Goals Per Game	0.00
0	Goals Allowed	3
0.00	Goals Allowed Per Game	3.00
+1	Goal Differential	3
7	Shots	8
2	Shots on Goal	2
13	Fouls Suffered	10
6	Fouls Committed	6
0	Yellow Card Cautions	1
NEW ENGLAND	INDIVIDUAL LEADERS	NEW YORK
	Goals	
Larentowicz (1)	Assists	none
	Shots	
Dube, Larentowicz (1)	Shots on Goal	Kandji, Rojas (1)
Dube (1)	Game-Winning Goals	none
Larentowicz (1)	Game-Winning Assists	none
Larentowicz (3)	Fouls Suffered	Kandji (3)
Dube (3)	Fouls Committed	Six Players (1)
none	Yellow Card Cautions	Goldthwaite (1)
NEW ENGLAND	GOALKEEPER LEADERS	NEW YORK
	Minutes Played	
Reis (0.00)	Goals Against Average	
	Goals Against Average Wins	
Reis (1)		none

### **ALL-TIME SERIES RESULTS**

Overall: 23-16-9

Home: 15-4-4 Away: 8-12-5

Date	Score	NE Result	Notes
4/20/96	New England 1 at MetroStars 0	W	
5/19/96	MetroStars 0 at New England 2	W	
8/03/96	MetroStars 1 at New England 1	W	SO
8/14/96	New England 0 at MetroStars 4	L	
4/12/97	New England 1 at MetroStars 3	L	
5/30/97	MetroStars 1 at New England 3	W	
9/09/97	New England 1 at MetroStars 3	L	
9/20/97	MetroStars 2 at New England 3	W	
5/31/98	MetroStars 1 at New England 1	L	SO
6/24/98	New England 3 at MetroStars 5	L	
9/02/98	New England 2 at MetroStars 0	W	
9/26/98	MetroStars 0 at New England 0	L	SO
5/29/99	New England 3 at MetroStars 3	W	SO
7/04/99	MetroStars 2 at New England 3	Ŵ	
8/25/99	New England 1 at MetroStars 1	W	SO
10/02/99	MetroStars 1 at New England 2	W	
6/17/00	New England 2 at MetroStars 4	Ľ	
7/15/00	MetroStars 2 at New England 0	Ĺ	
8/12/00	New England 1 at MetroStars 2	Ĺ	OT
9/09/00	MetroStars 3 at New England 4	w	01
4/07/01	New England 1 at MetroStars 2	ï	
6/03/01	MetroStars 1 at New England 1	Ť	20T
9/07/01	New England 1 at MetroStars 3	Ĺ	201
3/23/02	New England 1 at MetroStars 3	Ĺ	
6/29/02	MetroStars 2 at New England 0	Ĺ	
7/20/02	New England 3 at MetroStars 4	Ĺ	
9/21/02	MetroStars 0 at New England 0	w	
7/12/03	MetroStars 3 at New England 3	vv T	2OT
9/13/03	New England 2 at MetroStars 1	W	201
	New England 2 at MetroStars 1	W	
10/18/03		W	
10/25/03	MetroStars 2 at New England 5	vv T	
4/25/04	New England 1 at MetroStars 1	† T	
5/22/04	MetroStars 1 at New England 1		
6/26/04	MetroStars 1 at New England 2	W	
9/11/04	New England 2 at MetroStars 3	Ļ	
5/21/05	New England 2 at MetroStars 2	T	
6/25/05	MetroStars 2 at New England 4	W	
9/17/05	New England 4 at MetroStars 5	L	
9/24/05	MetroStars 0 at New England 1	W	
4/08/06	New England 0 at Red Bulls 0	Ţ	
7/01/06	Red Bulls 2 at New England 3	W	
9/09/06	Red Bulls 0 at New England 1	W	
9/20/06	New England 2 at Red Bulls 0	W	
7/14/07	New England 1 at Red Bulls 0	W	
8/25/07	Red Bulls 1 at New England 2	W	
9/22/07	New England 2 at Red Bulls 2	<u>T</u>	
4/19/08	New England 1 at Red Bulls 1	T	
6/18/08	Red Bulls 1 at New England 1	T	

OT - overtime; SO - shootout; PK - penalty kicks

### NEW ENGLAND VS. NEW YORK SERIES INFORMATION

- The Revolution is undefeated against New York in the teams' last 10 regular-season meetings (6-0-4) dating back to the end of the 2005 season, while the unbeaten run spans 12 games (7-0-5) including postseason matches ... New York's last victory in the regularseason series came on Sept. 17, 2005 - a 5-4 victory at Giants Stadium.
- The Revs haven't lost in their last six visits to Giants Stadium including one postseason match - going 2-0-4 in that span.
- Saturday night's match is the first of three meetings between the Revs and Red Bulls this season ... the Revolution will host New York at Gillette Stadium on June 7, while the Revs will return to Giants Stadium on Sept. 18.
- This will mark the 55th all-time meeting between the Revolution and Red Bulls in MLS regular-season and postseason action combined, representing the most games the Revs have played against any team.
- New England and New York played to a pair of 1-1 draws last season: April 19 at Giants Stadium and June 18 at Gillette Stadium ... the clubs have now tied in each of their last three regular-season meetings.
- New England and New York have met in the postseason three times all since 2003 and the Revs have eliminated New York on each occasion ... the clubs most recent playoff encounter was in the 2007 Eastern Conference Semifinals.

#### PLAYER NOTES VS. NEW YORK

- Taylor Twellman is New England's all-time leading scorer against New York with 12 goals, while he's has also added five assists in 18 appearances.
- Four of Jay Heaps' 16 career goals have been scored against New York, a team which he has faced 32 times including his two-and-a-half seasons in Miami.
- Steve Ralston is the Revolution's career leader in assists against New York with 20, more than he has recorded against any other team ... 12 of those assists have come in 22 appearances with the Revolution.
- Matt Reis is 9-2-6 in his New England career against the Red Bulls, posting a 1.33 goals against average and five shutouts.

#### LAST MEETING

New England 1, New York 1

June 18, 2008 - Gillette Stadium (Foxborough, Mass.)

Steve Ralston scored the game-tying goal in the 79th minute to help the Revolution earn a 1-1 draw with the visiting Red Bulls, extending New England's unbeaten run against New York to 10 regular-season games ... Seth Stammler gave New York the lead in the 37th minute, volleying home former Red Bull Dave van den Bergh's curling cross at the back post ... the visitors held their one-goal advantage deep into the second half, but Ralston's goal 11 minutes from time knotted the score ... the move started with Jay Heaps, whose lofted ball into the box was knocked down by Kheli Dube right into the path of Ralston, who finished into the left side of the net.

200	9 MLS	STATISTICS													
UNF	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	Α	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	СК	С	E
11	FWD	Kheli Dube	1	1	90	1	0	2	1	3	1	1	0	0	0
13	MID	Jeff Larentowicz	1	1	90	0	1	2	1	1	3	0	0	0	0
30	DEF	Kevin Alston	1	1	89	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
25	DEF	Darrius Barnes	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	DEF	Jay Heaps	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
2	DEF	Amaechi Igwe	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	MID	Shalrie Joseph	1	1	90	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
29	F/M	Kenny Mansally	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	6	0	0
31	MID	Sainey Nyassi	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	GK	Matt Reis	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	MID	Wells Thompson	1	1	90	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
8	D/M	Chris Tierney	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
		TEAM TOTALS	1	1	90	1	1	7	2	6	13	3	6	0	0
		OPPONENT TOTALS	1	1	90	0	0	16	5	13	6	2	11	2	0

GAME-WINNING GOALS: Kheli Dube 1 GAME-WINNING ASSISTS: Jeff Larentowicz 1 PENALTY KICK GOALS/ATTEMPTS: None

### NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION INDIVIDUAL GOALKEEPING

_	UNF	POS	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MIN	SHTS	SV	GA	GAA	PG	PA	W	L	T	SO
	1	GK	Matt Reis	1	1	90	5	4	0	0.00	0	0	1	0	0	1
			TEAM TOTALS	1	1	90	5	4	0	0.00	0	0	1	0	0	1
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Date         Opponent         Result         Score         Attend.         Record         Place         Pts.         Goal scorers           Sat., March 21         at San Jose         W         1-0         10,335         1-0-0         T1         3         NE: Dube (55)           Sat., March 28         at New York           Sat., April 4         FC DALLAS           Fri., April 17         at D.C. United           Sat., April 25         at Real Salt Lake           Sun., May 3         HOUSTON           Sat., May 9         at Chicago           Sat., May 16         COLORADO
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Sat., Oct. 17 CHICAGO
Sun., Oct. 25 at Columbus

### **MISCELLANEOUS TEAM NOTES**

#### THE RIVALRY RETURNS

The New England Revolution and New York Red Bulls played just twice in the 2008 season, marking the first time in MLS history that the two geographic rivals didn't square off at least three times ... that changes this season, as **the Revs and Red Bulls have been designated as natural rivals by the league**, and as such, will play each other three times this season ... with 15 teams now in the league, each club's 30-game schedule is comprised of two matches (home and away) against each of the 14 other teams in the league (28 games), plus two additional matches against what the league deems as "natural rivals" ... New England's natural rivals are New York and Kansas City, so the Revs will play the Red Bulls twice more after Saturday night: on June 7 at Gillette Stadium and on Sept. 18 at Giants Stadium.

#### REVOLUTION'S UNBEATEN RUN AGAINST RED BULLS REACHES DOUBLE DIGITS

The Revolution has enjoyed great success against the Red Bulls in recent years, as New England is undefeated in its last 10 regular-season games against New York dating back to the end of the 2005 season, going 6-0-4 during that span ... including playoff matches, the Revs are unbeaten in 12 consecutive matches against the Red Bulls, going 7-0-5 ... in their last six visits to Giants Stadium (including one postseason match), New England is 2-0-4 ... New York hasn't earned a regular-season win over New England since Sept. 17, 2005 (5-4 at Giants Stadium).

#### REVS ENJOY THE TASTE OF RED BULL

Coincidentally, the Revolution's current 10-game, regular-season unbeaten run against the Red Bulls dates back to the New York club's name change three seasons ago ... since New York changed its name from the MetroStars to the Red Bulls prior to the 2006 season, New England has not lost to its conference rival ... the Revs are 5-0-4 in regular-season matches against the Red Bulls since the change, while they're 1-0-1 in the postseason.

#### RED BULLS AIM TO USE EXTRA REST TO THEIR ADVANTAGE

New York enters Saturday night's meeting with the Revolution slightly more rested, as the Red Bulls haven't played since Thursday, March 19, when they kicked off the 2009 MLS season against the expansion Seattle Sounders FC ... New England opened its season two nights later, on Saturday, March 21, in San Jose ... although both clubs traveled across the country for their previous matches, the Red Bulls will have eight days to recover, while the Revs will have just six.

#### **END OF AN ERA AT GIANTS STADIUM**

The 2009 season is expected to be the Red Bulls' last at Giants Stadium, as they are scheduled to move into their new home, Red Bull Arena, for the start of the 2010 campaign ... the Revolution won't be too sad to see New York leave Giants Stadium, as the Revs are just 8-12-5 all-time in regular-season games at the facility despite their recent success ... barring a postseason meeting, the Revs and Red Bulls will meet at Giants Stadium just one more time after Saturday night's match, as New England visits New York on Sept. 18.

### AN OLD FRIEND BECOMES A FAMILIAR FOE

After spending the first four years of his MLS career in New England, midfielder Khano Smith could make his debut for the New York Red Bulls against his former club on Saturday night ... Smith made 85 regular-season appearances (54 starts) during his time with the Revolution, recording eight goals and 11 assists while playing primarily as a left-sided midfielder ... however, Smith's most memorable contribution for the club occurred in the 2005 postseason, when he scored the series-clinching goal in a 3-2, aggregate-goals victory over New York to send the Revolution to the Eastern Conference Championship ... Smith was selected by Seattle Sounders FC in the 2008 expansion draft in November, but was traded to New York prior to the start of the season ... the Bermuda National Team member was suspended for the Red Bulls' season opener against Seattle (March 19), and could possibly make his debut against the Revs on Saturday night.

### REVS CONTINUE EARLY-SEASON TRAVELS ...

The cold and unpredictable weather in the Northeast often keeps the Revolution on the road early in the season, and that's the case once again in 2009, as **the Revs play four of their first five games - and five of their first seven - away from Gillette Stadium** ... after opening their season in San Jose last Saturday (March 21), the Revs remain on the road this weekend to face the Red Bulls (March 28) ... the Revolution gets the chance to return home briefly for the club's home opener against FC Dallas on April 4, but then immediately returns to the road for games against D.C. (April 17) and Real Salt Lake (April 25).

### ... BUT DON'T SEEM TO MIND

The Revs have embraced the image of road warriors in recent years, as they put together the third-best road record in the league in 2008 (6-6-3) ... only Eastern Conference foes Columbus (6-5-4) and Chicago (6-5-4) had better winning percentages away from home, while the Revs tied the Crew and Fire for the most road wins in the league ... in 2007, the Revolution tied D.C. for the second-best road record in the league (6-5-4), trailing only Houston (7-5-3) ... New England is off to a similar start this season, earning a 1-0 victory in San Jose in the season opener last Saturday night (March 21).

#### **REVS HOPE FOX SOCCER CHANNEL SUCCESS CARRIES INTO 2009**

There's just something about Fox Soccer Channel and the Revolution ... the Revs haven't lost an MLS game on the soccer-only network in the past two seasons, as **the Revs are 6-0-3** in **nine regular-season and postseason matches broadcast on the station since the start of the 2007 campaign** ... although the Revolution lost its last two matches played on FSC, both defeats were to Joe Public in the CONCACAF Champions League, so the club hopes that it can continue its regular-season success with a win against the Red Bulls on Saturday night.

#### SHORTHANDED REVS GET IT DONE

The Revolution managed a gutsy 1-0 win its season opener against the San Jose Earthquakes last Saturday night (March 21), despite missing several key players, including five starters ... Taylor Twellman (neck pain), Steve Ralston (R quad strain), Gabriel Badilla (lower back sprain/R achilles tendinitis), Mauricio Castro (L hamstring strain) and Zack Simmons (L shoulder strain) were all unavailable because of injury, while Chris Albright was suspended for the game because of the red card he received in the Revolution's last match of 2008 ... with holes to fill, rookies Kevin Alston and Darrius Barnes and second-year defender Chris Tierney stepped up on the backline, while second-year forward Kheli Dube scored the game's only goal to lift the youthful Revs to victory.

#### A YOUTHFUL REVOLUTION

With multiple key players missing for the season opener against the Earthquakes because of injury and suspension, the Revolution put out one of the youngest lineups in club history in San Jose last Saturday night (March 21) ... the average age of the Revs' starting lineup was just 25.1 years old, including eight players who are under the age of 26 ... because of their youth, the Revs were short on experience, with an average of just 3.5 years of MLS experience entering the 2009 season ... among the starters were one player with 11 years experience (Matt Reis), one player with 10 years experience (Jay Heaps) and two players with no previous professional experience (Kevin Alston and Darrius Barnes).

#### GENERATION GAP

The Revs used a mix of youth and experience in their season-opening win over the Earthquakes last Saturday night (March 28), but didn't have much in between ... while the Revolution started eight players aged 25 or younger, the club's other three starters were all at least 30 years old ... **Matt Reis** (33), **Jay Heaps** (32) and **Shalrie Joseph** (30) were the three oldest Revolution players on the field, while **Kheli Dube** (25) was the fourth oldest.

### REIS REACHES ONE MILESTONE ...

Matt Reis – who is seventh on MLS' all-time list for games started in goal (185) and is rapidly climbing the chart – became the first goalkeeper in Revolution history to start 150 matches for the club with his start against the San Jose Earthquakes in the season opener last Saturday night (March 21) ... the veteran shot-stopper holds every New England career goalkeeping record, including games played in goal (151), games started in goal (150), minutes played in goal (13,512), goals against average (1.29), wins (62), saves (596), shutouts (40) and save percentage (.722).

