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MEDIA RELEASE

Revolution Media Assets & Transcript: Bruce Arena & Andrew Farrell (May 13, 2022)

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – The New England Revolution will visit Atlanta United FC on Sunday afternoon at Mercedes-Benz Stadium. Sunday's match kicks off at 1:30 p.m. ET and airs nationally on ESPN and ESPN Deportes, and locally on the radio via 98.5 The Sports Hub and 1260 AM Nossa Radio in Portuguese.

Following Friday's training session, Revolution Sporting Director & Head Coach **Bruce Arena** and defender **Andrew Farrell** 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.

At the conclusion of Sunday's match, Bruce Arena and two Revolution players will be available in a virtual postgame press conference from Mercedes-Benz Stadium (~3:30 p.m. ET). [CLICK HERE](#) to join.

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Revolution Media Schedule: May 13 – May 15		
Date	Media Availability	Notes/Links
Friday, May 13	Video Press Conference feat. Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena & defender Andrew Farrell	VIDEO HERE
Saturday, May 14	11:00 a.m. ET – Training Access	RSVP via email
Sunday, May 15	1:30 p.m. ET – Kickoff at Atlanta United FC MLS Regular Season Match #11 TV: ESPN, ESPN Deportes Radio: 98.5 The Sports Hub, 1260 AM Nossa ~3:30 p.m. – Postgame Press Conference	CLICK HERE to join.

Revolution Sporting Director & Head Coach Bruce Arena

On the expectations for newcomer Dylan Borrero and his adjustment process:

Arena: "I think we need to wait and see with everything. He hasn't even arrived at our club yet. Once you get in here physically, and we see how we adjust we'll make up a plan, but right now we don't have a plan."

On if he worries about player safety on Atlanta's turf:

Arena: "They have a new turf this year, so we'll be interested in seeing what's it's like, but they have a new turf. We play on an artificial field, right? So, it's nothing new. Then we go to Cincinnati on Saturday and then to New York on the following Wednesday and then back home. It's all part of it. It's not really a whole lot there. The last week of that when we play Cincinnati, New York City and Philadelphia certainly will be challenging."

On his assessment of Atlanta:

Arena: "Atlanta's had a decent start to the season, they're ahead of us. They've unfortunately suffered some injuries along the way, over the last three weeks with [Brad] Guzan and [Miles] Robinson, which is unfortunate and then I know [Oswaldo] Alonso and [Josef] Martinez at some points were injured as well. So those things get difficult, but they recruit well, and they have a good group of players that will be on the field. Perhaps their depth will not be as great as it's been obviously because of the injuries, but they still have a good starting team, some good attacking players, their striker if I'm not mistaken had a bunch of goals last week so I'm not feeling sorry for them. I think they have a pretty good team. We have to go there and play very well to try to bring home some points."

On Atlanta's Ronaldo Cisneros:

Arena: "I personally haven't seen him yet. I haven't looked at the film of Atlanta, which I'm going to do later today since we just played on Wednesday night, but from all I'm told he is a good player."

On Adam Buksa:

Arena: "Well, obviously he's dangerous in front of the goals. I'm sure he leads in goals in the league and goals with his head. It's another option in the attack, we can play on the ground, we can play in the air when we're under pressure from our defensive end of the field. Adam's a target player both with his feet and in the air, so that's a real positive."

On Djordje Petrovic's first start with the team:

Arena: "He did fine. Unfortunately, the early goal was certainly difficult for him. We made a few mistakes in the backline, but I think although he wasn't pressured a whole lot, he had to make a pretty good save at the end of the game off of their number 19 [Brandon Vazquez]. He did very well. And for the most part, I think it's important that he got in a full game in our stadium and I'm sure he was a little bit anxious. So, every minute he gets is very important, so I think the end result of the game on Wednesday was a real positive."

Revolution Defender Andrew Farrell

On the team's response when trailing in games:

Farrell: "Yeah, I think it's important to, obviously, respond quickly and be able to have that kind of in our DNA, which is something I think that we did. Not even necessarily fighting through that adversity, but we still got to get better at not being able to give up goals that early and give up the first goal. Obviously, it's so much better playing with the lead, but it's a good trait to have to be able to fight through that and be able to come back and get back on the team that scored on us."

