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MEDIA RELEASE

Revolution Media Assets & Transcript: Bruce Arena & Emmanuel Boateng (April 21, 2022)

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – The New England Revolution will travel to the nation’s capital to visit D.C. United on Saturday night. The match kicks off at 7:30 p.m. ET at Audi Field and airs on WSBK-TV38, myRITV, Cozi TV, 98.5 The Sports Hub HD2, and 1260 AM Nossa Radio in Portuguese.

Following Thursday’s training session, Revolution Sporting Director & Head Coach **Bruce Arena** and midfielder **Emmanuel Boateng** addressed the media in a virtual press conference. View the links below to access footage of today’s interviews in addition to a complete transcript and additional media assets.

Following Saturday’s match, Bruce Arena and two Revolution players will be available in a postgame press conference from Audi Field (~9:30 p.m. ET). [CLICK HERE](#) to participate.

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| Revolution Media Schedule: April 21 - April 23 | | |
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| Date | Media Availability | Notes/Links |
| Thursday, April 21 | Video Press Conference feat. Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena & midfielder Emmanuel Boateng | VIDEO HERE |
| Friday, April 22 | 11:00 a.m. ET – Training Access | RSVP via email |
| Saturday, April 23 | 7:30 p.m. ET – Kickoff at D.C. United MLS Regular Season Match #8 TV: TV38, myRITV, Cozi TV Radio: 98.5 The Sports Hub HD2, 1260 AM Nossa ~9:30 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 the team's defensive performance last Saturday against Charlotte:

Arena: "Well, it was much-improved performance from our previous games. I think we held Charlotte to very few goalscoring opportunities for the most part. That goal was a little bit unlucky, a deflected shot, so I think, all in all, we did pretty well."

On attending the Celtics playoff game Sunday and his thoughts on the NBA becoming less physical over the years:

Arena: "If you didn't think last night's game was physical, you must be a pretty tough guy. Last night resembled a little bit of the Detroit Pistons, I think, from many decades ago. But the league obviously isn't as physical as it once was, but it's a pretty good league with very talented players."

On D.C. United parting ways with Hernan Losada and how it affects the preparation for Saturday:

Arena: "Well, I would say, to answer your second question first, I think it leaves us without a scouting report. Who knows what the new coach [Chad Ashton] will do, what kind of formation he'll play, the players he'll use, so that's an unknown. So, all concentration has to be on our team. Regarding the dismissal of the coach [Hernan Losada], I never like to see a coach or a player get fired or dismissed, however you want to term it. So, that's all I have to say. I know the coach worked really hard to try to get D.C. United moved up the ladder in terms of where they stand in Eastern Conference, and he worked really hard. So, I wish him the very best."

On Djordje Petrovic joining the team this morning:

Arena: "He just came in today. He hasn't trained with us yet. He just came in. Tomorrow will be his first day of training and we'll get a better feel for him. We've seen, obviously, in the recruitment of players, he's a very promising young goalkeeper, good athleticism, good size, and great potential. So, we need to see him in our setting before we draw any kind of conclusions, but my guess is he is going to be pretty good."

On the best way to approach a locker room as a team:

Arena: "Every situation is different. What I had with the LA Galaxy is different than the New England Revolution. Same thing at D.C. United. Every environment is different. You try to bring your philosophy into a team, but you constantly have to tinker with that because every setting is different. Your ownership is different, the players are different, the league is different. I mean, there's so many variables that go into making decisions on how you lead a team. So, that's a hard question for me to answer."

On Henry Kessler's status for Saturday:

Arena: "He's been out of training. So, hopefully he'll be ready to go come Saturday. We don't know what our starting lineup is yet, but Henry will be available on Saturday."

Revolution Midfielder Emmanuel Boateng

On how the team has reacted to adversity early this season:

Boateng: "I thought a few of them were unfortunate. We've made some mistakes, but also some unfortunate ones towards the end of games. So, we just had to keep working harder, just be switched on towards the end of games, and make sure we close games out the right way. So, the approach has been the same: just work hard, try to take our chances, be aggressive, and just be extra attentive towards the end of games and not give up chances."

On approaching D.C. without Ola Kamara available:

Boateng: "No, it's great for us. I know Ola [Kamara] very well, I played with him in LA and in D.C. United as well for a year. So, it's good not to have him there. It's a little bit of an advantage for us, but they have some good players too. They have [Nigel] Robertha, [Taxiarchis] Fountas, a couple other good strikers who are there and can step in. It's good that he's not playing, but I think they have equally as good players, so we still have to prepare the same way, just be switched on defensively, and not give up any chances."

On how to build upon last week's win against Charlotte:

Boateng: "I think the big thing for us is we just saw, when we looked at the videos, a lot of the time just working for each of the guys running. I saw so many times when Carles Gil would run 30 yards deep into midfield to try and help us defend and run off the balls. Our ball movement was great, maybe in the second half we gave us a little bit too much possession in terms of giving the ball away. But we worked harder for each other, I think that was very consistent in the video that we saw. We moved for each other on the ball and just covered each other's backs, and that was great. We communicated a lot, and everybody was hungry. We fought for it. And we know just winning one game is not enough, we've got to sustain that. So, coming into this weekend, it's the same attitude to work hard for each other and not give anything up."

On drawing FC Cincinnati in the U.S. Open Cup Round of 32:

Boateng: "Every game that we play is important for us. Yeah, I just heard about a draw and it's good. I think we're playing at home, I'm not sure, but it's good. I mean, every competition we have a big squad, and everybody is hungry. So, we have the team to go and try to win multiple trophies instead of just focusing on the league. So, we will play just as hard as we play every game. But first of all, the focus right now is on D.C. United, get through that, and the following games. We'll get to the Cincinnati game when we get there."

On maintaining momentum from last weekend's victory and avoiding another losing skid:

Boateng: "I think you fall into that rut if you exhale a little bit too much after the last game. If you're like 'Thank God we got that off our back, now we're back to normal,' I don't I think that will position us in the best way going into this game. Instead, what I see from the guys is 'Alright, we've seen what we did and it's going to take something like that in the next game,' and I think that is the best attitude to have. We can't just rest on 'Oh now that we've got a win, things are back to normal.' No, we have to work on it every single week and that's something Bruce [Arena] has been preaching. Even last year when we were winning a lot of games, he was just like 'We're not good enough to just play okay, everybody has to bring it every week.' And that's the approach this week. Training has been just as intense and everybody competing really hard just to be ready for Saturday and get a result."

On playing against his former club:

Boateng: "Yeah, I'm very much looking forward to it. I played them, I think, twice or three times last year, so that was all very good. But it's a good team and it's tough, they've had a few bad stretches just like we were having only a couple of weeks ago. With their coach gone, I can see they will be all fired up for this game to try and get results and with whatever is going on there to try and reverse their fate early in the season. So, it's a tough game and it'll be good seeing old friends, but when we get on the field everybody is just competing and trying to win for their team. So, looking forward to it and hopefully the whole team is up for it and we get a result or win the game and come back out here."

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