### ... AND COULD REACH ANOTHER ON SATURDAY NIGHT

After blanking the San Jose Earthquakes by making four saves in the season-opening, 1-0 win last Saturday night (March 21), **Matt Reis** now has 49 career shutouts ... entering this Saturday night's match against the Red Bulls (March 28), **Reis needs just one more shutout to become the seventh goalkeeper in MLS history to record 50 shutouts** ... Reis has had tremendous success against New York in the past, going 9-2-6 and recording five shutouts in 17 starts during his time with the Revolution.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MATT REIS!

Matt Reis will be hoping to celebrate for many reasons when the Revs meet the New York Red Bulls on Saturday night (March 28), but one certain reason to celebrate will be the goal-keeper's birthday ... Reis turns 34 on Saturday, just one week after he made his 150th career start for the Revolution and the same night that he aims to become the seventh goalkeeper in MLS history to record 50 career shutouts.

### ALSTON AND BARNES MAKE IMMEDIATE IMPACT IN MLS DEBUTS

Rookie defenders **Kevin Alston** and **Darrius Barnes** made their MLS debuts in the Revolution's season-opening victory over the San Jose Earthquakes last Saturday night (March 21), as each started along the backline ... Alston, who was the Revolution's top selection (10th overall) in the 2009 MLS SuperDraft out of Indiana, played 89 minutes at right back before being substituted because of cramping in his legs ... Barnes, who was drafted in the third round (40th overall) in January's draft, started alongside fellow Duke alum **Jay Heaps** in the center of the Revolution's four-man backline ... the pair of young defenders helped the Revs shut down the high-powered San Jose attack, limiting the Earthquakes to just four shots on goal and keeping them scoreless for the full 90 minutes.

#### ALBRIGHT RETURNS FROM SUSPENSION. SET FOR 2009 DEBUT

Defender **Chris Albright** will be available for Saturday night's match against the New York Red Bulls after serving his one-game suspension in the season opener against the San Jose Earthquakes on March 21 ... Albright was suspended for the first match of the 2009 season after receiving two yellow cards – and a subsequent red card – in the Revolution's last match of the 2008 season, Game Two of the Eastern Conference Semifinal Series against Chicago ... the 30-year-old right back set new career highs in starts (26) and minutes played (2,340) with the Revolution last season, his first in New England.

#### DO THE DUBE

After leading all MLS rookies in goals (4) and assists (4) in 2008, forward **Kheli Dube** began the 2009 campaign by quelling worries of a sophomore slump ... the second-year forward – who was one of three finalists for Gatorade Rookie of the Year last season - scored the only goal in the Revolution's season-opening, 1-0 win over the San Jose Earthquakes (March 21) ... **just as he did after each of his goals in 2008, the Zimbabwean celebrated the strike by performing a traditional Zulu dance**, which pays homage to his mother's South African roots ... the more Dube scores, the more comfortable it seems his teammates become with the unusual celebration, as many have begun to join in by dancing alongside him.

#### HEAPS CLIMBS INTO FOURTH ON ALL-TIME MINUTES PLAYED LIST

Jay Heaps continues to reassert his "Iron Man" status, as the veteran defender climbed into fourth place on MLS' all-time minutes played list in the season opener against San Jose (March 21) ... Heaps has now played 25,283 minutes in his 11-year career, passing current Real Salt Lake head coach Jason Kreis (25,242) on the list ... the Massachusetts native is the Revolution's all-time leader in every career longevity record, including games played (219), games started (214) and minutes played (19,539).

### HEAPS ON COURSE TO BE THE REVS FIRST 20,000-MINUTE MAN

Veteran defender **Jay Heaps** is already the Revolution's all-time minutes played leader (19,539), and now he's approaching a milestone unmatched by any other player in club history ... with just 461 more minutes of regular-season action, **Heaps will become the first player** in **Revolution history to play 20,000 minutes for the club** ... if - as expected - Heaps is a regular starter, he is on pace to reach the 20,000-minutes played mark in New England's seventh game of the season, at the Chicago Fire on May 9 ... Heaps is already fourth on MLS' all-time list for minutes played (25,283), including the two-and-a-half seasons he spent with the Miami Fusion at the beginning of his career.

#### BARNES DEFIES THE ODDS WITH IMPRESSIVE PRESEASON

As a third-round selection in the 2009 MLS SuperDraft, **Darrius Barnes** was a long-shot to make the Revolution's opening day roster considering the reduction in roster size this season ... Barnes was the sixth of New England's seven selections on draft day in January, so his odds of remaining with the club for an extended period were even slimmer ... however, when the season kicked off last Saturday night in San Jose (March 21), Barnes was not only part of the Revolution's gameday roster, but he also started in the center of defense ... when a preseason injury to fellow center back **Gabriel Badilla** opened the door for Barnes to take his shot, he impressed the coaching staff, starting all three preseason matches and helping the Revs concede just two goals in three games.

#### AN OLD DOG TEACHES THE NEW DOGS TRICKS

The Revolution's four-man backline for the season opener against San Jose (March 21) featured a mixture of experience and youth, with the experience heavily skewed towards veteran Jay Heaps ... the 32-year-old, who is playing in his 11th season in the league, teamed up with rookies Kevin Alston and Darrius Barnes and second-year defender Chris Tierney to form New England's defensive core ... Heaps' leadership was critical in settling the young players, as the group remained solid and held the high-powered San Jose attack scoreless.

#### TWELLMAN ON BRINK OF HISTORY, BUT BATTLING INJURY

After scoring a team-high eight goals in an injury-plagued 2008 season, **Taylor Twellman** is just one goal shy of becoming the fifth player in Major League Soccer history – and the first player in Revolution history – to score 100 regular-season goals ... Twellman is currently ranked fifth in career MLS goals (99), five behind fourth-place Jeff Cunningham (104), currently of FC Dallas, and 23 shy of D.C.'s Jaime Moreno (122), the league's all-time leading goal scorer ... separating Twellman from the rest of the pack is the fact that he has scored his 99 goals in just 172 games, while all four players ahead of him on the charts have made at least 260 career appearances ... **Twellman is on pace to become the league's youngest 100-goal scorer**, but he is currently out with neck pain stemming from the blow to the head he received from former Galaxy goalkeeper Steve Cronin while scoring a goal on Aug. 30, 2008.

#### A SHIFT IN FORMATION

The New England Revolution has dealt with a bit of an identity change entering the 2009 season, as the club that had so often been associated with a 3-5-2 formation has switched to a 4-4-2 setup ... with the loss of center back Michael Parkhurst to FC Nordsjælland in Denmark, head coach **Steve Nicol** has decided that his current personnel is best-suited for a flat-back four ... the season opener featured veteran **Jay Heaps** and rookie **Darrius Barnes** centering

the four-man backline, with **Chris Tierney** (left) and **Kevin Alston** (right) as the fullbacks ... the "Red and Dread" combination of **Jeff Larentowicz** and **Shalrie Joseph** patrolled the middle, as they've done for the last four years.

#### FOR EIGHTH STRAIGHT YEAR, NICOL IS BACK FOR MORE

Head coach **Steve Nicol** returns to New England in 2009 for his eighth straight season in charge of the Revolution, making the Scot the longest-tenured head coach in Major League Soccer ... a Liverpool legend from his playing days, Nicol has been remarkably successful during his stint at the Revolution's helm, winning four Eastern Conference championships and appearing in six Eastern Conference Finals in his first seven years of service ... Nicol has led the Revolution to the postseason in each of his seven seasons as head coach, and he is currently third all-time on MLS' career wins list (88) ... returning to the sidelines along with Nicol are assistant coach **Paul Mariner** (sixth season) and goalkeepers coach **Gwynne Williams** (third season).

