

**Taylor Twellman**, a former U.S. Men's National Team player and Major League Soccer MVP with the New England Revolution, is ESPN's lead analyst for Major League Soccer and U.S. Men's National Team matches.

Twellman played eight professional seasons for the Revolution and was one of Major League Soccer's most prolific forwards before his career was prematurely cut short after suffering from multiple concussions. He scored 101 goals in 174 matches for the team.

Twellman was drafted second overall by Revolution in 2002 after he returned to the United States following a three-year (1999-2002) stint with the German Bundesliga club 1860 Munich. In his first MLS season, Twellman scored 23 goals and finished runner-up for the MLS Most Valuable Player and was named to the MLS Best XI. In 2005, Twellman led the league in goals scored with 17, won the league MVP, and was again named to the MLS Best XI.

With Twellman on its active roster, the New England Revolution enjoyed its most-successful era. From 2002-2007, the team played in four MLS Cups (2002, 2005, 2006 and 2007), two MLS Eastern Conference Finals (2003 and 2004), won the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup in 2004 and the North American SuperLiga in 2008. Since Twellman retired in June 2010, the Revolution has not reached the playoffs.

A highly recruited multi-sport athlete who lettered in football, basketball, soccer and baseball at St. Louis University High School, Twellman chose to play soccer at the University of Maryland on an athletic scholarship. He was named a second-team All-America as a freshman in 1998 and finished as a runner-up for the Herman Trophy – awarded to the top college soccer player in the country – in his sophomore season (1999) before leaving college to play professional soccer.

Since his career-ending injury, Twellman has dedicated himself to generating awareness about the dangers of concussions and head injuries, particularly in soccer and has become a sought-after speaker and facilitator at conferences and seminars, focusing on increased awareness among youth players.

For over seven years, Taylor has suffered from the effects and symptoms of post-concussion syndrome ("PCS".) Taylor realized, his career-ending injury was a life-changing event and was inspired to make a difference in the world of concussions. He founded **ThinkTaylor**, a foundation that is driven and dedicated to changing the culture in the world of concussions. ThinkTaylor's positive message emphasizing awareness, education and putting the health of kids first is creating a positive social change and in return a safer, healthier and smarter environment.

In September 2015, ThinkTaylor was honored to partner with the MIAA for the first ever, ThinkTaylor Concussion Awareness Week in Massachusetts, reaching 27,000 varsity soccer student-athletes. The impact was far-reaching and many students supported the cause by wearing orange, ThinkTaylor's color and posting their support on social media sites. With the help of the MIAA, students and their schools, ThinkTaylor was able to begin creating social change in Massachusetts and are looking forward to the growth of the movement.