

# New England Revolution Game Notes

September 2, 2008 at 8 p.m. ET


**New England**



**11-6-5 MLS**

VS.

**Joe Public FC**



**7-5-3 TTPL**

## MATCH INFORMATION

2008-09 CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE  
PRELIMINARY ROUND (SECOND LEG)

**Date:** Tuesday, September 2, 2008  
**Kickoff:** 8 p.m. ET  
**Location:** Gillette Stadium (Foxborough, Mass.)

**Referee:** Steve Dipiero (CAN)  
**Referee's Assistants:** Hector Vergara (SAR, CAN), Daniel Belleau (JAR, CAN)  
**Fourth Official:** Mark Geiger (USA)

**National TV:** Fox Soccer Channel  
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## REVOLUTION INJURY REPORT

**QUESTIONABLE:** Gary Flood (L ankle sprain)  
Kenny Mansally (R ankle sprain)  
Steve Ralston (back spasms)

**DOUBTFUL:** Taylor Twellman (facial lacerations)

**OUT:** Kheli Dube (R adductor strain)  
Adam Cristman (R toe sprain)

## PROBABLE STARTERS

**18 SMITH**  
23GP, 14GS, 2G, 3A

**5 GERMANESE**  
4GP, 2GS, 2G, A

**16 CASTRO**  
22GP, 20GS, 1G, 3A

**27 THOMPSON**  
20GP, 9GS, 0G, 0A

**21 JOSEPH**  
26GP, 26GS, 4G, 1A

**13 LARENTOWICZ**  
25GP, 25GS, 2G, 2A

**6 HEAPS**  
27GP, 27GS, 0G, 1A

**3 ALBRIGHT**  
22GP, 22GS, 0G, 0A

**4 BADILLA**  
1GP, 1GS, 0G, 0A

**15 PARKHURST**  
24GP, 24GS, 0G, 1A

**1 REIS**  
25GP, 25GS, 1.08 GAA, 8 SHO

\* Stats from all competitions

## 2008 REVOLUTION SCHEDULE

2008 MLS RECORD: 11-6-5  
(HOME: 5-3-3 AWAY: 6-3-2)

2008 ALL-COMPETITIONS RECORD: 15-8-8  
(HOME: 9-3-5 AWAY: 6-5-3)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	TV
Sat., March 29	HOUSTON DYNAMO	W 3-0	FSC
Thu., April 3	at Chicago Fire	L 0-4	ESPN2/Deportes
Wed., April 9	at Kansas City Wizards	W 3-1	TV38
Sat., April 12	COLORADO RAPIDS	L 0-1	TV38
Sat., April 19	at New York Red Bulls	T 1-1	TV38/HDNet
Thu., April 24	at FC Dallas	W 1-0	ESPN2/Deportes
Sat., May 3	CHICAGO FIRE	L 0-3	TV38
Sun., May 11	at Chivas USA	W 2-1	TV38/Telefuturo
Sat., May 17	SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES	W 2-0	TV38/HDNet
Sat., May 24	at Columbus Crew	W 1-0	FSC
Thu., May 29	D.C. UNITED	T 2-2	ESPN2/Deportes
Fri., June 6	FC DALLAS	W 2-1	CSN
Thu., June 12	at Houston Dynamo	W 2-0	ESPN2/Deportes
Wed., June 18	NEW YORK RED BULLS	T 1-1	TV38
Sat., June 21	at Real Salt Lake	L 1-2	TV38
Sat., June 28	TORONTO FC	W 2-1	TV38
<b>Tue., July 1</b>	<b>USOC: RICHMOND KICKERS</b>	<b>W 3-0</b>	<b>--</b>
Fri., July 4	at Los Angeles Galaxy	W 2-1	TV38
<b>Tue., July 8</b>	<b>USOC: CP BALTIMORE</b>	<b>T 1-1 (NE wins on PKs)</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>Sun., July 13</b>	<b>SUPERLIGA: SANTOS</b>	<b>W 1-0</b>	<b>Telefuturo</b>
<b>Wed., July 16</b>	<b>SUPERLIGA: PACHUCA</b>	<b>W 1-0</b>	<b>Telefuturo</b>
<b>Sun., July 20</b>	<b>SUPERLIGA: at Chivas USA</b>	<b>T 1-1</b>	<b>Telefuturo</b>
<b>Wed., July 30</b>	<b>SUPERLIGA: ATLANTE (Semis)</b>	<b>W 1-0</b>	<b>Telefuturo</b>
<b>Tue., Aug. 5</b>	<b>SUPERLIGA: HOUSTON (Final)</b>	<b>T 2-2 (NE wins on PKs)</b>	<b>Telefuturo</b>
Sat., Aug. 9	CHICAGO FIRE	L 1-2	TV38/HDNet
<b>Tue., Aug. 12</b>	<b>USOC: at D.C. United (Semis)</b>	<b>L 1-3</b>	<b>--</b>
Sat., Aug. 16	at San Jose Earthquakes	L 0-4	TV38/HDNet
Wed., Aug. 20	D.C. UNITED	W 2-1	TV38
Sat., Aug. 23	at Toronto FC	T 1-1	FSC
<b>Tue., Aug. 26</b>	<b>CCL: at Joe Public FC</b>	<b>L 1-2</b>	<b>FSC</b>
Sat., Aug. 30	LOS ANGELES GALAXY	T 2-2	TV38/HDNet
<b>Tues., Sept. 2</b>	<b>CCL: JOE PUBLIC FC</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>FSC</b>
Sat., Sept. 6	at Columbus Crew	7:30 p.m.	TV38/HDNet
Thu., Sept. 11	CHIVAS USA	7:00 p.m.	ESPN2/Deportes
Sat., Sept. 20	at Colorado Rapids	9:00 p.m.	TV38
Sat., Sept. 27	COLUMBUS CREW	7:30 p.m.	TV38
Sat., Oct. 4	REAL SALT LAKE	7:30 p.m.	TV38
Sat., Oct. 11	at Kansas City Wizards	8:00 p.m.	TV38
Thu., Oct. 16	at D.C. United	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2/Deportes
Sat., Oct. 25	KANSAS CITY WIZARDS	7:30 p.m.	TV38

# CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE: NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION VS. JOE PUBLIC FC

## 2008-09 CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE STATISTICS

UNF	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	C	E
16	MID	Mauricio Castro	1	1	80	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0
5	MID	Joe Germanese	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	DEF	Jay Heaps	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
2	DEF	Amaechi Igwe	1	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
21	MID	Shalrie Joseph	1	1	90	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
13	MID	Jeff Larentowicz	1	1	90	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	MID	Sainey Nyassi	1	1	65	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
15	DEF	Michael Parkhurst	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
28	M/D	Pat Phelan	1	1	90	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
14	MID	Steve Ralston	1	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
27	MID	Wells Thompson	1	0	65	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
8	M/D	Chris Tierney	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
20	FWD	Taylor Twellman	1	1	90	0	0	1	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
12	GK	Doug Warren	1	1	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>			1	1	90	1	0	5	3	8	11	2	3	2	0
<b>OPPONENT TOTALS</b>			1	1	90	2	2	15	6	11	8	4	3	3	0

GAME-WINNING GOALS: None

GAME-WINNING ASSISTS: None

PENALTY KICK GOALS/ATTEMPTS: Mauricio Castro 1-1

### NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION INDIVIDUAL GOALKEEPING

UNF	POS	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MIN	SHTS	SV	GA	GAA	PG	PA	W	L	T	SO
12	GK	Doug Warren	1	1	90	6	4	2	2.00	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>			1	1	90	6	4	2	2.00	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>OPPONENT TOTALS</b>			1	1	90	3	2	1	1.00	1	1	1	0	0	0

## 2008-09 CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE BOX SCORES

### New England Revolution 1 at Joe Public FC 2

August 26, 2008 at Marvin Lee Stadium (Macoya, Trinidad)

Attendance: 2,100

Scoring - NE - Castro (penalty kick) 76

JPF - Richardson (Baptiste) 51, Gay (Baptiste) 70

	Shots	Saves	Fouls	Offsides	Corners
NE	5	4	8	2	3
JPF	15	2	11	4	3

## 2008-09 CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GAME-BY-GAME LINEUPS

### AT JOE PUBLIC FC (TRI)

L, 1-2 August 26, 2008

GK Warren

D Tierney

D Parkhurst

D Larentowicz

D Heaps

M Castro (Germanese 80')

M Joseph

M Phelan

M Nyassi (Igwe 65')

F Ralston © (Thompson 25')

F Twellman

## MISCELLANEOUS TEAM NOTES

**REVS HOST JOE PUBLIC IN SECOND LEG OF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SERIES ...**

The Revolution will host Trinidad's Joe Public FC at Gillette Stadium on Tuesday night in the second and deciding leg of their CONCACAF Champions League preliminary-round series ... New England trails on aggregate, 2-1, entering the second leg after falling by that score line last Tuesday night (Aug. 26) at Marvin Lee Stadium in Trinidad ... Joe Public FC currently plays in the Trinidad & Tobago Professional Football League and finished as the league's runner-up in 2007 ... the club, which is one of three Caribbean qualifiers, earned its spot in the tournament by finishing as the runner-up in the 2007 Caribbean Football Union Club Championship.

**... AFTER DROPPING FIRST LEG IN TRINIDAD LAST WEEK**

A determined Joe Public FC defended its home field and defeated the Revolution, 2-1, in the first leg of the CONCACAF Champions League preliminary-round series last Tuesday night (Aug. 26) at Marvin Lee Stadium ... Gregory Richardson (51') and Jamal Gay (70') each finished crosses from Kerry Baptiste to give the Eastern Lions a 2-0 lead, but **Mauricio Castro** cut the deficit in half when he converted a 76th-minute penalty kick after **Shalrie Joseph** was tripped in the box.

**CASTRO'S LATE STRIKE IN FIRST LEG COULD PROVE CRUCIAL**

**Mauricio Castro's** important late penalty kick in the loss to Joe Public FC last Tuesday night (Aug. 26) gave the Revolution a crucial goal in the two-game series that will be decided on aggregate score ... though the Revs trail, 2-1, heading into the second leg on Tuesday night at Gillette Stadium, they could hold an advantage in the first tiebreaker should the teams finish even on aggregate, because Castro's goal was scored away from home ... if the two teams are tied on aggregate goals after the second match, the first tiebreaker is away goals.

**POSSIBILITIES ABOUND IN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PRELIM SERIES**

Depending on particular score-lines in Tuesday night's CONCACAF Champions League match, there are a number of possible scenarios, including the possibility of the match going to extra time and penalty kicks ... if the Revs win, 1-0, then they will win the series and advance to the tournament's group stage (the series would finish 2-2 on aggregate, and New England would win on away goals) ... if the Revs win, 2-1, the series would finish 2-2 on aggregate, with the teams tied on away goals and the match will go to extra time – and possibly penalty kicks – to decide a winner ... if the Revs win by a single goal by any other score-line (3-2, 4-3, 5-4, etc.), then Joe Public wins the series and advances to the tournament's group stage (the series would finish tied on aggregate, but Joe Public would win on away goals) ... if the Revs win by more than one goal, they win the series on aggregate ... if the teams draw or the Revs lose by any score, Joe Public wins the series on aggregate and advances.