On how the team has come together through a frustrating start:

Farrell: "Yeah, I mean, I think it's ups and downs of seasons. And sometimes, I'm not saying if you started off incredible and undefeated, you go on to have a bad season, but there's dips and valleys and hills throughout the season and it's how you manage that. Obviously, we did start off the way we wanted to with results. A lot of things went into that. Obviously not excuses. I think also just how well we did last season,

it's kind of it's hard to replicate. And that's something that we want to we want to get back to, that level of success. And I think the last three games, getting a win, a draw, and a win when we possibly could've got three wins across all competitions, it's important to get guys their confidence. But momentum is huge in this league, and so when things aren't going your way it just makes everybody's confidence kind of go down a little bit and individual mistakes here and there just keep on happening, it just kind of piled on. And when you do have a good run of games, like the last couple games we've had, momentum kind of starts changing and going in your favor. So, we're going to build on that going against Atlanta. But they're a good team with rowdy crowd on a national televised game, it's going to be a good opportunity for us. I don't think we've been able to win on the road yet, so we're looking forward to hopefully doing that and keep on stringing these games along with the good results."

On the challenge of facing Atlanta's attack:

Farrell: "They've done a good job of bringing in talent, whether it's domestic or from overseas. I think Atlanta is one of those clubs that always brings in reinforcements at a high level with guys who can change the game in a heartbeat. So, we were aware of the talent that they have, and obviously, some of the results haven't gone their way as a as of late but they're very, very potent attack. And yeah, obviously Josef Martinez, sad to not be able to go against a guy like that. He's dominated the league since he's been in the league and hoping he's recovering well and doing well. But Atlanta has an array of big-name players and talented players. So, it's something that we're obviously going to watch the tape and look at, but it's going to be a big challenge for us."

On approaching 25,000 minutes in MLS:

Farrell: "Yeah, it's been a long time. I'm obviously excited. I love playing the game. I feel a little bit more of a bruise and bumps now. But it's something that I don't really necessarily look at and I know I've been here for a while, so it just means I'm getting old. But yeah, I think it's important to just bring the right attitude and try to pass it on to the younger guys who are here. Hopefully, like I said, the last three games we've kind of been able to turn this around and kind of get our mojo back. We're getting guys healthy, and so I think it's important going into a game like this, it's nationally televised off three games in a row with good results, to string these things together right before the international break. It's important for us to carry that momentum into the international break."

On Adam Buksa and having him as the point of attack up front:

Farrell: "[Adam Buksa] is tremendous. I think, each year he's been here, he's grown so much in his game. And obviously, we see the goals in the air and now he's scores with his feet, and he's always done that. His game has kept growing, like I said, and his hold-up play is another aspect of game that I think a lot of people don't realize how well it is and how important is for our game. We try to play out of the back and if it's a long ball into his chest or into his feet, the way he can hold it up and then we have our 10s and our other midfielders running off of him, it's a part of our game plan at times. And I think that's something that I've admired from Adam is he came in and was very talented and then he just kept on working on his craft and growing. So that's why he's, I think, one of the best, if not the best striker in the league, and he keeps on growing his game and he's such a such an important player for us."

On how he's been able to maintain his fitness throughout his career and if he can sustain it in the years to come:

Farrell: "Yeah, I mean, we'll see. Obviously, the game is changing a lot. I think the trainers here, the staff that we have, that's something that's helped me a lot, being able to stay healthy. And my teammates it's not as easy now as the years go on, I think it's my 10th year. So, first couple years is really easy to get out of bed and jump up and get into workouts and training. But as the as the years go on, it's a little bit harder and you get a little bit more bumps and bruises. But yeah, I think it's more just I enjoy the game and enjoy trying to get better, learning from my mistakes, and getting on the field. And I think there's a joy to it where it takes away a little bit of the pain and suffering. But yeah, we'll see. I don't know. I mean, I hope to play for a long time and compete and push the guys. But we've got some really talented young players that are coming up, good homegrown. So, hopefully, I can keep going and push these guys and be able to have my name called upon. But whatever role Bruce [Arena] and the staff think that I should be if I'm here, then that's what I'm going to do and try to do it to my best ability. But it's been fun, but I got to give credit to the trainers and my teammates and my coaches for that as well, and a little bit for myself."

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