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MEDIA RELEASE

Revolution Media Assets & Transcript: Bruce Arena and Brandon Bye (March 11, 2022)

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – The New England Revolution will host Real Salt Lake on Saturday night at Gillette Stadium. New England's third consecutive match against a Western Conference opponent to begin the 2022 MLS season kicks off at 7:30 p.m. ET and airs on TV38, myRITV, 98.5 The Sports Hub, and 1260 AM Nossa (in Portuguese).

Following Friday's training session, Revolution Sporting Director & Head Coach **Bruce Arena** and defender **Brandon Bye** met with the media via video press conference. View the links below to access today's interviews, a complete transcript, game notes for Saturday's match, and other media assets.

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- [SOUND: Revolution Sporting Director & Head Coach Bruce Arena](#)
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Revolution Media Schedule: March 11- 12		
Date	Media Availability	Notes/Links
Friday, March 11	Video Press Conference feat. Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena and defender Brandon Bye	VIDEO HERE
Saturday, March 12	7:30 p.m. ET – Kickoff vs. Real Salt Lake TV: TV38, myRITV Radio: 98.5 The Sports Hub, 1260 AM Nossa ~9:45 p.m. – Postgame Press Conference	RSVP via email CLICK HERE to participate
<i>Subject to change; Spanish translation available</i>		

Revolution Sporting Director & Head Coach Bruce Arena

On how many changes he foresees for the Starting XI for tomorrow's match:

Arena: "Not sure, at this point. But there will be some turnover, for sure. Exactly what that will be, we'll obviously finalize that tomorrow. But we'll have some changes."

On Real Salt Lake's 1-0 win over the Seattle Sounders last weekend:

Arena: "Well, obviously an impressive win over Seattle in some difficult conditions. I think there was a two-hour delay during the game. So, to deal with all of that and beat a good team is an impressive statement on their part."

On New England's level of fitness:

Arena: "Well, we're getting better. I think it was important, to get not only the two league matches in but the CCL game as well. I think we've gotten better every game, which is important. As I've said previously, we didn't have the proper kind of preseason because of the loss of the CCL games. We're getting caught up to speed now. We'll really be tested over the next week with the three games in seven, eight days. If you ask me this question a week from now, I'll probably have a better answer."

On defender Brandon Bye's strengths as a right back:

Arena: "He's an extremely athletic player. I don't know his full background on how we ended up drafting him. I do know he was drafted, and I think he started in 2018 with the Revolution. He's just getting really comfortable as a right back. I thought last year was a good year for him. He's started 2022 in good form. He's become a very good defender and he's certainly adds to our attack as well, with his athleticism and his speed down the right flank. He's growing into, I think one of the better right backs in Major League Soccer."

On New England's fast start in Wednesday's 3-0 win over Pumas in Leg 1 of the CCL Quarterfinal:

Arena: "Who can ever explain how games start off the way they do? We always want to start off strong, for sure. That was our night on Wednesday. I think we looked better because, you referenced team shape. It's another match we're getting into in the early part of the season. Our expectations are we get a little bit better every game and we certainly saw that on Wednesday night."

On what specific changes he might make to the Starting XI for tomorrow's match:

Arena: "We're going to have some changes in our lineup. Specifically who, we haven't decided at this point and will, obviously over the next 24 hours. There'll be some new faces on the field tomorrow night."

Revolution Defender Brandon Bye

On playing against former Revolution teammate Scott Caldwell:

Bye: "It'll be exciting. It's good to see him again. Hope he's doing well in Salt Lake City. It'll be good to see him again. He is a club legend here. I have a lot of respect for him. He came in when I was a rookie through my time here, so it's good. It's exciting to see him for sure."

On how he's grown as a right back:

Bye: "I think coming out of college, I was a right side of player whether it was winger or outside back and I think my defensive ability along with getting up in the field and attacking and adding to that, my ability to run, usually the whole game, and to get up and down as much as possible help defensively but also create on the offensive side."

On how the team feels heading into tomorrow's match against Real Salt Lake:

Bye: "Feeling good. We're going to need all 20, however many players we have on the team for this big stretch of games, so I think everybody's feeling good, feeling involved and ready to go. I think we're excited to see what happens on the weekend."

On whether he notices a difference in the attack this year:

Bye: "Yeah, I think so. We got a lot of great attacking players, a lot of guys that can score goals. I think it's important that we keep feeding them and all good things can happen when they get chances in front of the net."

On how Bruce Arena has impacted him and the team:

Bye: "Yeah, I think he's been very important, coming in after a year and a half of being a pro, him taking over. He's given me support, him and the staff as well, given me support, coaching points and everything

like that throughout the time I've been here. They give me confidence to play with them and the whole staff really and it's exciting to see him break those records because the wins keep ticking along and he keeps continuing to do what he does.”

On how he and the team prioritize recovery and training through busy stretches:

Bye: “Yeah, it’s using the team’s depth along with recovery and getting guys turned over for the next game. It’s important that you get your sleep, get your good food, your rest when you need to, but you also got to get your legs moving again because the games come quick, so that’s important, but we’ll be ready when the time comes.”

On DeJuan Jones’s strengths:

Bye: “He’s been the player that he is now, just coming into form a little more, but we’ve seen that over the last two, three years, so it’s not really a surprise, but he’s playing well and he’s growing as a player for sure.”

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