#### WHO'S BACK?

The 2009 New England Revolution returns 19 players from the 2008 roster, including last season's club MVP and "MLS Original" **Steve Ralston**, who is playing in his 14th season in the league ... joining Ralston on the list of returnees is the Revolution's all-time leading goal scorer, **Taylor Twellman**, who tied for the team lead in goals last year despite missing half the season with various injuries ... other starters who are back in New England this season include **Shalrie Joseph**, **Matt Reis**, **Jay Heaps**, **Chris Albright**, **Jeff Larentowicz**, **Mauricio Castro**, **Sainey Nyassi** and **Kheli Dube** ... goalkeeper **Brad Knighton**, defenders **Gabriel Badilla**, **Amaechi Igwe**, **Chris Tierney** and **Rob Valentino**, midfielders **Wells Thompson** and **Pat Phelan**, and forwards **Kenny Mansally** and **Argenis Fernandez** will also return to provide the Revolution with a solid batch of experienced players.

#### WHO'S NOT?

Defender Michael Parkhurst, midfielder Khano Smith and forward Adam Cristman have all left the Revolution this offseason, although all three departed via different routes ... Parkhurst made a free transfer to Danish club FC Nordsjælland after his contract with the Revolution expired at the end of 2008 ... Smith was selected by Seattle Sounders FC with one of its 10 selections in the 2008 MLS Expansion Draft on Nov. 26, although he has since been traded to the New York Red Bulls ... Cristman was traded to the Kansas City Wizards in exchange for allocation money and the Wizards' natural third-round selection in the 2009 MLS SuperDraft ... additionally, New England waived goalkeeper Doug Warren and forward Jose Angulo, while letting the developmental contracts of Joe Germanese, Gary Flood, Brandon Tyler, Brandon Manzonelli and Sam Brill expire.

### ON THE LOOKOUT: NEW FACES IN NEW ENGLAND

In addition to 19 returning players, the Revolution has bolstered its roster with four additions early in the 2009 season ... 2008 SuperDraft selection **Mike Videira** signed with the club in December after returning from a brief stint with Hamilton Academical of the Scottish Premier League ... rookies **Kevin Alston** and **Darrius Barnes** were selected by the Revs in the 2009 SuperDraft after careers at Indiana and Duke, respectively ... finally, goalkeeper **Zack Simmons** was signed as an undrafted free agent after an illustrious career at the University of Massachusetts.

#### **DUELING DUKIES**

With the emergence of rookie **Darrius Barnes** on the Revolution's backline, New England fielded an all-Duke central defense in the season opener against the Earthquakes last Saturday night (March 21) ... Barnes, who played at Duke from 2005-08, joined veteran defender **Jay Heaps**, who was part of the Blue Devils' men's soccer program from 1995-98, in the middle of the backline and helped shutout the Earthquakes' high-powered attack ... the pair also teamed up in each of the Revolution's three preseason matches, limiting opponents to just two goals.

### ITALIAN RIVALS AC MILAN AND INTER MILAN TO BATTLE AT GILLETTE STADIUM

Italian Serie A powers AC Milan and Inter Milan will meet at Gillette Stadium at 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 26, in just the teams' second-ever match outside Europe ... the game will be part of the World Football Challenge, a six-city round robin tournament that will also feature English Premier League club Chelsea and Mexican side Club America ... in addition to Gillette Stadium, the tournament will be played at the Rose Bowl, the Georgia Dome, MT&T Bank Stadium, Stanford Stadium and the new Cowboys Stadium from July 19 to July 26.

### 2009 CONCACAF GOLD CUP COMING TO GILLETTE STADIUM

The Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football has announced that Gillette Stadium will host two first-round matches in the 2009 CONCACAF Gold Cup, which will be part of a soccer tripleheader on Saturday, July 11 ... Gillette Stadium has been chosen as one of a record 13 locations for the biennial event which serves as the regional soccer championship ... the tournament kicks off on July 3 in Los Angeles at The Home Depot Center and concludes on Sunday, July 26 at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. ... on July 11, the Revs will start a full day of soccer action at 4 p.m. when they host Eastern Conference foe Kansas City in the first of three matches ... the two Gold Cup first-round matches will follow.

### **PLAYER NOTES**

#### 1 | MATT REIS

POS. GK | H. 6-1 | W. 196 | AGE: 34

The Revs' standout goalkeeper ... a 12-year MLS veteran, he's now in his sixth season as the team's primary netminder ... holds every New England career goalkeeping record, including games played in goal (151), games started in goal (150), minutes played in goal (13,512), goals against average (1.29), wins (62), saves (596), shutouts (40) and save percentage (.722) ... his 37 regular-season shutouts since the start of the 2005 season are tops among MLS goalkeepers in that time span ... has been an MLS All-Star and one of three finalists for Panasonic Goalkeeper of the Year in each of the last four seasons.

2009 REGULAR SEASON: Made four saves to earn his 49th career shutout in the seasonopening, 1-0 win over the San Jose Earthquakes (March 21) ... the San Jose match also marked his 150th career start for the Revolution, making him the first goalkeeper in club history to reach that mark.

PRESEASON: Went 1-1-0 in two starts, allowing just one goal to maintain a GAA of 0.50 ... earned the victory with a three-save shutout effort against Austin Aztex FC in the Revolution's preseason opener on Feb. 28 ... allowed his only goal in the 1-0 loss to the Carolina RailHawks on March 14.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Has earned two caps with the U.S. National Team ... is 1-0-1 for the Nats, including a shutout in his first-ever U.S. National Team start.

**Last shutout:** 3/21/09 @ SJ **Most saves:** 10 vs. FCD (6/6/08)

#### 2 | AMAECHI IGWE

### POS. D/M | H. 6-0 | W. 170 | AGE: 20 | GENERATION ADIDAS

Can play anywhere on the left side of the field or across the back ... member of the 2007 Generation adidas program ... signed a contract with MLS after his freshman season at Santa Clara ... traveled to Spain (2007) and England (2008) with a select Generation adidas team after each of the last two seasons.

**2009 REGULAR SEASON:** Appeared as an 89th-minute substitute in the season opener against the San Jose Earthquakes (March 21), replacing Kevin Alston at right back.

**PRESEASON:** Made two starts, totaling 151 minutes of preseason action ... played the full 90 minutes at right back in the 2-1 victory over Wake Forest (March 7) ... started at left back against the Carolina RailHawks (March 14) before being substituted in the 61st minute.

**INTERNATIONAL:** A former member of the U.S. Under-20 National Team, he earned 20 caps and scored one goal for the U.S. U-20s ... a member of the U.S. U-20 team that advanced to the quarterfinals of the 2007 Under-20 World Cup in Canada.

Last goal: N/A Last assist: N/A

### 3 | CHRIS ALBRIGHT

POS. D | H. 6-1 | W. 180 | AGE: 30

One of MLS' top right backs and a member of the U.S. squad which traveled to the 2006 FIFA World Cup in Germany ... known for his skill, speed and size ... an experienced champion, has won MLS Cup championships with three teams (D.C. in 1999, LA in 2002 and 2005), one U.S. Open Cup championship (LA in 2005) and one SuperLiga title (New England in 2008).

**2009 REGULAR SEASON:** Was suspended for the season opener at San Jose (March 21) because of the red card (two yellow cards) he received in the Revolution's final match of 2008, a playoff loss to the Chicago Fire (Nov. 6) ... is available for the Revolution's match against the New York Red Bulls on Saturday.

**PRESEASON:** Made two starts at right back, totaling 135 minutes of preseason action ... played the full 90 minutes in the 2-0 win over Austin Aztex FC (Feb. 28), but missed the 2-1 victory against Wake Forest (March 7) because of prior family commitments ... started at right back against the Carolina RailHawks (March 14) but was replaced at halftime.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Has earned 22 caps with the U.S. National Team, scoring one goal ... was a member of the U.S.' 23-man squad at the 2006 FIFA World Cup in Germany.

Last Goal: N/A Last Assist: N/A

### 4 | GABRIEL BADILLA

POS. D | H. 5-11 | W. 165 | AGE: 24

One of the top young defenders in the CONCACAF region, Badilla signed with the Revs as an international player on Aug. 18, 2008 after a seven-season career with Costa Rican power Saprissa ... a versatile defender who can play anywhere in the back and in most formations, Badilla brings grit and tremendous international experience to the Revs.

2009 REGULAR SEASON: Missed the season opener against San Jose (March 21) with a lower back sprain and tendinitis in his right achilles tendon.

