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MEDIA RELEASE

Revolution Media Assets & Transcript: Bruce Arena & Jozy Altidore (March 31, 2022)

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – The New England Revolution will host the New York Red Bulls on Saturday night at Gillette Stadium. The match kicks off at 7:30 p.m. ET on WSBK-TV38, myRITV in Rhode Island, and Cozi TV in Western Mass. Saturday's contest is also available on the radio at 98.5 The Sports Hub HD2 (English) and 1260 AM Nossa Radio (Portuguese).

On Thursday, Revolution Sporting Director and Head Coach **Bruce Arena** and forward **Jozy Altidore** 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.

In addition, Revolution II will play its first home match of the inaugural MLS NEXT Pro season on Sunday, April 3 vs. Rochester New York FC, streaming live on MLSNEXTPro.com at 6:00 p.m. ET. View preview sound from Head Coach Clint Peay and midfielder Jake Rozhansky [here](#).

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- [SOUND: Revolution Head Coach Bruce Arena](#)
- [SOUND: Revolution Forward Jozy Altidore](#)
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Revolution Media Schedule: March 31 - April 3		
Date	Media Availability	Notes/Links
Thursday, March 31	Video Press Conference feat. Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena & forward Jozy Altidore	VIDEO HERE
Friday, April 1	11:00 a.m. ET – Training Access	RSVP via email
Saturday, April 2	7:30 p.m. ET – Kickoff vs. New York Red Bulls MLS Regular Season Match #5 TV: TV38, myRITV, Cozi TV Radio: 98.5 The Sports Hub HD2, 1260 AM Nossa Halftime: New England Amputee Soccer Team Exhibition Match	RSVP via email CLICK HERE to participate

	~9:30 p.m. – Postgame Press Conference	
Sunday, April 3	6:00 p.m. ET – Revolution II Home Opener vs. Rochester New York FC Streaming: MLSNEXTPro.com	RSVP via email
<i>Subject to change; Spanish translation available</i>		

Revolution Sporting Director & Head Coach Bruce Arena

On the United States qualifying for the 2022 FIFA Men’s World Cup and his relationship with Gregg Berhalter:

Arena: “We’ve had communication, but Gregg [Berhalter] is his own man. He knows what he’s doing. It’s great to see [the United States Men’s National Team] qualified, so job well done.”

On the New York Red Bulls and coach Gerhard Struber:

Arena: “Well, [the New York Red Bulls] have been a very competitive team over the last few years. They look like an improved team this year from last year. They have their Red Bull-style of play that they are quite efficient in terms of their pressing game. I think this year, they are a much better passing team, have a lot of skillful players in the midfield, and have been dangerous in league play to date, so [Head Coach Gerhard Struber] does an outstanding job.”

On using the international break to regroup and if he expects to see a difference in the team after they have had more time together:

Arena: “Yeah, I think we’ll see a difference. We’ve had, I think, the hardest preseason and early season kind of schedule I’ve had in my career. We have not been able to have any kind of rhythm. As we’ve mentioned previously, when we came back from a two-week preseason in California, we came back here to games being eliminated in [Concacaf Champions League] and bad weather, then we played games in snowstorms, then going to Mexico and altitude, then go to Charlotte. So, it’s been really difficult and I give a lot of credit to the players, they’ve hung in there in some really difficult and challenging times. Over the last week and a half, we’ve been able to get settled in a little bit more. We have had a little bit more success of weather here in Boston, but it still hasn’t been perfect. We can’t train on a regular basis outside, so that continues to be a concern in trying to move the team forward. But I think we’ve made progress since last week, and hopefully we can play a good game against the Red Bulls on Saturday.”

On Jozy Altidore’s progression:

Arena: “Well, he’s, he’s making progress. We know Jozy [Altidore] is a very good player and it’s going to take him a little bit of time. And you could see over the last couple of weeks, things are getting better. I think by the end of April, Jozy should be in pretty good form. So, it’s been a real positive look to see the progress he’s made over the last three or four weeks and we look forward to a good showing by Jozy on Saturday, as well. As we move forward, he can continue to get better and get in better form.”