**WINNER OF PLAY-IN SERIES WILL JOIN GROUP C**

The winner of the Revolution-Joe Public FC series in the 2008-09 CONCACAF Champions League will join Group C in the next stage of the competition ... the group also includes Mexico's Atlante, Honduran side Olimpia and the winner of the qualifying series between Montreal Impact (Canada) and Real Esteli (Nicaragua), which Montreal leads on aggregate, 1-0, after the first leg ... the 16 teams that reach the group stage will vie for the title of best club in CONCACAF and a spot in the 2009 FIFA Club World Cup.

**BEST IN MLS TO BATTLE ON SATURDAY NIGHT AT CREW STADIUM**

The Revs (11-6-5, 38 pts.) will visit the Columbus Crew (12-6-4, 40 pts.) on Saturday night at Crew Stadium in a match that brings together the top two teams in the MLS standings ... with just eight games remaining in the regular season, the match has huge playoff implications, as both clubs continue to fight for optimal position in the Eastern Conference and the coveted Supporter's Shield as overall MLS leaders ... the Revs had occupied at least a share of the top spot in the league for 13 of the last 14 weeks after jumping into first place on May 24 – coincidentally with a 1-0 win over Columbus at Crew Stadium – but were leapfrogged by the Crew this past weekend, as New England drew, 2-2, with the LA Galaxy, and Columbus defeated FC Dallas, 2-1, at Pizza Hut Park.

**TIGHT AT THE TOP**

While New England (11-6-5, 38 pts.) and Columbus (12-6-4, 40 pts.) are the top two teams in Major League Soccer after Saturday night's MLS action, there are a number of teams in the Eastern Conference that are within striking distance of first place ... Chicago (10-6-5, 35 pts.) is just three points behind the Revolution heading into the club's Sunday night match against Houston, while D.C. (10-10-2, 32 pts.) and New York (8-6-8, 32 pts.) are also looking to make a move towards the top of the table.

**TWELLMAN JUST KEEPS SCORING ...**

**Taylor Twellman** notched his fifth goal of the season in Saturday night's 2-2 draw with Los Angeles to continue his torrid scoring pace ... Twellman, who has been limited to just eight regular-season appearances (four starts) this season because of various injuries (knee, ankle, hip), paid the price for his goal, reaching **Khano Smith's** cross before Galaxy goalkeeper Steve Cronin, but taking a knock to the face in the process ... the U.S. National Team member

celebrated his goal before leaving the field for several minutes to receive treatment ... following the match, Twellman received five stitches and had a significant welt on his right cheek ... Twellman has now scored in three straight MLS matches and four of the last five, while he's just one goal shy of the team lead despite appearing in just more than one-third of the Revs' matches.

**... AND IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING THE CENTURY MARK**

After scoring his 96th career goal on Saturday night against Los Angeles, **Taylor Twellman** is now just four goals shy of the 100-goal mark in MLS regular-season action ... Twellman is currently ranked fifth in MLS career goals, five behind fourth-place Jeff Cunningham (101), currently of FC Dallas, and 25 shy of D.C.'s Jaime Moreno (121), the league's all-time leading goal scorer ... the U.S. National Team member has scored his 96 goals in just 164 games, while all four players ahead of him on the charts have made at least 250 career appearances ... Twellman is on pace to become the league's youngest 100-goal scorer.

**TWELLMAN CLIMBING THE REVS' ALL-TIME CHARTS**

In addition to climbing up the MLS goal-scoring charts with his recent run of form, **Taylor Twellman** has also been inching his way up the Revolution's all-time games-played and games-started lists ... Twellman recently moved into third place in appearances (164) by passing former Rev Joe Franchino (162), while he's also now tied with Franchino for third place in games started (155) ... the U.S. National Team forward is also third all-time in minutes played (14,217) for the Revs.

**TWELLMAN SCORING AT A RAPID PACE**

With five goals in just 491 minutes of regular-season action in 2008, **Taylor Twellman** is tied for first in the league in goals per 90 minutes (0.92) ... Twellman, who has averaged one goal just about every 98 minutes that he's been on the field, is tied with LA's Landon Donovan, who leads the league with 16 goals ... additionally, despite four of his eight appearances coming as a substitute, Twellman is tied for second in the league in goals per game (0.63) ... for his career, Twellman is tied for sixth all-time in goals per 90 minutes (0.61) and is fifth in goals per game (0.59).

**BADILLA DEBUTS**

Just two days after arriving in the United States, Costa Rican defender **Gabriel Badilla** made his MLS and Revolution debut on Saturday night against the Los Angeles Galaxy, starting alongside **Michael Parkhurst** in the center of a four-man backline ... Badilla, 24, flew into Boston late Thursday evening, trained with the Revolution for the first time in a light session on Friday, then played the full 90 minutes on Saturday ... the defender signed with the Revolution on Aug. 18 from Saprissa of Costa Rica's Primera División, where he had spent his entire professional career.

**REIS RETURNS**

Goalkeeper **Matt Reis** returned to the Revolution's starting lineup for Saturday night's 2-2 draw with the Los Angeles Galaxy after missing three matches (two MLS, one CONCACAF Champions League) with a right adductor strain ... prior to sustaining the injury on Aug. 16 at San Jose, Reis had started 89 straight regular-season matches (101 including postseason contests) dating back to Sept. 3, 2005, and had played a league-record 7,975 consecutive minutes for New England ... Doug Warren took over between the pipes in Reis' absence, going 1-1-1 with a 1.33 goals against average in MLS games.

**PARKHURST EARNS FIRST CAREER ASSIST ...**

Defender **Michael Parkhurst** - who has been jokingly rumored to have a GPS alarm that goes off when he crosses midfield to alert him that he's too far forward - earned his first career assist in his 107th appearance on Saturday night against LA ... Parkhurst provided the cutting pass which set up **Shalrie Joseph's** game-tying goal in the 71st minute, as the clubs drew, 2-2 ... the 2007 MLS Defender of the Year also has one career goal, which he scored in his 87th career appearance last year at Toronto.

**... ON JOSEPH'S FIRST GOAL OF THE SEASON**

Although **Shalrie Joseph** was the leading goal-scorer in SuperLiga 2008 with three goals, the defensive midfielder had yet to score his first goal of the 2008 MLS regular season until the 71st minute of Saturday night's 2-2 draw with LA ... Joseph received a pass from **Michael Parkhurst** near the top of the box, turned towards goal, and burst into the area before firing a low shot inside the near post for the game-tying goal ... it was Joseph's first regular-season goal since July 22, 2007, when he converted a penalty kick in a 3-3 draw with Houston.

**HEAPS LEAPS TO SIXTH ALL-TIME IN MINUTES PLAYED**

**Jay Heaps** moved into sixth place on MLS' all-time minutes-played list on Saturday night against LA, as the veteran defender has now played 24,473 minutes in his 10-year career ... Heaps overtook the retired Mark Chung (24,470) on the list and is now less than 700 minutes away from catching the retired Cobi Jones (25,157) for fifth place ... Heaps is the only Revs player to play every minute of all 22 MLS games this season.

**A RARE OCCURENCE FOR RALSTON**

MLS' "Ironman," **Steve Ralston**, missed Saturday night's match against LA with back spasms, which he originally suffered in last Tuesday's CONCACAF Champions League preliminary-round match against Joe Public FC ... it was the first MLS match which Ralston didn't start since May 3 at Chicago, and the first game in which he didn't appear since April 24 at FC Dallas ... Ralston missed five matches early this season with a dislocated left shoulder, which he suffered in the season opener against Houston (March 29).

**SMITH RETURNS FROM BERMUDA NATIONAL TEAM DUTY**

After missing the first leg of the CONCACAF Champions League preliminary-round series at Joe Public FC last Tuesday night (Aug. 26) while with the Bermuda National Team, **Khano Smith** returned to the Revs lineup on Saturday (Aug. 30) against LA ... Smith started on the left side of midfield against the Galaxy and earned his third assist of the season on **Taylor Twellman's** 22nd-mintue goal ... while with the Bermuda National Team in the Cayman Islands, Smith started one match of the 2009 Digicel Caribbean Cup - a 4-0 loss to Antigua and Barbuda on Aug. 27 - before returning to the Revs.

**THREE'S COMPANY**

New England began play in the CONCACAF Champions League with a 2-1 loss to Trinidad's Joe Public FC last Tuesday night at Marvin Lee Stadium, marking the club's third in-season tournament of the year ... the Revs have already competed in - and won - SuperLiga 2008, while they also reached the semifinal round of the 2008 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup ... New England will play at least 10 games in outside competitions this season, with the possibility of that total jumping to 16 if the club advances to the group stage of the Champions League.

**FALL IS THE BUSY SEASON**

With the CONCACAF Champions League underway, the possibility exists that from now on, the Revs will have to play two games per week every week through the start of the MLS Play-offs (except for two weeks when the team has Thursday night MLS games) ... either way, the Revolution is in the midst of a stretch that sees the club play 11 games in 38 days (two games per week from Aug. 5 until Sept. 11).

**FORMATION ROTATION**

While the Revolution remained in a 4-4-1-1 formation for the entirety of the first leg at Joe Public FC last Tuesday night (Aug. 26), injuries and substitutions resulted in a number of Revs playing several different positions throughout the course of the match ... **Steve Ralston** began as a withdrawn forward behind **Taylor Twellman**, but Ralston was replaced by **Wells Thompson** in the 25th minute after suffering back spasms ... Thompson took over at left midfield, pushing **Mauricio Castro** into the withdrawn forward position ... in the 65th minute, **Amaechi Igwe** replaced right midfielder **Sainey Nyassi**, but Igwe slotted into left midfield, pushing Thompson wide right ... the Revs made their final change in the 80th minute, when **Joe Germanese** replaced Castro ... Germanese took over on the right wing, while Thompson switched back to left midfield and Igwe dropped into the center of defense ... **Jeff Larentowicz**, who began as a central defender, pushed up into a central midfield position, while **Shalrie Joseph** took over as the withdrawn forward.

**REVS CONTINUE TO MIX-AND-MATCH FORMATIONS**

After briefly returning to their preferred 3-5-2 formation against D.C. on Aug. 20, the Revs have deployed a 4-4-1-1 setup in their past three matches (at Toronto, Aug. 23; at Joe Public FC, Aug. 26; against LA, Aug. 30) ... with **Adam Cristman**, **Kheli Dube** and **Kenny Mansally** all unavailable because of injury, **Taylor Twellman** has been left as the only true striker available ... **Michael Parkhurst** has paired with **Jay Heaps**, **Jeff Larentowicz**, **Gabriel Badilla** and **Amaechi Igwe** in the center of a four-man backline, while **Steve Ralston**, **Shalrie Joseph** and **Khano Smith** have all played as a withdrawn forward behind Twellman ... in addition to the 4-4-1-1, the Revs have used 3-5-2, 4-4-2 and 3-4-2-1 formations this season as injuries, suspensions and national team call-ups have dictated.

**CASTRO FINDS THE BACK OF THE NET**

**Mauricio Castro** converted a penalty kick in the 76th minute of the 2-1 loss at Joe Public FC last Tuesday night (Aug. 26), marking his first goal since signing with the Revs on Feb. 18 of this year ... Castro calmly slotted his attempt into the lower left corner of the net, sending Joe Public goalkeeper Alejandro Figueroa the wrong way ... **Shalrie Joseph** earned the penalty, as he was tripped in the box by defender Carlyle Mitchell.