PRESEASON: Missed the entire preseason with injuries to his back and achilles tendon.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Has earned 12 caps with the Costa Rica National Team ... was a member of Costa Rica's squad at the 2006 FIFA World Cup in Germany ... captained Costa Rica's entry at the FIFA Under-17 World Championship in 2001.

Last Goal: N/A Last Assist: N/A

#### 6 | JAY HEAPS

POS. D | H. 5-9 | W. 155 | AGE: 32

Had quite possibly the best season of his career as a defender in 2008 ... for the first time in his 10-year career, he played every minute of every regular-season game in 2008, starting all 30 matches ... can play anywhere across the back, and in 2008 played left back in a three-man backline, center back in a four-man backline and right back in both four-man and three-man backlines ... can get forward down the wing and is a threat on the end of set pieces because of his tremendous leaping ability ... a native son of New England who remains a fan-favorite in Foxborough, Heaps is the active leader in all three Revolution longevity career categories (games played, games started, minutes played) and is fourth in MLS career minutes played (25,283), eighth in career games started (275) and tied for ninth in career appearances (290) ... one of three Revs players who have started and played in each of New England's four MLS Cup appearances.

**2009 REGULAR SEASON:** Started the season opener against San Jose (March 21) in the middle of the Revolution's four-man backline ... climbed into fourth place on MLS' all-time minutes played list (25,283) in the season opener.

**PRESEASON:** Started and played the full 90 minutes in all three of the Revolution's preseason games, and was the only Revs player to play all 270 minutes this preseason ... paired with rookie Darrius Barnes in the center of a four-man backline in all three matches ... served as the team's captain in the 1-0 loss to the Carolina RailHawks (March 14).

**Last Goal:** 9/9/07 @ DC **Last Assist:** 6/18/08 vs. NY

### 7 | WELLS THOMPSON

POS. M | H. 5-10 | W. 155 | AGE: 25

A wide midfielder who's equally strong with both feet, Thompson excels when running at defenders ... plays without fear and has proven to be a solid ball-winner ... his game-winning goal in the final of the 2007 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup gave the Revs their first cup championship in club history.

**2009 REGULAR SEASON:** Started the season opener against San Jose (March 21) at left midfield, playing the full 90 minutes.

**PRESEASON:** Made two appearances - including one start - and scored one goal in 135 minutes of preseason action ... played the full 90 minutes at right midfield and scored the game-winning goal against his alma mater, Wake Forest, in a 2-1 win on March 7 ... entered the March 14 match against the Carolina RailHawks as a second-half substitute, playing the final 45 minutes on the left wing.

Last goal: 5/6/07 vs. CHI Last assist: 9/11/08 vs. CHV

### 8 | CHRIS TIERNEY

POS. D/M | H. 6-0 | W. 180 | AGE: 23

Selected by the Revs in the first round (13th overall) of the 2008 MLS Supplemental Draft ... a versatile left-footed player, Tierney is a good crosser of the ball, especially from out wide on the flank ... a midfielder in college, he made the transition to the backline with the Revs in 2008, seeing action primarily as a left-sided defender ... steady on set pieces, especially free kicks ... has good pace and is an opportunistic goal scorer.

**2009 REGULAR SEASON:** Started the season opener against San Jose (March 21) on the left side of the Revolution's four-man backline, playing the full 90 minutes.

**PRESEASON:** Appeared in all three preseason games - starting one - and played both as a left back and left midfielder ... totaled 150 minutes of preseason action ... played as a left midfielder in a substitute role against Austin Aztex FC (Feb. 28), while his lone start came at left back against Wake Forest (March 7).

Last goal: N/A

Last assist: 8/23/08 @ TFC

### 11 | KHELI DUBE

#### POS. F | H. 6-1 | W. 155 | AGE: 25 | INTERNATIONAL

Selected by the Revolution in the first round (eighth overall) of the 2008 MLS Supplemental Draft ... very quick and skillful on the ball ... a prolific goalscorer at the collegiate level, he was the 2007 Big South Conference Player of the Year while attending Coastal Carolina ... likes to run at defenders, but is just as adept with his back to goal ... has garnered much attention for his unusual goal celebration, in which he conducts a traditional Zulu dance toward the closest corner flag ... after performing the dance for the first time, he noted that it was an homage to his mother's South African roots, the Zulu tribe's homeland ... one of three finalists for Gatorade Rookie of the Year in 2008.

**2009 REGULAR SEASON:** Started the season opener against San Jose (March 21) and scored the game-winning goal in the 55th minute, volleying Jeff Larentowicz's long pass inside the near post.

**PRESEASON:** Started all three preseason matches at forward, recording one assist in 258 minutes of preseason action ... began as a lone striker in the matches against Austin Aztex FC (Feb. 28) and the Carolina RailHawks (March 14), while he paired up top with Kenny Mansally against Wake Forest (March 7) ... assisted on Wells Thompson's game-winning goal in the 2-1 win over Wake Forest.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Is a former member of Zimbabwe's Under-17, Under-20 and Under-23 teams.

**Last goal:** 3/21/09 @ SJ **Last assist:** 10/16/08 @ DC

#### 13 | JEFF LARENTOWICZ

POS. M/D | H. 6-1 | W. 175 | AGE: 25

Arguably one of MLS' most underrated players, Larentowicz has established himself as one of the league's premier talents in the defensive midfield ... earned the starting role midway through the 2006 season and, together with Shalrie Joseph, forms the league's top central midfield, playfully nicknamed, "Red and Dread" ... enjoys joining into the attack, an area which he has worked to develop in the last three years, and has a strong presence in the aerial game.

**2009 REGULAR SEASON:** Started the season opener against San Jose (March 21) in the center of midfield and assisted on Kheli Dube's game-winning goal in the 55th minute.

**PRESEASON:** Appeared in all three preseason matches - starting two - and totaled 225 minutes of preseason action in the center of midfield ... partnered with Shalrie Joseph in the center of a four-man midfield in all three appearances.

**Last goal:** 9/11/08 vs. CHV **Last assist:** 3/21/09 @ SJ

### 14 | STEVE RALSTON ©

POS. M | H. 5-9 | W. 160 | AGE: 34

MLS' "Iron Man," Ralston holds the league's career records for minutes played (31,600), games started (355) and appearances (358), as well as assists (128) and game-winning assists (38) ... second on the MLS career list for corner kicks (668) ... put together an MVP-type season in 2008 with team-high marks in goals (8) and assists (7) before a broken leg ended his season ... primarily a right-sided midfielder, he moved to more of a central attacking role toward the end of 2007, but can also play on the left side of midfield and at right back ... set the U.S. record for professional appearances with his start at MLS Cup 2007, collecting his record 371st professional appearance; now has 397 professional appearances ... is one of three Revs to have started and played in each of the team's four MLS Cup appearances ... named team captain prior to the 2007 season ... a seven-time MLS All-Star, Ralston was named the 2008 Revolution Team MVP and earned the 2008 Revolution Budweiser Golden Boot.

2009 REGULAR SEASON: Missed the season opener against San Jose (March 21) with a right quad strain.

**PRESEASON:** Did not appear in any preseason matches while recovering from a quad strain, which he originally sustained on the preseason training trip to Austin, Texas, then reaggravated in North Carolina.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Has earned 36 caps and has scored four goals for the U.S. National Team ... an alternate selection to the U.S.' 2006 FIFA World Cup squad.

Last goal: 10/4/08 vs. RSL Last assist: 9/11/08 vs. CHV

#### **16 | MAURICIO CASTRO**

POS. M | H. 5-10 | W. 165 | AGE: 27 | INTERNATIONAL

A skilled, technical player, Castro joined Major League Soccer prior to the 2008 season after a six-year career in Honduras' Liga Nacional ... is equally adept with both feet and plays comfortably on the left or in the middle of the midfield ... has good speed and a keen eye for the finishing pass ... is tremendous on set pieces and is able to serve the ball all over the area from many locations or on corner kicks.

