

Taylor Twellman

ESPN Soccer Analyst and Retired American Soccer Player

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 joined ESPN in November 2011 after calling Philadelphia Union matches on local television during the 2011 season.

Twellman played 30 matches for the U.S. Men's National Team. He gained international acclaim as an emerging star after scoring four goals in the 1999 FIFA World Youth Championship in Nigeria, a performance that earned him a professional contract in the German Bundesliga.

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.

Since his career-ending injury, Twellman has dedicated himself to generating awareness about the dangers of concussions and head injuries, particularly in soccer. He provides athletes and their families with relevant information and support for incidents of sports-related concussion through the THINKTAYLOR Foundation and has become a sought-after speaker and facilitator at conferences and seminars, focusing on increased awareness among youth players.

Personal

Taylor's father Tim Twellman, and uncles Mike Twellman and Steve Twellman, all played professionally in the North American Soccer League. Taylor's brother James Twellman played with the San Jose Earthquakes reserves in 2002. Taylor's grandfather, Jim Delsing, was a major league baseball outfielder in the 1950s for five teams. His uncle is PGA golfer Jay Delsing.