**ALL-TIME ASSIST-LEADER RALSTON DOES IT AGAIN ...**

**Steve Ralston** picked up his team-leading fifth assist of the season on Aug. 20 against D.C., as he combined with **Taylor Twellman** to set up **Jeff Larentowicz** for the game-winning goal in the 49th minute ... the assist was the 126th of Ralston's career, while it was his 37th career game-winning assist - both of which are tops in MLS history.

**... AND CONTINUES CLIMB UP THE 2008 LEADERBOARD**

With yet another game-winning assist on Aug. 20 against D.C., **Steve Ralston** is now second in the league with four game-winning assists, trailing only Columbus' Guillermo Barros Schelotto (5) ... proving that he can finish as well as pass, the Revs' captain is also tied for the

league-lead in game-winning goals (4) ... in MLS action, Ralston is tied with **Adam Cristman** for the Revolution lead in goals (6), while he leads the team in assists (5) ... in all competitions, Ralston is tops on the team in both goals (7) and assists (9).

**RALSTON TOPPING THE ALL-TIME CHARTS**

**Steve Ralston** owns five MLS career records, tying him with Chivas USA's Ante Razov for the most MLS career records of any player ... he is the league's career leader in minutes (31,223), games (353), starts (350), assists (126) and game-winning assists (37) ... Ralston is also second in career corner kicks (655) ... Razov owns the shots, shots on goal, offsides, game-winning goals and multi-goal games records ... known more as an assist-man than a goal scorer, Ralston has also scored 67 career goals, which places him 13th on the MLS career list.

**NICOL CLIMBS INTO TIE FOR THIRD PLACE ON ALL-TIME WINS LIST**

Head coach **Steve Nicol** picked up his 86th career win on Aug. 20 against D.C. (2-1) and jumped into a tie for third place on MLS' career wins list with Bob Gansler ... Bob Bradley (124) and Sigi Schmid (108) occupy the top two spots, with Schmid and Bruce Arena being the only active coaches besides Nicol in the top 10 ... Nicol has led the Revs to 308 points during his seven-year coaching career, which is the third-highest total in MLS history ... during his tenure in Foxborough - which began full-time in 2002 - Nicol has led the Revs to each of the last six Eastern Conference Championship matches (an MLS record) and four of the last six MLS Cups, including each of the last three.

**DUBE STATES HIS CASE FOR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR ...**

Forward **Kheli Dube** has made a strong case for Rookie of the Year honors with his performance to this point in the season, as the Zimbabwe native has notched four goals and three assists in MLS action ... Dube, who was chosen in the first round (eighth overall) in the 2008 MLS Supplemental Draft, has notched five goals and three assists in 22 appearances (14 starts) in all competitions this season.

**... BUT THE INJURY BUG BITES**

**Kheli Dube** will have to wait to add to his scoring totals, as the rookie forward is currently out injured with a strained right adductor ... Dube has already missed the Revs' last five MLS matches, while he's expected to miss a total of 6-8 weeks dating back to Aug. 5.

**MAN-GAME LOST NUMBER CONTINUES TO CLIMB**

The Revs have lost 70 man-games because of injuries 22 games into the MLS regular season ... **Taylor Twellman** (14), **Gary Flood** (10), **Steve Ralston** (6), **Rob Valentino**, **Wells Thompson**, **Kheli Dube** and **Kenny Mansally** (5 each), **Chris Albright** (4), **Sainey Nyassi** and former Rev **Matthew Britner** (3 each), **Matt Reis**, **Khano Smith**, **Adam Cristman** and former Rev **Joe Franchino** (2 each), **Jeff Larentowicz** and **Mauricio Castro** (1 each) have all missed games because of injury this year.

**WITHOUT WARNING**

The Revs have amassed the fewest number of yellow cards (29) in the league so far this season ... every other team in the league has at least 30 cautions, as Colorado (33) has picked up the second-fewest yellow cards ... D.C. leads the league with 53 cautions.

**STAYING ON**

New England has been offside far fewer times than any other team in the league this season ... the Revs have been offside just 29 times in 22 games, while Columbus (46) has been offside the second-fewest number of times ... in comparison, the Revolution has been called offside an average of 1.32 times per game, while Columbus has been offside 2.09 times per game ... Houston leads the league, having been called offside 78 times for an average of 3.71 times per game.

**GAME-WINNING GOALS FOR EVERYONE**

With his game-winning goal against D.C. on Aug. 20, **Jeff Larentowicz** became the seventh player to score a game-winning goal in an MLS match for the Revolution this season ... in addition to Larentowicz, **Steve Ralston** (4), **Kheli Dube** (2), **Sainey Nyassi**, **Khano Smith**, **Taylor Twellman** and **Adam Cristman** (1 each) have all scored game-winners this season.

**HITTING THE TARGET ...**

The Revolution has the highest shots-on-goal percentage in the league, having put 129 of its 252 shots on target for a percentage of 51.19 ... no other team in the league has a percentage higher than 50 percent.

**... WITH RALSTON AND CASTRO LEADING THE CHARGE**

**Steve Ralston**, who is tied for 10th in MLS in goals with six, has managed to reach that mark by taking just 14 shots ... Ralston's scoring percentage of 42.86 percent is tops in the league ... meanwhile, **Mauricio Castro** leads the league in shots-on-goal percentage, as the Honduran has put 18 of his 25 shots on frame (72.00 percent).

## SCORING TO WIN

New England is 11-2-5 in MLS games in which it has scored at least one goal this season ... the Revs have drawn with New York twice (1-1, April 19; 1-1, June 18), D.C. (2-2, May 29), Toronto (1-1, Aug. 23) and LA (2-2, Aug. 30), while they've won 11 of the other 13 games in which they've scored ... the Revs' only losses in games in which they've scored are a pair of 2-1 setbacks to Real Salt Lake (June 21) and Chicago (Aug. 9).

## TAKING THEIR KNOCKS ...

New England is the most fouled team in MLS, having racked up 320 fouls suffered in 22 games for an average of 14.55 fouls suffered per game ... Columbus is second with an average of 13.64 fouls suffered per game ... amazingly, the Revolution doesn't have anyone in the top 10 in the league in fouls suffered, while the club also suffered the lowest number of fouls in a single game by any team this season (3, at Toronto on Aug. 23).

## REVS CLAIM SUPERLIGA 2008 TITLE

The Revolution became the first MLS team to earn the title of SuperLiga champion on Tuesday, Aug. 5, as the Revs claimed the 2008 crown by defeating league rival Houston Dynamo, 6-5, in penalty kicks after 90 minutes of regulation and two 15-minute periods of extra time finished tied at 2-2 ... Nate Jaqua and Kei Kamara twice gave Houston the lead - once in regulation and once in extra time - but **Steve Ralston** and **Shalrie Joseph** scored equalizers for New England on both occasions to send the match to penalties ... the teams were unable to decide a winner until the eighth round of kicks, when Revs defender **Chris Albright** buried his penalty down the middle and Dynamo midfielder Corey Ashe hit the crossbar with his effort, handing the Revolution the title.

## TWO SEASONS, TWO TITLES ...

New England's SuperLiga 2008 championship triumph earned the club its second cup championship in less than a year ... on Oct. 3, 2007, the Revs won their first-ever cup title when they defeated FC Dallas, 3-2, in the U.S. Open Cup Final at Pizza Hut Park.

## ... AND AIMING FOR MORE

With the SuperLiga 2008 trophy on the shelf and their run in the 2008 U.S. Open Cup over, the Revs will now turn their attention to the MLS regular-season title and MLS Cup 2008, while also competing in the inaugural CONCACAF Champions League, which is currently underway.

## OPEN CUP TITLE DEFENSE COMES TO AN END IN NATION'S CAPITAL

The Revs' title defense in the 2008 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup was brought to an end in the semifinal on Tuesday, Aug. 12, with a 3-1 loss to D.C. United at RFK Stadium ... Luciano Emilio finished a feed from Bryan Namoff in the fourth minute to give United an early lead, before **Joe Germanese** leveled the score with an unassisted tally in the 34th minute ... Santino Quaranta broke the deadlock with a goal in the 48th minute and Emilio added the insurance with his second goal of the match in the 81st minute, ending New England's hunt for its second consecutive U.S. Open Cup title.

## NICOL, REIS, JOSEPH AND RALSTON LEAD MLS ALL-STARS

Led by head coach **Steve Nicol**, goalkeeper **Matt Reis** and midfielders **Shalrie Joseph** and **Steve Ralston**, the MLS All-Stars defeated English Premier League side West Ham United, 3-2, in the 2008 Pepsi MLS All-Star game on Thursday, July 24 at BMO Field in Toronto ... Reis made four saves in 70 minutes of action to earn the victory between the pipes, while Joseph played the entire match in the defensive midfield ... Ralston entered the game in the 88th minute and took over at right back, a position he has filled for the Revs at times in the past ... the win was the MLS All-Stars' fifth in five matches against foreign opposition ... Nicol led the MLS All-Stars to victory for the second straight year, as he was also at the helm as the league's best defeated Scottish power Celtic, 2-0, in 2007 ... goals from Colorado's Christian Gomez, Chicago's Cuauhtemoc Blanco and Houston's Dwayne De Rosario were enough to overcome a pair of strikes by West Ham's England international, Dean Ashton.

## PLAYER NOTES

## 1 | MATT REIS

POS. GK | H. 6-1 | W. 196 | AGE: 33

The Revs' standout goalkeeper ... an 11-year MLS veteran, he's now in his fourth full season -- and fifth overall -- as the team's primary netminder ... holds every New England career goal-keeping record, including games played in goal (142), games started in goal (141), minutes played in goal (12,702), goals against average (1.27), wins (60), saves (565), shutouts (38) and save percentage (.727) ... his 35 regular-season shutouts since the start of the 2005 season are tops among MLS goalkeepers in that time span ... named to the 2008 MLS All-Star First XI on July 10, marking his fourth consecutive All-Star selection.

**2008 FIRST TEAM:** Has started 20 games, missing two in August with a right adductor injury - his first missed starts since 2005 ... has recorded five shutouts, tying him for ninth in the league, and is fourth in GAA (1.22) ... earned a shutout in the season opener against Houston (March 29), making three saves ... became MLS' all-time leader in consecutive minutes played (regular-season games only) against Colorado (April 12), passing Houston's Pat Onstad (6,648 minutes) ... earned a shutout in the 1-0 win at FC Dallas (April 24), making four saves ... posted a one-save shutout effort against San Jose (May 17) ... earned a shutout in the 1-0 win at Columbus (May 24), stopping two shots ... posted a regular-season career-high 10 saves in the 2-1 win against Dallas (June 6), including eight - which would have tied his previous season-high - in the second half ... earned his 47th career shutout in the 2-0 win at Houston (June 12), making five saves, including a stop on Stuart Holden's 82nd-minute penalty kick ... sent a long pass from his own box 80 yards up-field that led to Adam Cristman's goal in the 2-1 loss to Salt Lake, but was not credited with an assist ... suffered a right adductor strain in the 4-0 loss at San Jose (Aug. 16) and was removed in the 55th minute, ending his consecutive minutes played streak at a record 7,975 minutes ... missed the next two matches, but returned to the starting lineup on Aug. 30 against LA, making four saves in a 2-2 draw.

**CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE:** Did not appear in the first leg of the preliminary series at Joe Public FC while recovering from a right adductor strain, though he was listed on the substitute's bench.

**SUPERLIGA:** Started all five matches and allowed just three goals ... finished first in the competition in shutouts (3), goals against average (0.56), save percentage (.848) and saves (28) en route to being named the State Farm Portero Supremo (Supreme Goalkeeper) ... stopped back-to-back penalty kicks from Dwayne De Rosario and Brian Ching in the shootout as the Revs defeated Houston in penalties, 6-5, to claim the SuperLiga title (Aug. 5).

**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 ... was most recently called up for the U.S.' World Cup Qualifier against Barbados (June 15), but did not see game action.

**Last shutout:** 7/30/08 vs. ATN (SL)

## 2 | AMAECHI IGWE

POS. D/M | H. 6-0 | W. 165 | 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 with a select Generation adidas team after the 2007 season.

**2008 FIRST TEAM:** Has made 10 appearances, including six starts ... made his MLS debut at Kansas City (April 9), playing all 90 minutes at both left back and right back ... started as a left back in a three-man setup in his first three appearances before starting on the right side of a four-man backline at FC Dallas (April 24) ... made his first career substitute appearance at Columbus (May 24), entering the match in stoppage time to help preserve a 1-0 lead ... made his first start since April 24 in the match at Houston (June 12), playing the entire match on the left side of a four-man backline.

**CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE:** Appeared as a substitute at Joe Public FC, playing the final 25 minutes at both left midfield and in the center of a four-man backline.

**SUPERLIGA:** Started all five matches, playing in a variety of positions across the backline ... played left back against Santos (July 13), Chivas USA (July 20) and Atlante (July 30), right back against Pachuca (July 16) and center back in the final against Houston (Aug. 5).

**U.S. OPEN CUP:** Started all three matches ... playing every minute in the center of a four-man backline in the team's first two matches, before playing the full 90 minutes on the left side of the four-man back against D.C. United (Aug. 12) ... scored New England's fourth penalty in the shootout victory over Crystal Palace Baltimore (July 8).

**RESERVE DIVISION:** Has made five appearances with the reserves, all starts ... has scored one goal ... has started four matches as a defender, playing on the left and in the middle ... started on the right side of midfield in the 5-0 win over New York (June 18) and scored the game-winning goal on a penalty kick in the 39th minute.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Has earned 20 caps and has scored one goal for the U.S. Under-20 National Team ... a member of the U.S. U-20 team that advanced to the quarterfinals of the 2007 Under-20 World Cup in Canada last summer.

**Last goal:** N/A

**Last assist:** N/A

## 3 | CHRIS ALBRIGHT

POS. D | H. 6-1 | W. 180 | AGE: 29

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, L.A. in 2002 and 2005), one U.S. Open Cup championship (L.A. in 2005) and one SuperLiga title (New England in 2008).

**2008 FIRST TEAM:** Has made 18 appearances at right back, all starts ... made his Revolution debut in the season opener against Houston (March 29) ... missed four matches with a bone bruise in his left foot that he suffered in the Chicago game (April 3) ... returned to the lineup on May 3 against Chicago, playing the full 90 minutes on the right side of a three-man backline ... suffered a concussion and left hip flexor strain at Toronto (Aug. 23), forcing him to miss a CONCACAF Champions League game, but he did not miss an MLS match ... has played on the right side of a four-man backline six times this season, most recently against Los Angeles (Aug. 30).

**CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE:** Did not appear in the first leg of the preliminary series at Joe Public FC after suffering a concussion and left hip flexor strain in the Revs' previous match at Toronto (Aug. 23).

**SUPERLIGA:** Made four starts, all on the right side of a four-man backline ... missed the Pachuca match (July 16) with a left hip flexor strain ... scored the game-winning penalty kick in the eighth round of the 6-5 shootout victory over Houston in the competition's final (Aug. 5).

**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 during a busy fall.

**2008 FIRST TEAM:** Made his MLS and Revolution debut in the Revs' last match against LA (Aug. 30), just two days after arriving in the United States ... played the full 90 minutes alongside Michael Parkhurst in the center of a four-man backline.

**BEFORE MLS:** Made his debut with Saprissa in November 2001 and appeared in more than 130 matches for the "Monstruo Morado" ... helped Saprissa earn five national championships, including each of the last four ... was also a member of the Saprissa team that earned a third-place finish at the 2005 FIFA Club World Cup in Japan following its 2005 CONCACAF Champions Cup title.

**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

## 5 | JOE GERMANESE

POS. M | H. 5-10 | W. 165 | AGE: 23

Selected by the Revs in the second round (27th overall) of the 2008 MLS SuperDraft ... a natural outside midfielder with great speed and a steady first touch who can also step inside in more of an attacking midfielder role ... also a strong defender on the ball, Germanese has the ability to close quickly and mark like an outside back ... signed to a developmental contract on May 22 after finishing his degree requirements and graduating from Duke.

**CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE:** Appeared as a substitute at Joe Public FC, playing the final 10 minutes on the right side of midfield.

**U.S. OPEN CUP:** Made three appearances, including two starts ... has scored two goals ... recorded his first professional goal - in his first professional start - in the 3-0 win over Richmond (July 1), scoring the Revs' second goal ... scored the lone goal in New England's 3-1 loss to D.C. (Aug. 12).

**RESERVE DIVISION:** Has started all eight of the reserve matches, playing both on the right side and left side of midfield ... has recorded one goal and one assist ... assisted on guest player Geoff Walker's goal in the 5-0 win over New York (June 18) ... scored the Revs' only goal in the 3-1 loss to Chicago (Aug. 10) ... one of three Revs players to have appeared in all eight reserve matches.

**Last goal:** 8/12/08 @ D.C. (USOC)  
**Last assist:** N/A

6 | JAY HEAPS

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

Can play anywhere across the back ... 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 sixth in MLS career minutes played (24,473), tied for 10th in career appearances (281) and ninth in career games started (266) ... one of three Revs players who have started and played in each of New England's four MLS Cup appearances ... became the first player in Revolution history to make 200 appearances (June 6 against FC Dallas) and 200 starts (July 4 at Los Angeles) for the club this season.

**2008 FIRST TEAM:** The only Revolution player to have started and played 90 minutes in all 22 matches ... has recorded one assist ... played left back in the team's first two games, but returned to his familiar right back position in the next three matches following Chris Albright's injury ... shifted back to the left side of a three-man backline upon Chris Albright's return against Chicago (May 3) ... assisted on Steve Ralston's game-tying goal in the 1-1 draw with New York (June 18), marking his first assist since Oct. 7, 2006 ... recorded an own goal in the 11th minute of the 2-1 loss to Real Salt Lake (June 21) ... moved into sixth-place all-time in MLS in minutes played against Los Angeles (Aug. 30) ... has played in the center of a four-man backline six times this season, most recently at Toronto (Aug. 23), while he's played on the right side of a four-man backline once (against LA, Aug. 30).

**CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE:** Played the full 90 minutes on the right side of a four-man backline in the first leg of the preliminary series at Joe Public FC.

**SUPERLIGA:** Started and played the full 90 minutes in the first four matches in the middle of a four-man backline ... was red-carded following the final whistle of the semifinal against Atlante (July 30) and was suspended for the Revolution's victory over Houston in the final (Aug. 5).

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

7 | ADAM CRISTMAN

**POS. F | H. 6-0 | W. 180 | AGE: 23**

A late-draft surprise in 2007, Cristman was second in MLS in rookie goal-scoring (4) and second among rookies in assists (4) last year ... was a finalist for the 2007 MLS Rookie of the Year award ... a strong target forward, he is known for his ability to hold the ball and power past defenders.

**2008 FIRST TEAM:** Has made 18 appearances at forward, including 16 starts ... has scored a career-high six goals, tying him for the team lead with Steve Ralston and tying him for 10th in MLS ... also has one assist ... was inserted into the lineup for the season opener against Houston (March 29) just 15 minutes before kickoff, as Taylor Twellman was removed from the lineup after experiencing discomfort in his right knee during warm-ups ... scored an unassisted goal in the 32nd minute of the season opener to put the Revs up, 2-0 ... recorded the Revs' opening goal in the 59th minute of the 2-2 draw against D.C. (May 29), finishing from close range after receiving a pass from Kheli Dube ... scored New England's fastest goal of the season in the 2-1 win against FC Dallas (June 6), heading home Sainey Nyassi's cross in the fifth minute ... notched his first away goal of the season in the 2-1 loss at Real Salt Lake (June 21), scoring on a header in the eighth minute ... scored two goals in a four-minute span in the first half to lead the Revs to a 2-1 victory at Los Angeles (July 4), marking his second career multi-goal game and his first since June 16, 2007, while also earning him his first career Player of the Week award (Week 15) ... recorded an assist on Taylor Twellman's goal against D.C. (Aug. 20) ... has missed the last two games after his previous toe injury flared up.

**SUPERLIGA:** Made two substitute appearances, entering the semifinal against Atlante (July 30) in the 79th minute and the final against Houston (Aug. 5) for the start of extra time ... missed all three matches in the group stage with a sprained right toe.

**U.S. OPEN CUP:** Has made one start playing the full 90 minutes of the Revs 3-1 loss to D.C. (Aug. 12).

**INTERNATIONAL:** Has two caps with the U.S. Under-23 Team, scoring two goals ... was called in to the U.S. U-23 training camps in November 2007 and January 2008 ahead of the CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying Tournament.

**Last goal:** 7/4/08 @ LA  
**Last assist:** 8/20/08 vs. DC

8 | CHRIS TIERNEY

**POS. M | H. 6-0 | W. 180 | AGE: 22**

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 ... steady on set pieces, especially free kicks ... has good pace and is an opportunistic goal scorer ... was signed to a developmental contract on June 3 after finishing his degree requirements and graduating from Virginia ... one of three Revs (along with Brandon Manzonelli and former Rev Chase Hilgenbrinck) to train with the Brazilian National Team on June 4 while the world's second-ranked team was preparing for its June 6 match against Venezuela at Gillette Stadium.

**2008 FIRST TEAM:** Has made five appearances, including three starts ... has one assist ... made his MLS and Revolution debut on June 21 at Real Salt Lake, entering in the 77th minute and slotting into a left midfield position ... earned his first MLS start on Aug. 9 against Chicago, playing on the left side of a four-man backline ... followed up with a start at Toronto (Aug. 23) at left back as he recorded his first-career MLS assist on Taylor Twellman's 35th-minute goal.

**CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE:** Started and played the full 90 minutes at left back in the first leg of the preliminary series at Joe Public FC.

**SUPERLIGA:** Made three appearances, including two starts ... began the match against Pachuca (July 16) at left back, marking his first professional start at Gillette Stadium, while he also started the final against Houston (Aug. 5) at left back ... scored the Revs' fifth penalty kick in the 6-5 shootout victory in the final.

**U.S. OPEN CUP:** Made two starts on the left side of midfield ... recorded two assists ... notched both of his assists in the 3-0 win over Richmond (July 1), as he provided the final pass for Sam Brill's game-winner and Taylor Twellman's 67th-minute strike ... scored New England's third penalty in the shootout victory over Crystal Palace Baltimore (July 8).