2009 REGULAR SEASON: Missed the season opener against San Jose (March 21) with a left hamstring strain.

**PRESEASON:** Made one appearance, playing the opening 45 minutes at left midfield against Wake Forest (March 7) ... created the opening goal in the 2-1 win over Wake Forest, as his cross was redirected for an own goal ... missed the match against Austin Aztex FC (Feb. 28) with a groin strain, while he was unavailable for the game against the Carolina RailHawks (March 14) because of a hamstring strain.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Has earned four caps for the Honduras National Team ... represented Honduras during the 2007 UNCAF Nations Cup, the biennial regional championship of the seven Central American CONCACAF countries, and was most recently called into camp ahead of the 2009 UNCAF Nations Cup in January.

Last goal: 8/26 @ JPF (CCL) (Penalty Kick)

Last assist: 10/16/08 @ DC

### 19 | MIKE VIDEIRA

POS. M | H. 5-10 | W. 170 | AGE: 23

A central midfielder with strong defensive skills, Videira pursued European playing opportunities after the Revolution drafted him in the 2008 SuperDraft ... signed a short-term contract with Hamilton Academical of the Scottish Premier League in the summer, but signed with the Revs in December 2008 ... very technical on the ball and makes tremendous contributions away from the ball ... a player with extensive experience with the U.S. youth national teams, Videira is one of the top-rated prospects to come out of Massachusetts in many years.

**PRESEASON:** Made two starts as an attacking midfielder and recorded one goal in 104 minutes of preseason action ... played in a withdrawn role behind lone striker Kheli Dube in both of his appearances ... scored the game-winning goal against Austin Aztex FC (Feb. 28) just seven minutes into his first appearance for the Revs, side-footing pass from Kevin Alston into the lower right corner ... missed the match against Wake Forest (March 7) with a groin strain.

INTERNATIONAL: Is a former member of the Under-18 and Under-20 Teams ... also played with the U.S. U-14 National Team in 1999.

Last goal: N/A Last assist: N/A

### **20 | TAYLOR TWELLMAN**

POS. F | H. 5-11 | W. 170 | AGE: 29

One of the most lethal scorers in MLS history, scoring 99 goals for fifth place in the MLS record books ... combines a diverse arsenal of scoring abilities with fierce determination in front of goal ... reached the 75-goal plateau faster than anyone in league history (26 yrs., 221 days) at the time, but that mark has since been surpassed by Landon Donovan (26 yrs., 110 days) ... is on pace to become the league's youngest 100-goal scorer in 2009 as he enters the season one goal shy of the mark ... is now fifth in career goals (99), fourth in career game-winning goals (28) and sixth in multiple-goal games (15) ... is tied for sixth on the MLS career post-season scoring chart with 10 goals, six of which have come in the last seven playoff games for which he's been available dating back to 2006 ... tied for the team lead in goals (8) in 2008 despite missing half the season with various injuries ... a five-time MLS All-Star.

**2009 REGULAR SEASON:** Missed the season opener against San Jose (March 21) with neck pain stemming from the blow to the head he received against the LA Galaxy on Aug. 30, 2008.

PRESEASON: Did not appear in any preseason matches because of neck pain ... participated in training sessions during the Revolution's preseason training trip to Austin, Texas, but missed the match against Austin Aztex FC (Feb. 28) because of the injury ... originally did not travel

with the team for its second preseason training trip to North Carolina, but joined the team for the last three days, although he did not train.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Has earned 30 caps and scored six goals for the U.S. National Team ... most recently appeared for the Nats on Jan. 20, 2008, when he started and played the first half of the U.S.' 2-0 victory over Sweden.

Last goal: 10/16/08 @ DC Last assist: 9/11/08 vs. CHV

#### 21 | SHALRIE JOSEPH

#### POS. M | H. 6-3 | W. 180 | AGE: 30

One of MLS' top players and a perennial MLS MVP candidate ... controls the game both ways from his defensive midfield position and is the fulcrum of the Revolution system ... is a three-time "Best XI" performer and a five-time MLS All-Star ... signed a long-term contract extension at the end of the 2007 regular-season after drawing interest from overseas ... usually wears the captain's armband in the absence of Steve Ralston.

**2009 REGULAR SEASON:** Started and served as captain in the season opener against San Jose (March 21), playing the full 90 minutes in the center of midfield.

**PRESEASON:** Started all three of the Revolution's preseason matches in the center of a four-man midfield, totaling 248 minutes of preseason action ... captained the team to victories against Austin Aztex FC (Feb. 28) and Wake Forest (March 7).

**INTERNATIONAL:** Has appeared more than 20 times for the Grenada National Team ... has scored one goal ... scored his only career international goal in Grenada's 2-1 friendly win over Jamaica on June 10, 2008.

Last goal: 8/30/08 vs. LA Last assist: 5/17/08 vs. SJ

#### 22 | ROB VALENTINO

### POS. D | H. 6-3 | W. 190 | AGE: 23 | GENERATION ADIDAS

Selected by the Revs in the first round (13th overall) of the 2008 MLS SuperDraft ... a tall, strong defender who can play anywhere across the back, but is most comfortable in the center of the defense ... missed the entire 2007 collegiate season while recovering from a torn anterior cruciate ligament suffered in preseason training.

**PRESEASON:** Made two substitute appearances as a center back, totaling 36 minutes of preseason action ... replaced starter Darrius Barnes late in the second half against both Austin Aztex FC (Feb. 28) and Wake Forest (March 7).

**INTERNATIONAL:** A former member of the U.S. Under-23 team ... earned three caps with the U23s ... earned two of those caps with the U23s during its tour of Japan in February 2007 ... was named to the 22-man roster to represent the U.S. U-23 Team at the Toulon International Tournament in May 2008, and started in the back in the U.S.' 1-0 loss to the Ivory Coast (May 23).

Last goal: N/A Last assist: N/A

#### 23 | ARGENIS FERNANDEZ

### POS. F | H. 5-6 | W. 125 | AGE: 21 | INTERNATIONAL

A young forward with great speed, Fernandez signed with the Revolution early in 2008 from Santos de Guápiles of Costa Rica's Primera División before being loaned out to Costa Rican power LD Alajuelense midseason ... enjoys running at defenders and possesses good skills on the ball.

**PRESEASON:** Made one substitute appearance at forward ... played the final 12 minutes of the 2-1 victory over Wake Forest (March 7).

**INTERNATIONAL:** Was a member of Costa Rica's entry at the 2007 FIFA Under-20 World Cup in Canada, where he made two appearances for the Ticos.

Last goal: N/A Last assist: N/A

### 24 | BRAD KNIGHTON

### POS. GK | H. 6-2 | W. 195 | AGE: 24

Earned a tryout with the Revs in February 2007 after going undrafted at the MLS SuperDraft and MLS Supplemental Draft, and is now the club's backup goalkeeper after spending two years as the third choice ... was offered a contract after impressing on the team's 2007 preseason trip to Bermuda ... has developed greatly under Goalkeepers Coach Gwynne Williams

in the last two years ... spent time with the Portland Timbers of the United Soccer Leauges' First Division while on loan in 2008.

PRESEASON: Made one start, earning the 2-1 victory over Wake Forest (March 7) in front of more than 50 friends and family members in his home state of North Carolina.

Last shutout: N/A

#### 25 | DARRIUS BARNES

POS. D | H. 6-1 | W. 175 | AGE: 22

An athletic central defender who loves to attack the ball, Barnes has great anticipation and timing ... has good speed and is very strong on the ball ... solid in the air and a tireless worker ... a good distributor out of the back ... is a threat on throw-ins, as his long throws can create havoc in the box ... a former teammate of Mike Videira at Duke ... drafted by the Revolution in the third round (40th overall) of the 2009 MLS SuperDraft, he was signed on March 17, 2009 after impressing the coaching staff during preseason trips to Texas and North Carolina.

**2009 REGULAR SEASON:** Made his MLS debut with a start in the season opener against San Jose (March 21), playing in the center of the Revolution's four-man backline.

**PRESEASON:** Started all three of the Revolution's preseason matches, pairing with veteran Jay Heaps in the center of a four-man backline in each game ... totaled 234 minutes of preseason action, including the full 90 minutes in the Revs' final preseason match against the Carolina RailHawks (March 14).