On Matt Turner and reports of a goalkeeper signing:

Arena: “Matt [Turner] is making progress. He’ll probably be training in the next week or two. We have to wait and see when he’s cleared by the doctors, but he’s making progress. Regarding any signings, once we have completed a trade or transfer, we will be the first to get that information out. But as of to date, we haven’t finalized any moves.”

Revolution Forward Jozy Altidore

On the challenges over the last few weeks of March and how the week off helped the team: *[Translated from Spanish]*

Altidore: “Yeah it was a really tough stretch for us. We intended to give it our all in SCCL and reach the semifinal, and we just couldn’t. We had some bad luck in penalties against Pumas. Then we went to Charlotte and that was a tough place to play against a good team. We made some mistakes, and we couldn’t get the win. These past few days to rest up a little bit, think about things a little bit, and get some guys who were injured back to full strength, are very important for us. Now we have a tough opponent in Red Bulls, but we have to put our best foot forward to get three points. This is an important game for us, as are all our home games.”

On the United States Men’s National Team qualifying for the World Cup:

Altidore: “I’m just so excited. Obviously, it’s been a tough last few years for anybody that’s a fan of US Soccer, of the game in this country to not see our national team performing on the world’s biggest stage, so just a huge congratulations to the boys. I’m incredibly proud of them, excited for them. Playing in a World Cup is a privilege. It’s a fantastic privilege, and one of the best joys their careers. Just a big congrats to the team, to everybody involved, the staff, players and most importantly the fans who have stayed fans of the program and stayed fans of the game in our country when there was a bit of a lull in terms of no competing on the biggest stage so it’s an exciting period and looking forward to watching the team continue to grow.”

On the mood amongst the team after the break:

Altidore: “Yeah, I touched on it earlier. It was really tough period, obviously with the results the way they went. We can’t fault the team for effort. I just think we were a bit unlucky in some phases of the game, but I think it’s a group that is resilient. Incredibly excited to get back on the field again Saturday, and the reset button, it was nice to hit it a bit, get guys back from injury, obviously watch and support guys trying to qualify for World Cup. Huge congratulations to Adam [Bukša] and Poland. That’s spectacular what they’ve done there. And get the group back together again, we’re still almost whole. We’re not whole yet, but we will be obviously by tomorrow and it’ll be great to just get back in the swing of things and I think the group is confident in turning things around. These type of things will happen in a long season, especially combining Champions League and the travel and everything that goes into account. So for us, it’s all about getting back to work Saturday, starting on the front foot and enjoying a few weeks here where we can try to get things back on track.”

On if he takes a different approach to games against his former teams like the Red Bulls:

Altidore: “No, it’s always nice to play against them. It’s always a good game and it was my first club so there’s always some friendly faces there that I’ll see. And it’s always a nice game, entertaining game, difficult game. They’re always a team that plays on the front foot press a lot. So, it’s a game from minute one where you’re going to feel like you’re in it so I think for us, like I had said before, it’s just about trying to get back on track and try to do the things we do well and try to get maximum points on Saturday.”

On if it is poetic to be playing against the Red Bulls under Bruce Arena, for whom he made his MLS debut in New York in 2006:

Altidore: “No, that’s the first I thought of it, but it’s interesting. Life’s funny in those ways where you never know. You never know. You never say no in anything. Here I am in the latter stages of my career playing against the team that I grew up supporting, obviously, and then obviously I played for, so it’s definitely kind of funny. But these moments so much now, these coincidental moments, you just smile and try to enjoy them as much as you can. But you know, it’s always going to be all business Saturday, and hopefully we can get the win.”

On his evaluation of his performance so far this season:

Altidore: “I thought I’ve been okay. It’s just about for me getting myself into a rhythm coming in the preseason a bit later, about a month later than everybody else, you start behind which isn’t fun. Now, I’ve been playing catch up so to speak, and, and I’m still going to be like that obviously for a few, probably a couple more weeks, but I feel great. I feel really good, excited. I’m so happy to get my first 90 minutes for the club and just looking forward to feeling better and better every day, getting more and more comfortable with the group. Obviously thrilled to score my first goal, and I just feel like I’m settling in nicely with the club and the environment.”

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