**RESERVE DIVISION:** Has made five appearances for the reserves, including four starts ... has scored one goal ... has played central midfield, attacking midfield, left midfield and left back ... scored the Revolution's fifth goal in the 5-0 win over New York (June 18), converting New England's third penalty kick of the game.

**Last goal:** N/A  
**Last assist:** 8/23/08 @ TFC

11 | KHELI DUBE

**POS. F | H. 6-1 | W. 165 | AGE: 25 | INTERNATIONAL**

Selected by the Revolution in the first round (eighth overall) in the 2008 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 ... was signed to a developmental contract on March 12 ... after all five of his goals this season, Dube has had an unusual goal celebration, conducting 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.

**2008 FIRST TEAM:** Has made 16 appearances, including nine starts ... has scored four goals and added three assists ... two of his goals have been game-winners, while another was a game-tying goal ... his first seven appearances came as a second-half substitute at forward, while his last nine have been starts ... made his MLS and Revolution debut in the season opener against Houston (March 29) ... made his first career start on May 17 against San Jose, and six minutes into the game, scored his first career goal ... earned his second career start and scored his second consecutive game-winning goal at Columbus (May 24), slotting home a rebound in the 89th minute after Shalrie Joseph's penalty-kick attempt had been saved ... scored for the third consecutive game in the 2-2 draw against D.C. (May 29), recording the game-tying goal in the 72nd minute with a close-range header ... assisted on Steve Ralston's game-winning goal in the eighth minute before scoring a goal in the 35th minute of the 2-0 win at Houston (June 12) ... picked up his third assist of the season in the 1-1 draw with New York (June 18), providing the final pass for Ralston's game-tying goal ... has missed the Revs' last five matches with a right adductor strain and is expected to be unavailable for a total of 6-8 weeks (dating back to Aug. 5).

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**SUPERLIGA:** Started all five matches and scored one goal ... recorded the game-winning goal against Santos (July 13) in the 70th minute.

**U.S. OPEN CUP:** Made one substitute appearance ... entered the quarterfinal match against Crystal Palace Baltimore (July 8) in extra time and scored the Revs' second penalty in the shootout victory.

**RESERVE DIVISION:** Has started at forward and played 90 minutes in three reserve games ... has recorded two assists, both in the 2-2 draw with the Wizards (April 10).

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

**Last goal:** 7/13/08 vs. SAN (SL)

**Last assist:** 6/18/08 vs. NY

### 12 | DOUG WARREN

**POS. GK | H. 6-0 | W. 190 | AGE: 27**

A tremendous shot-stopper, he displays very quick reflexes and has worked hard to improve his form under current Revs goalkeeper coach Gwynne Williams, who also worked with Warren as a youth national team player ... provides a very capable, underrated backup option to Matt Reis.

**2008 FIRST TEAM:** Has made three appearances, including two starts ... replaced Matt Reis in the 55th minute at San Jose (Aug. 16), marking his first MLS action since Aug. 27, 2005, allowing three goals in 35 minutes ... made just his second start in an MLS game for the Revs on Aug. 20 against D.C., earning his second career win ... made two saves in the victory ... his only other career victory was also a 2-1 win over D.C. on Aug. 27, 2005 at Gillette Stadium ... made three saves in the 1-1 draw at Toronto (Aug. 23).

**CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE:** Started the first leg of the preliminary-round series at Joe Public FC, making four saves and allowing two goals in the 2-1 loss.

**U.S. OPEN CUP:** Played every minute of all three matches, maintaining a 1.20 goals against average ... made the only save of the penalty shootout against Crystal Palace Baltimore (July 8), stopping Val Teixeira's attempt.

**RESERVE DIVISION:** Has started seven reserve games, recording one shutout ... maintaining a 1.54 goals against average.

**Last shutout:** 7/1/08 vs. RIC (USOC)

### 13 | JEFF LARENTOWICZ

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

Arguably MLS' most-improved player, Larentowicz has established himself as one of the league's premier up-and-coming talents in the 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 year, and has a strong presence in the aerial game.

**2008 FIRST TEAM:** Has started 20 games, playing both as a defensive midfielder and a central defender ... has recorded two goals and two assists ... was shown a straight red card in the seventh minute of the 4-0 loss to the Chicago Fire (April 3) and sat out the Kansas City (April 9) game serving his mandatory one-game suspension ... scored the Revs' lone goal in the 1-1 draw at New York (April 19), curling a 20-yard free kick around an eight-man wall in the 56th minute ... did not travel with the team for its 1-0 win at FC Dallas (April 24) while recovering from a right ankle sprain ... returned to the starting lineup against Chicago (May 3), playing the full 90 minutes at defensive midfield ... registered his first assist since July 29, 2007, in the 2-1 win at Chivas USA (May 11), sending a long ball over the top of the defense for Kenny Mansally ... notched his second assist of the season on Kheli Dube's game-tying goal in the 2-2 draw against D.C. (May 29), rising at the far post to head Steve Ralston's free kick back across the face of goal to Dube ... made his first-ever regular-season start as a defender for the Revs' first team against Chicago (Aug. 9), and also played as a central defender at San Jose (Aug. 16) ... returned to the defensive midfield and struck for a 25-yard, knuckling goal against D.C. (Aug. 20), which stood as the game-winner against the Revs' bitter rivals.

**CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE:** Started the first leg of the preliminary series at Joe Public FC as a central defender alongside Michael Parkhurst in a four-man backline, but returned to his normal defensive midfield position in the 80th minute.

**SUPERLIGA:** Made four starts, playing both as a defensive midfielder and a central defender ... played defensive midfield against Santos (July 13) and Chivas USA (July 20), while he started in the center of a four-man backline in the semifinal against Atlante (July 30) and the final against Houston (Aug. 5) ... missed the Pachuca match (July 16) with a left quad contu-

sion ... the match against Atlante marked his first start as a defender for the Revs' first team ... scored the Revs' fourth penalty kick in the 6-5 shootout victory in the final.

**RESERVE DIVISION:** Started in the reserves' season opener against the Chicago Fire (April 4) after being red-carded in the first-team game the night before ... was substituted in the 39th minute after suffering a right ankle injury.

**Last goal:** 8/20/08 vs. DC

**Last assist:** 5/29/08 vs. DC

### 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 (31,223), games started (350) and appearances (353), as well as assists (126) and game-winning assists (37) ... second on the MLS career list for corner kicks (655) ... primarily a right-sided midfielder, he has moved to an attacking role in the center this year, 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 392 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 ... named to the 2008 MLS All-Star team on July 17, marking his seventh career All-Star nod.

**2008 FIRST TEAM:** Has made 16 appearances, including 15 starts ... has scored six goals, tying him for the team lead with Adam Cristman and tying him for 10th in MLS ... has added a team-high five assists ... four of his goals have been game-winners, which is tied for tops in MLS, and four of his assists are of the game-winning variety, tying him for second in the league ... started in an attacking midfield role in the season opener against Houston (March 29) and scored the game-winning goal in the 15th minute ... was forced to exit the game in the 63rd minute after dislocating his left shoulder ... missed five matches from April 3 to April 24 while recovering from the injury ... returned to the field on May 3 against Chicago, entering the match as a substitute in the 54th minute and playing an attacking midfield role ... became the first player in MLS history to reach the 30,000-minutes-played mark in the 16th minute of the 2-1 win at Chivas USA (May 11) ... recorded the game-winning assist in that match, moving him into sole possession of first place on MLS' career game-winning assists list ... assisted on Kheli Dube's game-winning goal against San Jose (May 17) ... drew a penalty kick in the 89th minute at Columbus (May 24) ... assisted on Dube's game-tying goal in the 2-2 draw against D.C. (May 29) ... scored the game-winning goal in the 2-1 win over FC Dallas (June 6), converting a penalty kick in the 22nd minute ... played on the right side of midfield as the Revs started in a 4-4-2 setup at Houston (June 12), and recorded his second consecutive game-winning goal ... started as an attacking midfielder in the 1-1 draw with New York (June 18), but moved to forward when the Revs shifted their formation, and scored the game-tying goal in the 79th minute ... scored both goals in the 2-1 victory over Toronto (June 28), marking the fifth multi-goal game of his career and his third with the Revolution, while also earning him Player of the Week honors for Week 14 ... recorded the game-winning assist on Adam Cristman's 37th-minute goal at Los Angeles (July 4) and then added the game-winning assist on Jeff Larentowicz's strike against D.C. (Aug. 20) ... started his MLS-record 350th career game on Aug. 23 at Toronto, when he played as a withdrawn forward behind Taylor Twellman ... missed the match against LA (Aug. 30) with back spasms, marking his first missed game since April 24.

**CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE:** Started the first leg of the preliminary-round series at Joe Public FC as a withdrawn forward behind Taylor Twellman, but left the game in the 25th minute after experiencing back spasms.

**SUPERLIGA:** Made four starts, playing left midfield, central midfield and forward ... recorded one goal and a tournament-best four assists ... played both left midfield and forward against Santos (July 13), and recorded the game-winning assist on Kheli Dube's 70th-minute goal ... missed the Pachuca match (July 16) with a left quad strain ... recorded the game-tying assist on Shalrie Joseph's 78th-minute goal against Chivas USA (July 20) ... assisted on Joseph's game-winning goal in the semifinal against Atlante (July 30) ... scored the Revs' first goal in the 41st minute and assisted on Joseph's game-tying goal in the 102nd minute of the final against Houston (Aug. 5) ... converted New England's first penalty kick in the 6-5 shootout victory in the final.

**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:** 8/5/08 vs. HOU (SL)

**Last assist:** 8/20/08 vs. DC

### 15 | MICHAEL PARKHURST

**POS. D | H. 5-11 | W. 155 | AGE: 24**

A heady defender who plays bigger than his physique ... uses tremendous game awareness and positioning to anticipate play and cut out potentially troubling attacks before they get a chance to develop ... has deceptive speed ... had a career year in 2007, garnering MLS "Best

XI\* honors, winning both the MLS Defender of the Year and Fair Play awards and earning his first international caps with the U.S. National Team ... also earned his second career MLS All-Star nod as one of the top vote-getters ... is currently eighth on New England's list of career games started (107) and is eighth in career minutes played (9,577) ... became the youngest player in club history to make his 100th appearance with the Revolution on June 12 at Houston (24 yrs., 140 days) ... named to the 2008 MLS All-Star First XI on July 10, marking his third consecutive All-Star selection, but did not compete in the game because of his selection to the U.S. Olympic team.

**2008 FIRST TEAM:** Has started and played the full 90 minutes at central defense in 20 games ... has recorded one assist and committed just five fouls ... made a crucial goal-line clearance in the 88th minute of the 2-1 victory over Toronto (June 28) ... missed his first regular-season match since June 23, 2007 (CONCACAF Gold Cup), when he was unavailable for the Aug. 9 game against Chicago while with the U.S. Olympic Team ... also missed the match at San Jose (Aug. 16), but made his first appearance since the Olympics in the team's next match against D.C. (Aug. 20) ... recorded his first career assist on Shalrie Joseph's game-tying goal against LA (Aug. 30).

**CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE:** Started and played the full 90 minutes in the center of a four-man backline in the first leg of the preliminary series with Joe Public FC.