Last goal: N/A Last assist: N/A

### 28 | PAT PHELAN

POS. M | H. 6-0 | W. 175 | AGE: 24

A physical converted central defender who also displays effective ball distribution in the defensive midfield ... adds size and strength to the lineup ... has a great soccer mind ... combines excellent ball skills with great tenacity in defending ... a former teammate of Wells Thompson at Wake Forest.

**PRESEASON:** Made one appearance, starting alongside Shalrie Joseph in the center of a four-man midfield against his alma mater, Wake Forest (March 7) ... played 45 minutes before being replaced by Jeff Larentowicz at halftime.

**INTERNATIONAL:** A former member of the U.S. Under-18 and Under-20 National Teams ... helped the U-20s solidify a spot in the 2005 FIFA World Youth Championship in Holland ... invited to the January 2008 Under-23 training camp.

Last goal: N/A Last assist: N/A

#### 29 | KENNY MANSALLY

POS. F | H. 5-10 | W. 160 | AGE: 20 | INTERNATIONAL

A prospect who has performed well at both the youth and senior international levels, Mansally was a late-season signing in 2007 ... a natural forward, but can also use his pace to play in an attacking or wide role in the midfield ... along with teammate Sainey Nyassi, helped lead Gambia's Under-20 Team to the knockout rounds of the 2007 FIFA Under-20 World Cup and made his debut for the country's full senior national team in June 2008.

2009 REGULAR SEASON: Started the season opener against San Jose (March 21) at forward, playing the full 90 minutes alongside Kheli Dube.

**PRESEASON:** Started all three preseason matches, totaling 258 minutes of action as both a left midfielder and forward ... played the full 90 minutes against both Austin Aztex FC (Feb. 28) and the Carolina RailHawks (March 14), starting both matches as a left midfielder before moving to forward later in the game ... started and played 78 minutes as a forward against Wake Forest (March 7) ... created the second goal in the 2-0 victory over Austin, as his corner kick was redirected by an Aztex defender into his own net.

INTERNATIONAL: Has made three appearances for Gambia's full national team since making his debut in World Cup Qualifiers in June 2008 ... most recently appeared as a second-half substitute in Gambia's 1-1 draw with Senegal (Oct. 11) in a World Cup Qualifier, assisting on the game-tying goal in the 87th minute ... traveled to Paris for a scheduled friendly against Gabon on Feb. 11, but the match was cancelled because of inclement weather.

Last goal: 9/20/08 @ COL Last assist: 4/9/08 @ KC

#### 30 | KEVIN ALSTON

### POS. D | H. 5-8 | W. 160 | AGE: 20 | GENERATION ADIDAS

Drafted by the Revolution in the first round (10th overall) in the 2009 MLS SuperDraft ... an outside back who is solid in defense, but also likes to get forward down the flank ... uses his tremendous pace to great effect, both defensively and offensively ... a tenacious ball-winner, Alston excels in one-on-one defensive situations ... left Indiana following his junior season to sign a Generation adidas contract with Major League Soccer.

**2009 REGULAR SEASON:** Made his MLS debut with a start in the season opener against San Jose (March 21), playing on the right side of the Revolution's four-man backline.

**PRESEASON:** Made two appearances - including one start - and recorded one assist in 135 minutes of action at both left and right back ... played the full 90 minutes against Austin Aztex FC (Feb. 28) at left back and assisted on Mike Videira's game-winning goal in the seventh minute ... missed the Wake Forest game (March 7) because of a strained hamstring, but returned to appear as a halftime substitute against the Carolina RailHawks (March 14), playing the final 45 minutes at right back.

INTERNATIONAL: Was a member of U.S. Soccer's Residency Program and the Under-17 National Team from September 2003 through his enrollment at Indiana in January 2006 ... appeared in 76 matches while at the Residency Program in Bradenton, Fla., starting 51 and recording one goal and three assists ... earned 17 caps as a member of the U-17 National Team, including three starts at the 2005 FIFA Under-17 World Youth Championship in Peru ... represented the U.S. at the Pan Am Games in Brazil in the summer of 2007.

Last goal: N/A

November 21, 2008

November 22, 2008

March 17, 2009

March 18, 2009

March 20, 2009

### 31 | SAINEY NYASSI

### POS. M | H. 5-8 | W. 135 | AGE: 20 | INTERNATIONAL

Made his mark at the youth international level, helping lead Gambia's Under-20 Team to the knockout rounds of the 2007 FIFA Under-20 World Cup along with teammate Kenny Mansally ... exceptionally quick, Nyassi can play on either side of the midfield or at forward if needed ... a late-season signee in 2007 ... became the youngest player in Revolution history to start a season opener (19 years, one month, 28 days) when he started at right midfield against Houston in last year's season opener.

Signed D Darrius Barnes

M Shalrie Joseph named to MLS' 2008 "Best XI" team

Major League Soccer awards Vancouver expansion club for 2011 season

Major League Soccer awards Portland expansion club for 2011 season

**2009 REGULAR SEASON:** Started the season opener against San Jose (March 21) at right midfield, playing the full 90 minutes.

PRESEASON: Made two appearances - both starts - and totaled 141 minutes of preseason action at right midfield ... started against both Austin Aztex FC (Feb. 28) and the Carolina RailHawks (March 14) before being replaced late in the second half.

INTERNATIONAL: Has twice been called up to Gambia's senior national team, but has yet to make an appearance ... was most recently called up for the country's scheduled friendly against Gabon on Feb. 11, but the match was cancelled because of inclement weather ... has earned 16 caps for Gambia's Under-20 National Team, scoring one goal ... started all four of Gambia's games at the 2007 FIFA Under-20 World Cup in Canada.

Last goal: 4/9/08 @ KC Last assist: 6/6/08 vs. DAL

### 34 | ZACK SIMMONS

POS. GK | H. 6-3 | W. 200 | AGE: 23

A local player who trained with the Revs during the summer in 2007 and 2008 ... has great character and unlimited potential ... a tremendous shot-stopper, he has the ability to make highlight-reel saves to keep his team in close games ... great agility for a goalkeeper his size ... was signed as a free agent on Jan. 30, 2009, after impressing the Revolution coaching staff during his previous training stints with the club.

**PRESEASON:** Did not appear in any preseason matches ... was unavailable for the March 14 match against the Carolina RailHawks because of a shoulder injury.

Last shutout: N/A

### **NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION RECENT DATES OF NOTE**

Major League Soccer announces that the Revs will participate in the 2009 SuperLiga tournament

November 24, 2008	Traded F Adam Cristman to the Kansas City Wizards in exhange for allocation money and a third-round selection in the 2009 MLS SuperDraft
November 26, 2008	M Khano Smith chosen by Seattle Sounders FC in the 2008 MLS Expansion Draft; Waived GK Doug Warren and F Jose Angulo
December 6, 2008	D/M Amaechi Igwe and D Rob Valentino join the Generation adidas trip to England
December 9, 2008	D Michael Parkhurst transfers to FC Nordsjælland of Denmark's SAS Ligaen (first division)
December 29, 2008	Signed M Mike Videira
January 15, 2009	Drafted D Kevin Alston, M Ryan Maxwell, M Andrei Gotsmanov, M Dado Hamzagic, D Darrius Barnes, F Chris Salvaggione and GK Tyrel Lacey in the 2009
	MLS SuperDraft
January 30, 2009	Signed GK Zack Simmons; elevated D/M Chris Tierney and GK Brad Knighton to the senior roster
February 6, 2009	F Kenny Mansally and M Sainey Nyassi called up to the Gambia National Team for friendly against Gabon; match is ultimately cancelled because of inclement
-	weather
March 9, 2009	CONCACAF announces that Gillette Stadium will host two first-round matches in the 2009 CONCACAF Gold Cup; the matches will be part of a tripleheader with the
	Revolution's match against the Kansas City Wizards on July 11
March 11, 2009	Major League Soccer awards MLS Cup 2009 to Seattle Sounders FC; the match will be played at Qwest Field on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 8:30 p.m. ET

REVS RECORD BOOK	UPDATE
GAMES PLAYED	GF
1. Jay Heaps	219
Steve Ralston	18
Taylor Twellman	172
Shalrie Joseph	163
6. Matt Reis	15
GAMES STARTED	GS
1. Jay Heaps	214
2. Steve Ralston	179
Taylor Twellman     Shalrie Joseph	160 160
Sname Joseph     Matt Reis	150
MINUTES PLAYED  1. Jay Heaps	MIN 19,539
Steve Ralston	16,100
Taylor Twellman	14,937
Shalrie Joseph	14,457
6. Matt Reis	13,514
GOALS	O
Taylor Twellman	99
Steve Ralston T-10. Shalrie Joseph	35 16
T-10. Shalrie Joseph	10
ASSISTS  1. Steve Ralston	
Steve Ralston     Taylor Twellman	66 28
taylor (weilman)     Jay Heaps	22
9. Shalrie Joseph	17
GAME-WINNING GOALS	GWO
Taylor Twellman	28
Steve Ralston	10
T-9. Shalrie Joseph	4
GAME-WINNING ASSISTS	GWA
Steve Ralston	19
2. Shalrie Joseph	9
T-5. Taylor Twellman	6
T-7. Jay Heaps	
HAT TRICKS	<u>H1</u>
Taylor Twellman	3
MULTI-GOAL GAMES	MGG
1. Taylor Twellman	15
T-5. Steve Ralston	3
T-7. Shalrie Joseph	2
PENALTY KICK GOALS	Pi
T-1. Shalrie Joseph	6
T-3. Steve Ralston T-6. Taylor Twellman	
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GAMES PLAYED IN GOAL  1. Matt Reis	<b>GF</b> 15 <sup>7</sup>
GAMES STARTED IN GOAL  1. Matt Reis	<b>GS</b>
i. Mattivels	130
MINUTES PLAYED IN GOAL	MIN 12 51
1. Matt Reis	13,512
GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE	GAA
1. Matt Reis	1.29
WINS	W
1. Matt Reis	62
SAVES	
1. Matt Reis	596
SHUTOUTS	SHC
Matt Reis	40

NEW ENGLAND IN MLS CAREER RECOR	RDS
GAMES PLAYED           1. Steve Ralston           T-9 Jay Heaps	GP 358 290
GAMES STARTED  1. Steve Ralston 8. Jay Heaps	<b>GS</b> 355 275
MINUTES PLAYED	MIN
Steve Ralston     Jay Heaps	31,600 25,283
GOALS  1. Jaime Moreno 5. Taylor Twellman	<b>G</b> 122 99
ASSISTS  1. Steve Ralston	<b>A</b> 128
SHOTS	SH
Ante Razov     Taylor Twellman	926 552
SHOTS ON GOAL  1. Ante Razov	<u>SOG</u> 441
5. Taylor Twellman	314
CAUTIONS 1. Pablo Mastroeni	<u>C</u> 64
T-5. Jay Heaps	58
FOULS COMMITTED  1. Chris Henderson (retired)	<u>FC</u> 474
8. Jay Heaps	401
FOULS SUFFERED  1. Jaime Moreno	<b>FS</b> 663
8. Steve Ralston	440
CORNER KICKS  1. Marco Etcheverry (retired)	<u>СК</u> 963
2. Steve Raiston	668
GAME-WINNING GOALS  1. Ante Razov	<u>GWG</u> 33
4. Taylor Twellman	28
GAME-WINNING ASSISTS  1. Steve Ralston	<b>GWA</b> 38
HAT TRICKS T-1. Stern John & Diego Serna (retired)	<u>HT</u> 5
T-6. Taylor Twellman	3
MULTI-GOAL GAMES  1. Ante Razov	MGG 22
6. Taylor Twellman	15
GOALS PER GAME  1. Stern John	<b>GPG</b> 0.80
Taylor Twellman	0.58
GAMES PLAYED IN GOAL  1. Kevin Hartman	<u>GP</u> 304
7. Matt Reis	190
GAMES STARTED IN GOAL  1. Kevin Hartman	<b>GS</b> 299
7. Matt Reis	185
MINUTES PLAYED IN GOAL	MIN 27 225
Kevin Hartman     Matt Reis	27,225 16,751
GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE  1. Pat Onstad	<b>GAA</b> 1.07
T-9. Matt Reis	1.31
1. Kevin Hartman 7. Matt Reis	138 79
SAVES	<u>s</u>
Tony Meola (retired)     Matt Reis	1,136 721
SHUTOUTS	SHO
Kevin Hartman     Matt Reis	77 49

2009 MLS CATEG	ORICAL	WIN-LOS	S
	Overall	Home	Away
Overall:	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
vs. East:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs. West:	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Scoring First:	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Opp. Scoring First:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Leading at Half:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Trailing at Half:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Tied at Half:	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Leading at 75':	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Trailing at 75':	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Tied at 75':	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Out-Shooting Opp.:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Out-Shot by Opp.:	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Shots Even:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
One-Goal Games:	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Day Games (before 5 p.m.):	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Night Games (5 p.m. or after):	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
In Blue Uniforms:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
In White Uniforms:	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
On TV38:	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
On ESPN2:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
On Fox Soccer Channel:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
On Telefutura:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
In March:	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
In April:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
In May:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
In June:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
In July:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
In August:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
In September:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
In October:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
On Thursdays:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
On Fridays:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
On Saturdays:	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
On Sundays: In Sunny Weather:	0-0-0 0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
In Sunny Weather:	0-0-0	0-0-0 0-0-0	0-0-0 0-0-0
In Rain:	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
In Cloudy Weather:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
30°-49° at Kickoff:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
50°-59° at Kickoff:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
60°-69° at Kickoff:	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
70°-79° at Kickoff:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
80°-89° at Kickoff:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
90°+ at Kickoff:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Using No Subs:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Using 1 Sub:	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Using 2 Subs:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Using 3 Subs:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
On Natural Grass:	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
On FieldTurf/Artificial Surface:	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0

	2009 MISCELLANE	OUS STATS	
Quickest Goal:		Dube	, 55', 3/21 @ SJ
Quickest Goal Agains	t:		None
Gm. Winning Goals at	fter 75':		None
Gm. Tying Goals after			None
Gm. Winning Goals A			None
Gm. Tying Goals Agai	nst after 75':		None
Hat Tricks:			None
Hat Tricks Against:			None
Own Goals For:			None
Own Goals Against:			None
Red Cards: Opponent's Red Card	6.		None None
Opponent's Red Card			INOTIE
	2009 PENALTY KI	CKS FOR	
NE Player	Goalkeeper, Team	Date	Result
None	None	None	None
	Totals: 0-for-	0	
	2009 PENALTY KICK	S AGAINST	
Die ex Terre			D 16
Player, Team None	NE Goalkeeper None	<b>Date</b> None	Result None
None			None
	Totals: 0-for-	0	
	<b>REVS INTERNATION</b>	AL UPDATE	
U.S. National Team		Caps	Goals
Chris Albright		22	1
Steve Ralston		36 2	4
Matt Reis Taylor Twellman		30	1 SHO 6
Taylor Twomman		30	V
Costa Rica National 1	<u>[eam</u>	Caps	Goals
Gabriel Badilla		12	0
Gambia National Tear	m	Caps	Goals
*Kenny Mansally		3	0
*Sainey Nyassi		0	0
Grenada National Tea	ım	Caps	Goals
Shalrie Joseph		20+	1
	eam	Caps	Goals
*Mauricio Castro		4	0
		* member of 2009 player pool as	of March 24, 2009

# 2009 BOX SCORES

New England Revolution 1 at San Jose Earthquakes 0 March 21, 2009 at Buck Shaw Stadium (Santa Clara, Calif.) Scoring – NE – Dube (Larentowicz) 55 SJ – None

Attendance: 10,335

	Shots	Saves	Fouls	Offsides	Corners
NE	7	4	6	3	6
SJ	16	0	13	2	11

# 2009 GAME-BY-GAME LINEUPS

#### AT SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES

W, 1-0 March 21, 2009

GK Reis

D Tierney

D Heaps

D Barnes

D Alston (Igwe 89')
M Thompson
M Joseph ©

M Larentowicz

M Nyassi

Mansally

F Dube