**SUPERLIGA:** Started and played the full 90 minutes in all three group matches for which he was available in the center of a four-man backline ... missed the semifinal against Atlante (July 30) and the final against Houston (Aug. 5), as he is currently with the U.S. Olympic Team for the 2008 Beijing Games.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Has three caps for the U.S. National Team ... most recently appeared for the Nats on Jan. 20, playing the second half of the U.S.' 2-0 victory over Sweden ... was also on the gameday roster for the Feb. 6 match against Mexico, although he did not see game action ... was named to Under-23 head coach Peter Nowak's 18-man roster for the 2008 Beijing Olympics as one of three "overage" players ... played all 270 minutes as the U.S. went 1-1-1 in group play (1-0 win over Japan on Aug. 7; 2-2 draw with the Netherlands on Aug. 10; 2-1 loss to Nigeria on Aug. 13).

**Last goal:** 10/20/07 @ TFC  
**Last assist:** 8/30/08 vs. LA

**16 | MAURICIO CASTRO**  
**POS. M | H. 5-10 | W. 165 | AGE: 27 | INTERNATIONAL**

A skilled, technical player, Castro joined Major League Soccer 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.

**2008 FIRST TEAM:** Has made 18 appearances, including 17 starts ... has recorded two assists ... played on the left side of midfield in the season opener against Houston (March 29) and in an attacking midfield role in each of the next four games ... made his MLS and Revolution debut with a start in the season opener ... was shown a straight red card in the 46th minute of the match at New York (April 19) and missed New England's trip to Dallas (April 24) while serving a mandatory one-game suspension ... returned to the starting lineup against Chicago (May 3), beginning the match in an attacking midfield role before sliding to the left wing when Steve Ralston entered in the 54th minute ... played as one of two attacking midfielders, along with Ralston, in a 3-4-2-1 formation at Chivas USA (May 11) before being subbed out in the 55th minute ... recorded his first career assist on Kheli Dube's goal in the 2-0 win at Houston (June 12) ... strained his right oblique in the 1-1 draw with New York (June 18) and missed the match at Real Salt Lake (June 21) as a result ... assisted on Taylor Twellman's third-minute goal against Chicago (Aug. 9).

**CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE:** Started on the left side of midfield in the first leg of the preliminary-round series at Joe Public FC, and also played as a withdrawn forward ... scored New England's only goal in the 2-1 loss, converting a penalty kick in the 76th minute ... it was his first goal with the Revolution since joining the team prior to this season.

**SUPERLIGA:** Made two starts at left midfield, playing in the semifinal against Atlante (July 30) and the final against Houston (Aug. 5) ... recorded one assist ... missed all three matches in the group stage with a strained left groin ... assisted on Steve Ralston's 41st-minute goal in the final victory over Houston.

**U.S. OPEN CUP:** Made one substitute appearance ... scored the decisive penalty kick in the shootout of the quarterfinal win over Crystal Palace Baltimore (July 8) after entering the match in the final minute of extra time.

**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.

**BEFORE MLS:** Played for six seasons in Honduras' top division, Liga Nacional ... began his career with CD Montagua in 2002, playing two full seasons with Los Mimados ... in 2004, moved to Universidad before a two-year stint with Hispano (2005-07) ... signed with Olimpia prior to the 2007 season before signing with the Revs.

**PERSONAL:** Nicknamed "Pipo" ... Castro and his wife Glenda have two children, Alessandro Mauricio (3) and Katerine Yanel (2).

**Last goal:** 8/26 @ JPF (CCL) (Penalty Kick)  
**Last assist:** 8/9/08 vs. CHI

**17 | GARY FLOOD**  
**POS. D | H. 5-10 | W. 155 | AGE: 22**

A versatile defensive player who can play anywhere across the back and in the defensive midfield ... reads the game well and is a good organizer ... has served primarily as a defensive midfielder with the Revs ... was just the third MLS Supplemental Draft selection in league history to earn a start in his team's season opener the year in which he was drafted (at Chicago, April 7, 2007) ... plays simple and clean with passes and challenges.

**2008 FIRST TEAM:** Has made five appearances with two starts ... appeared in the Revolution's season opener for the second straight year, entering the game against Houston (March 29) in the 63rd minute for an injured Steve Ralston ... earned his first start of the season at Kansas City (April 9) while Jeff Larentowicz served a red-card suspension ... made his second start of the season - and fourth of his career - at FC Dallas (April 24) while Larentowicz was out with a right ankle injury ... replaced Ralston in the 79th minute at Chivas USA (May 11), as the Revs switched to a more defensive alignment while protecting a two-goal lead.

**U.S. OPEN CUP:** Started and played the full 90 minutes against D.C. (Aug. 12) in the center of the four-man backline.

**RESERVE DIVISION:** Has made four appearances, including three starts, all as a defensive midfielder.

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

**18 | KHANO SMITH**  
**POS. F/M | H. 6-3 | W. 190 | AGE: 27**

Has speed and size on the left side of midfield that keeps defenses guessing ... his long strides and speed create a separation ability that puts immense pressure on outside midfielders and defenders ... a forward at the international level for Bermuda, Smith can whip crosses in from anywhere on the wing and in traffic ... when coming off the bench, proves to be trouble defensively for outside players because of his speed against tired legs ... four of his seven career regular-season goals have counted as game-winners ... his last eight goals overall (including MLS Cup Playoffs and SuperLiga) have come after the 72nd minute.

**2008 FIRST TEAM:** Has made 16 appearances this season, including 11 starts ... has one goal and three assists ... missed the season opener while with Bermuda National Team for its March 30 FIFA World Cup qualifier against the Cayman Islands ... started the match against Chicago (April 3) on the left side of midfield, but was subbed out in just the 12th minute, as New England adjusted formations after a red card to Jeff Larentowicz in the seventh minute ... recorded the game-winning assist on Sainey Nyassi's goal at Kansas City (April 9) ... scored the lone goal in the Revs' 1-0 victory at FC Dallas (April 24), scoring on a rare long-range, right-footed shot in the 72nd minute ... missed the matches at Houston (June 12), against New York (June 18) and at Real Salt Lake (June 21) while with the Bermuda National team for a pair of World Cup Qualifiers against Trinidad & Tobago ... also missed matches against Toronto (June 28) and L.A. (July 4) with a sprained left foot ... returned to the Revs' lineup on Aug. 9 against Chicago, entering in the 88th minute ... started as a forward at San Jose (Aug. 16), but returned to left midfield for the start of the second half ... collected an assist on Taylor Twellman's goal against D.C. (Aug. 20) after a long run down the left wing ... assisted on Twellman's 22nd-minute goal against LA (Aug. 30).

**SUPERLIGA:** Appeared in all five matches, including one start ... scored one goal ... converted the game-winning penalty kick in the seventh minute of stoppage time in the 1-0 win over Pachuca (July 16) ... started on the left wing in that match, but moved to forward in the 71st minute.

**U.S. OPEN CUP:** Made two starts, playing the first 67 minutes on the right side of midfield against Crystal Palace Baltimore (July 8) and the full 90 minutes at D.C. (Aug. 12).

**RESERVE DIVISION:** Has made three starts for the reserves, playing on the left side of midfield at Columbus (May 25), against D.C. (May 30) and against Chicago (Aug. 10).

**INTERNATIONAL:** Has 24 caps for the Bermuda National Team, and has scored seven goals ... most recently appeared in a match against Antigua and Barbuda in the first round of the Digicel Caribbean Cup on Aug. 27 ... started a pair of World Cup Qualifiers against Trinidad and Tobago on June 15 and 22 ... played the full 90 minutes as Bermuda shocked Trinidad & Tobago, 2-1, in the first leg of a home-and-away, aggregate-goals series in Trinidad ... started and played 78 minutes in the second leg, a 2-0 loss which eliminated Bermuda from World Cup Qualifying.

**Last goal:** 7/16/08 vs. PAC (SL) (PK)

**Last assist:** 8/20/08 vs. LA

## 20 | TAYLOR TWELLMAN

**POS. F | H. 5-11 | W. 170 | AGE: 28**

One of the most lethal scorers in MLS history ... 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) ... could become the league's youngest 100-goal scorer in 2008 ... is now fifth in career goals (96), fourth in career game-winning goals (27) and tied for fifth in multiple-goal games (15) ... is tied for sixth on the MLS career postseason scoring chart with 10 goals, six of which have come in the Revs' last seven playoff games dating back to 2006 ... finished third in MLS goal scoring in 2007 despite missing extended time while with the U.S. National Team ... a five-time MLS All-Star.

**2008 FIRST TEAM:** Has been limited to eight appearances, including four starts, because of injury ... has scored five goals and added one assist ... was removed from the lineup after warm-ups in the season opener against Houston (March 29) after experiencing discomfort in his right knee ... missed the Revolution's first seven games of the season after undergoing surgery to repair a tear in his right medial meniscus on April 2 ... made his 2008 debut at Chivas USA (May 11), just ahead of the expected 6-8 week recovery period ... entered the match at halftime, marking just his second substitute appearance since 2003 and his first since July 7, 2007, also against Chivas USA ... scored the game-winning goal in the 59th minute, placing a left-footed shot just inside the far post after he was played through by Steve Ralston ... sustained a right ankle sprain after back-to-back challenges by Shavar Thomas in the 63rd minute, but remained in the game ... missed seven matches while rehabbing his ankle injury from May 17-June 21 ... returned to the field and made his 2008 home debut against Toronto (June 28), replacing Kheli Dube in the 79th minute ... made his first start of the regular season on Aug. 9 against Chicago and scored the Revs' only goal in the third minute, powering a header into the net from Mauricio Castro's corner kick ... scored his second goal in as many MLS starts against D.C. (Aug. 20), and then assisted on Jeff Larentowicz's game-winning goal in the second half ... struck in the 35th minute at Toronto (Aug. 23) as the Revs drew, 1-1 ... scored for the third straight match against LA (Aug. 30), heading in Khano Smith's cross in the 22nd minute and taking a knock to the face from Galaxy goalkeeper Steve Cronin in the process.

**CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE:** Started and played the full 90 minutes as a lone striker in the first leg of the preliminary series at Joe Public FC.

**SUPERLIGA:** Made one substitute appearance, entering the final against Houston (Aug. 5) in the 58th minute ... scored the Revs' third penalty kick in the 6-5 shootout victory in the final.

**U.S. OPEN CUP:** Made two starts and has scored one goal ... scored the Revs' third goal in the 3-0 win over Richmond (July 1).

**INTERNATIONAL:** Has earned 30 caps and scored six goals for the U.S. National Team ... most recently appeared for the Nats on Jan. 20, when he started and played the first half of the U.S.' 2-0 victory over Sweden ... was re-called to U.S. camp for the Feb. 6 match against Mexico, but left camp after suffering a groin injury during training.

**Last goal:** 8/30/08 vs. LA

**Last assist:** 8/20/08 vs. DC

## 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 6-for-8 from the spot in PK attempts in his MLS career and holds a share of the New England club career record in PKs made ... is a two-time "Best XI" performer ... signed a long-term contract extension at the end of the 2007 regular-season after drawing interest from overseas ... was named to the 2008 MLS All-Star First XI on July 10, marking his fifth consecutive All-Star nod.

**2008 FIRST TEAM:** Has started 19 matches, playing primarily as a defensive midfielder but also seeing limited action as a withdrawn forward ... has recorded one goal and one assist ... collected his first assist of the 2008 season on Kheli Dube's game-winning goal in the sixth minute against San Jose (May 17) ... had his penalty kick attempt at Columbus (May 24) saved by William Hesmer, but Dube scored on the rebound ... missed his first match of the season on June 12 at Houston while with the Grenada National Team ... returned unexpectedly from international duty to start in the Revolution's 1-1 draw with New York (June 18) before departing for Costa Rica to meet up with Grenada for the second leg of its World Cup Qualifying series ... missed the match at Real Salt Lake (June 21) while representing Grenada ... returned to the starting lineup against Toronto (June 28), playing the entire match and recording an own goal in the 78th minute ... was red-carded in the 74th minute of the Aug. 9 match against Chicago and served a mandatory one-game suspension at San Jose (Aug. 16) ... served as the team's captain in Steve Ralston's absence on Aug. 30 against LA and scored his first goal of the season, tying the game in the 71st minute as the teams drew, 2-2.

**CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE:** Played the full 90 minutes as a central midfielder in the first leg of the preliminary series at Joe Public FC ... drew a penalty kick - which Mauricio Castro converted for the Revs' only goal - when he was taken down in the box by Joe Public defender Carlyle Mitchell.

**SUPERLIGA:** Played every minute of all five matches in the defensive midfield, captaining the side against Pachuca (July 16) in Steve Ralston's absence ... scored three goals to tie for first in the competition ... recorded the game-tying strike at Chivas USA (July 20), heading home Ralston's corner kick in the 78th minute ... scored the only goal in the semifinal victory over Atlante (July 30) in the 30th minute, directing a diving header off the underside of the crossbar and inside the far post from Ralston's free kick ... scored the game-tying goal in the 102nd minute of the final against Houston (Aug. 5), again scoring on a header from a Ralston free kick ... notched the Revs' second penalty kick in the 6-5 shootout victory in the final.

**U.S. OPEN CUP:** Served as captain in the semifinal against D.C. (Aug. 12), starting and playing the full 90 minutes in the midfield.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Has appeared more than 10 times for the Grenada National Team ... has scored one goal ... most recently appeared for Grenada in a pair of World Cup Qualifiers against Costa Rica on June 14 and June 21, playing the full 90 minutes in both matches ... Grenada drew in the first leg, 2-2, but dropped the second leg, 3-0, and was eliminated from World Cup Qualifying as a result ... scored his first career international goal in Grenada's 2-1 friendly win over Jamaica on June 10.

**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: 22 | 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.

**U.S. OPEN CUP:** Started all three of the team's games ... played right back in a four-man backline in the team's first two games (vs. Richmond on July 1 and vs. Crystal Palace Baltimore on July 8) before playing in the center of the defense in a four-man line against D.C. United (Aug. 12)

**RESERVE DIVISION:** Has started six reserve games, playing both right back and center back ... the season opener at Chicago (April 4) marked his first competitive game action since tearing his anterior cruciate ligament in August 2007 ... started the match against D.C. (May 30) in the center of a four-man backline, but was subbed out in the 11th minute after injuring his right hamstring ... returned from his injury on June 29 against Toronto, starting and playing the first half in the center of defense.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Is a member of the player pool for the U.S. Under-23 team ... has earned three caps ... earned two of those caps with the U23s during its tour of Japan in February 2007 ... was recently named to the 22-man roster to represent the U.S. U-23 Team at the Toulon International Tournament from May 15-30, 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

## 24 | BRAD KNIGHTON

**POS. GK | H. 6-1 | W. 180 | AGE: 23**

Earned a tryout with the Revs last February after going undrafted at the MLS SuperDraft and MLS Supplemental Draft ... after impressing on the team's preseason trip to Bermuda last year,

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was offered a developmental contract ... has developed greatly under Goalkeepers Coach Gwynne Williams in the last year ... was loaned to the Portland Timbers of the United Soccer Leagues' First Division for the remainder of the 2008 season on July 2, but can be recalled by the Revs at any time if needed ... was recalled in mid-August when Matt Reis suffered a right adductor strain.

**RESERVE DIVISION:** Has made one start in goal (April 20 at New York), maintaining a 1.00 goals against average ... has appeared twice as an emergency second-half substitute at forward (at Chicago, April 4; vs. D.C., May 30).

**Last shutout:** N/A

### 27 | WELLS THOMPSON

**POS. M | H. 5-10 | W. 155 | AGE: 24**

A wide midfielder who's equally strong with both feet, Thompson excels when running at defenders ... emerged as a starter towards the end of the 2007 regular-season and was one of the team's top performers throughout the postseason ... 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 ... his recovery from an early-season heel injury was aided by a friend in North Carolina who makes orthotics ... the friend performed minor "shoe surgery" to his boot to relieve pressure on Thompson's heel, cutting a round, quarter-sized hole in the back of his boots.

**2008 FIRST TEAM:** Has made 15 appearances, including eight starts ... missed the first four games of the season with a left heel injury ... made his 2008 season-debut at New York (April 19), entering the game for Khano Smith in the 84th minute and playing left midfield ... made his first start since MLS Cup 2007 at FC Dallas (April 24), playing all 90 minutes at right midfield.

**CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE:** Played 65 minutes in the first leg of the preliminary series at Joe Public FC, replacing Steve Ralston in the 25th minute when Ralston left with back spasms ... played on both the left and right sides of midfield.

**SUPERLIGA:** Appeared in all three matches in the group stage as a late second-half substitute, but did not play in the semifinal against Atlante (July 30) or the final against Houston (Aug. 5).

**U.S. OPEN CUP:** Started the semifinal at D.C. (Aug. 12), playing an unfamiliar right back position ... sent off with following his second yellow card of the match in the 71st minute.

**RESERVE DIVISION:** Has started two reserve games ... played the first 64 minutes of the reserve match at New York (April 20) on the right side of midfield ... started on the left side of midfield against Toronto (June 29), but was removed from the game in the 23rd minute after straining his left shoulder.

**Last goal:** 5/6/07 vs. CHI

**Last assist:** N/A

### 28 | PAT PHELAN

**POS. M | H. 6-0 | W. 175 | AGE: 23**

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 Michael Parkhurst and Wells Thompson at Wake Forest ... acquired by the Revolution on June 4 from Toronto FC in exchange for the rights to one of New England's eight international roster spots through 2010.

**2008 FIRST TEAM:** Has made seven appearances, including four starts ... made his MLS and Revolution debut on June 12 at Houston, starting in the center of midfield and playing 80 minutes alongside Jeff Larentowicz ... made his first career substitute appearance in the 1-1 draw with New York (June 18), replacing Adam Cristman in the 71st minute.

**CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE:** Started and played the full 90 minutes as a defensive midfielder in the first leg of the preliminary series at Joe Public FC.

**SUPERLIGA:** Made two appearances, including one start ... earned the start in the defensive midfield against Pachuca (July 16) with Jeff Larentowicz unavailable due to injury ... suffered a concussion in the 84th minute after clashing heads with teammate Sainey Nyassi, causing him to miss the matches at Chivas USA (July 20) and against Atlante (July 30) ... was available on the bench in the final against Houston (Aug. 5), but did not play.

**U.S. OPEN CUP:** Play every minute of all three matches in the center of the midfield.

**RESERVE DIVISION:** Has made three starts with the reserves, all as a defensive midfielder.

**WITH TORONTO FC:** Originally drafted by Toronto in the first round (10th overall) of the 2008 MLS SuperDraft ... did not make a first-team appearance with TFC before being traded to New England ... appeared in four of Toronto's reserve-division matches, starting three, while playing 287 caution-free minutes.

**COLLEGE:** Appeared in 82 games with Wake Forest, starting 78 in his four-year career ... mainly a defender, Phelan saw time as a defensive midfielder during his senior year ... scored two goals and added seven career assists ... a 2007 first-team NSCAA All-American and All-ACC first-team selection ... a two-time NSCAA All-South performer ... helped the Demon Deacons win the 2007 NCAA College Cup.

**U.S. NATIONAL TEAM:** 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.

**PERSONAL:** Is the son of Thomas and Phyllis Phelan ... was a double major in political science and Spanish at Wake Forest ... was the 2003 Gatorade National High School Player of the Year, as well as the 2003 Massachusetts Gatorade Player of the Year while attending Wilbraham & Monson Academy in Wilbraham, Mass. ... cousin of Gerard Phelan, who famously caught Doug Flutie's "Hail Mary" pass to help Boston College defeat the University of Miami, 47-45, in the 1984 Orange Bowl.

**Last goal:** N/A

**Last assist:** N/A

### 29 | KENNY MANSALLY

**POS. F/M | H. 5-10 | W. 160 | AGE: 19 | INTERNATIONAL**

A prospect who has performed well at the youth international level, 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 recently made his debut for the country's full senior national team.

**2008 FIRST TEAM:** Has made 11 appearances at forward, including 10 starts ... has two goals and one assist ... made his first MLS start in the season opener against Houston (March 29) ... recorded his first career goal and first career assist in the Revs' 3-1 victory at Kansas City (April 9) ... scored the opening goal in the 18th minute of the 2-1 win at Chivas USA (May 11), using his first touch to place a left-footed shot inside the far post after Jeff Larentowicz had played him through ... missed five games from May 29-June 21 while with the Gambia National Team for African World Cup Qualifying ... returned to the Revs for the match against Toronto (June 28), entering the game in the 61st minute ... has missed the last five matches with a right ankle sprain.

**SUPERLIGA:** Started all five matches at forward.

**U.S. OPEN CUP:** Started the Revs' first two U.S. Open Cup matches, recording one goal ... scored New England's only goal in the sixth minute of the quarterfinal shootout victory over Crystal Palace Baltimore (July 8).

**RESERVE DIVISION:** Has made one start for the reserves and has recorded one assist ... set up guest player Geoff Walker for the Revs' only goal in the 2-1 loss to Toronto (June 29).

**INTERNATIONAL:** Was called up to Gambia's full national team for the first time for its June World Cup Qualifiers (Liberia on June 1, Senegal on June 8, Algeria on June 14 and Algeria on June 20) ... made his full international debut against Algeria on June 14, entering the match in the 73rd minute and helping Gambia hold on to a 1-0 lead ... most recently entered as an 86th-minute substitute in Gambia's 1-0 loss to Algeria (June 20) ... has scored seven goals in 15 appearances for Gambia's Under-20 National Team ... appeared in all four of Gambia's games at the 2007 FIFA Under-20 World Cup in Canada, starting three in the midfield.

**Last goal:** 7/8/08 vs. BAL (USOC)

**Last assist:** 4/9/08 @ KC

### 30 | BRANDON TYLER

**POS. M | H. 5-8 | W. 170 | AGE: 19**

A tenacious defensive midfielder whose persistent determination makes him an effective ball-winner ... has quick feet and good pace ... signed to a developmental contract on April 14 after impressing the coaching staff during an extended trial in the preseason and early regular season.

**SUPERLIGA:** Made one substitute appearance, replacing Pat Phelan in stoppage time of the 1-0 victory over Pachuca (July 16).

**U.S. OPEN CUP:** Made three appearances, including two starts ... played every minute of the third round (July 1) and quarterfinal (July 8) matches ... appeared as a substitute in the semifinal at D.C. (Aug. 12) ... recorded one assist ... provided the decisive pass on Kenny Mansally's goal in the quarterfinal shootout victory over Crystal Palace Baltimore (July 8).

**RESERVE DIVISION:** Has started and played the full 90 minutes in all eight of the reserve matches in a defensive midfield role ... one of three Revs players to have appeared in all eight reserve matches, and the only player to have played every minute.

**BEFORE MLS:** Tyler spent the 2007 calendar year training with Centro Atlético Fénix of Uruguay's top division ... is a product of Phoenix, Ariz., youth club Santos FC.

**PERSONAL:** Son of Tim and Leeann Tyler ... has a younger brother, Alexander ... is fluent in Spanish ... a fan of Barcelona and Manchester United ... listens to rap, hip hop and R&B ... is an avid video gamer and also likes to play ping pong.

**Last goal:** N/A

**Last assist:** 7/8/08 vs. BAL (USOC)

### 31 | SAINÉY NYASSI

**POS. M | H. 5-8 | W. 135 | AGE: 19 | 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 the season opener (March 29).

**2008 FIRST TEAM:** Has appeared in 18 games, making 14 starts ... has scored two goals and added one assist ... earned his first career start in the season opener, and scored his first MLS goal in stoppage time on a spectacular individual run from midfield, earning him Sierra Mist Goal of the Week honors for Week 1 ... notched the game-winning goal at Kansas City (April 9), running on to a Khano Smith pass in the 33rd minute ... missed the match at FC Dallas (April 24) with a right adductor strain ... recovered from the right adductor strain, but missed the next two games against Chicago (May 3) and at Chivas USA (May 11) after straining his left quad in training ... returned to the field as a second-half substitute against San Jose (May 17), playing the final 28 minutes ... because of the absence of countryman Kenny Mansally - who was with the Gambia National Team - Nyassi started the May 29 match against D.C. as a withdrawn forward, but moved back to his regular right midfield position when Adam Cristman replaced Wells Thompson in the 39th minute ... started the match against Dallas (June 6) on the right side of midfield and assisted on Cristman's fifth-minute goal ... missed the game at Toronto (Aug. 23) while serving his yellow-card accumulation suspension.

**CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE:** Started and played the first 65 minutes on the right side of midfield in the first leg of the preliminary series at Joe Public FC.

**SUPERLIGA:** Started all five matches on the right side of midfield ... helped create Kheli Dube's game-winning goal against Santos (July 13) with a surging run down the wing.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Has earned 15 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

### 32 | BRANDON MANZONELLI

**POS. M | H. 5-8 | W. 160 | AGE: 18**

A talented young player with quick feet and fast reactions ... has good pace and enjoys creating on the dribble ... developed his game while training in Spain as a young player ... came from the same St. Louis club team - Scott Gallagher - as Revolution teammates Taylor Twellman, Steve Ralston and Joe Germanese ... signed to a developmental contract on May 22 after a brief trial with the club ... one of three players (along with Chris Tierney and former Rev Chase Hilgenbrinck) to train with the Brazilian National Team on June 4 while the world's second-ranked team was preparing for its June 6 match against Venezuela at Gillette Stadium.

**U.S. OPEN CUP:** Has made three appearances, including one start in the semifinal against D.C. United (Aug. 12) ... appeared as a substitute against Richmond (July 1) and Crystal Palace Baltimore (July 8) ... played as both a forward and in the midfield.

**RESERVE DIVISION:** Has made four starts with the reserves, playing both as an attacking midfielder and a forward ... has recorded one goal ... scored the Revs' second goal in the 5-0 win over New York (June 18), slipping past his defender in the left side of the area and curling a shot under the crossbar to the far post.

**INTERNATIONAL:** Made his first appearance with the U.S. Under-20 National Team on July 11, recording two assists in a 3-0 victory over Mexico before being red-carded in the 66th minute ... has since made three more appearances with the U-20s at the Milk Cup in Northern Ireland, recording an assist in a 4-0 win over Wales on July 30.

**BEFORE MLS:** Signed with Villarreal in 2006 at the age of 16 ... played 25 games with the club's U-18 team, recording eight goals and 10 assists ... played three games with Villarreal's reserves ... previously trained with Manchester City and Blackburn of English Premier League ... forced to return to the U.S. after he was unable to secure a European passport, which was necessary to sign a full contract with Villarreal.

**PERSONAL:** Is the son of Catherine Manzonelli and James Hilderbrand ... has an older sister Alex (21) and a younger brother Clayton (12) ... lists Kanye West, Lil' Wayne and Lupe Fiasco among his favorite artists ... describes his biggest thrill in soccer as having the opportunity to play in Europe at such a young age.

**Last goal:** N/A

**Last assist:** N/A

### 34 | SAM BRILL

**POS. D | H. 6-2 | W. 190 | AGE: 22**

A strong central defender who uses smart positioning and anticipation to help cut out attacks ... at 6-2, Brill is good in the air and a threat on set pieces ... signed to a developmental contract on March 12 after impressing head coach Steve Nicol and assistant coach Paul Mariner during an extended trial during preseason training.

**U.S. OPEN CUP:** Started and played 90 minutes in the center of defense in each of the team's first two matches in the tournament ... has scored one goal ... marked his first professional start by scoring his first professional goal - the game-winner - against Richmond (July 1).

**RESERVE DIVISION:** Has started all eight reserve games, playing both center back and right back ... one of three Revs players to have appeared in all eight reserve matches.

**Last goal:** 7/1/08 vs. RIC (USOC)

**Last assist:** N/A

CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE: NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION VS. JOE PUBLIC FC

2008 ALL-COMPETITION STATISTICS (FIRST TEAM GAMES ONLY)

UNF	POS	PLAYER	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	SHT	SOG	FC	FS	OFF	CK	C	E
14	MID	Steve Ralston	21	20	1753	7	9	18	12	11	18	1	76	2	0
7	FWD	Adam Cristman	21	17	1431	6	1	41	24	25	27	6	0	1	0
20	FWD	Taylor Twellman	12	7	835	6	1	34	18	8	20	5	0	0	0
11	FWD	Kheli Dube	22	14	1392	5	3	36	20	30	33	10	1	2	0
21	MID	Shalrie Joseph	26	26	2354	4	1	31	13	46	39	2	0	3	1
29	FWD	Kenny Mansally	18	17	1336	3	1	20	11	25	34	12	0	1	0
18	MID	Khano Smith	23	14	1327	2	3	33	11	20	18	3	0	2	0
13	MID	Jeff Larentowicz	25	25	2197	2	2	23	10	38	33	1	0	4	1
31	MID	Sainey Nyassi	24	20	1840	2	1	36	16	36	39	1	12	6	0
5	MID	Joe Germanese	4	2	243	2	0	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
16	MID	Mauricio Castro	22	20	1444	1	3	28	19	15	30	2	36	0	1
34	DEF	Sam Brill	2	2	210	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
8	MID	Chris Tierney	11	8	796	0	3	6	0	4	3	1	13	0	0
6	DEF	Jay Heaps	27	27	2430	0	1	11	5	25	20	1	0	5	0
25	DEF	Chase Hilgenbrinck	6	3	396	0	1	0	0	5	3	0	0	1	0
15	DEF	Michael Parkhurst	24	24	2160	0	1	3	0	8	11	0	0	2	0
30	MID	Brandon Tyler	4	2	226	0	1	2	0	3	4	0	0	0	0
3	DEF	Chris Albright	22	22	2010	0	0	12	3	14	17	0	1	1	0
23	FWD	Argenis Fernandez	2	0	61	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	1	0	0
4	DEF	Gabriel Badilla	1	1	90	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	D/M	Gary Flood	6	3	385	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
8	M/D	Joe Franchino*	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
2	DEF	Amaechi Igwe	19	14	1294	0	0	5	2	23	19	1	0	7	0
32	FWD	Brandon Manzonelli	3	1	128	0	0	1	0	3	4	0	0	0	0
28	D/M	Pat Phelan	13	9	851	0	0	8	2	10	8	0	0	1	0
1	GK	Matt Reis	25	25	2245	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	1	0
27	MID	Wells Thompson	20	9	884	0	0	8	1	17	23	1	3	6	1
22	DEF	Rob Valentino	3	3	264	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
12	GK	Doug Warren	7	6	605	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Own Goals received							2								
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>			31	31	2850	43	32	365	174	371	441	48	139	49	5
<b>OPPONENT TOTALS</b>			31	31	2850	38	28	369	167	441	371	130	128	61	7

GAME-WINNING GOALS: Steve Ralston 4, Kheli Dube 3, Khano Smith 2, Sam Brill 1, Adam Cristman 1, Shalrie Joseph 1, Jeff Larentowicz 1, Sainey Nyassi 1, Taylor Twellman 1

GAME-WINNING ASSISTS: Steve Ralston 6, Khano Smith 1, Kenny Mansally 1, Shalrie Joseph 1, Kheli Dube 1, Chris Tierney 1, Taylor Twellman 1

PENALTY KICK GOALS/ATTEMPTS: Mauricio Castro 1-1, Steve Ralston 1-1, Khano Smith 1-1, Shalrie Joseph 0-1

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	25	25	2245	140	108	27	1.08	2	3	13	6	6	8
12	GK	Doug Warren	7	6	605	29	20	11	1.64	0	0	2	2	2	1
<b>TEAM TOTALS</b>			31	31	2850	169	128	38	1.20	2	3	15	8	8	9
<b>OPPONENT TOTALS</b>			31	31	2850	174	129	43	1.36	3	4	8	15	8	4

\* = Played with other teams in 2008. Only New England Revolution statistics listed here.

Statistics include all MLS regular-season, SuperLiga 2008, CONCACAF Champions League and U.S. Open Cup matches

2008 OUTSIDE COMPETITION RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Attend.	Goal scorers
Tue., July 1	RICHMOND KICKERS (!)	W	3-0	3,905	NE: Brill (46), Germanese (63), Twellman (67)
Tue., July 8	CRYSTAL PALACE BALTIMORE (!)	T	1-1	2,590	NE: Mansally (6); BAL: Lader (20)
Sun., July 13	SANTOS LAGUNA (#)	W	1-0	10,118	NE: Dube (70)
Wed., July 16	PACHUCA (#)	W	1-0	9,614	NE: Smith (97+)
Sun., July 20	at Chivas USA (#)	T	1-1	4,738	NE: Joseph (78); CHV: Razov (59)
Wed., July 30	ATLANTE (#) (Semifinal)	W	1-0	8,302	NE: Joseph (30)
Tue., Aug. 5	HOUSTON (#) (Final)	T	2-2	9,232	NE: Ralston (41), Joseph (102); HOU: Jaqua (18), Kamara (98)
Tue., Aug. 12	at D.C. United (!) (Semifinal)	L	1-3	6,797	NE: Germanese (34); DC: Emilio (4, 81), Quaranta (48)
Tue., Aug. 26	at Joe Public FC (\$)	L	1-2	2,100	NE: Castro (76); JPF: Richardson (51), Gay (70)
Tue., Sept. 2	JOE PUBLIC FC. (\$)				

KEY

! = 2008 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup

# = SuperLiga 2008

\$ = 2008-09 CONCACAF Champions League