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MEDIA RELEASE

Revolution Media Assets & Transcript: Bruce Arena & Sebastian Lletget (May 19, 2022)

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – The New England Revolution will visit FC Cincinnati on Saturday evening at TQL Stadium. The match kicks off at 6:00 p.m. ET and airs locally on WSBK-TV38, myRITV, CoziTV, and 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 midfielder **Sebastian Lletget** addressed the media in a virtual press conference to preview the match at Cincinnati. View the links below to access footage of today's interviews in addition to a complete transcript, game notes, and additional media assets.

At the conclusion of Saturday's match, Bruce Arena and two Revolution players will be available in a virtual postgame press conference from TQL Stadium (~8:00 p.m. ET). [CLICK HERE](#) to join.

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Revolution Media Schedule: May 19 – 21		
Date	Media Availability	Notes/Links
Thursday, May 19	Video Press Conference feat. Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena & midfielder Sebastian Lletget	VIDEO HERE
Friday, May 20	11:00 a.m. ET – Training Access *TRAVEL DAY*	RSVP via email
Sunday, May 21	6:00 p.m. ET – Kickoff at FC Cincinnati MLS Regular Season Match #12 TV: WSBK-TV38, myRITV Radio: 98.5 The Sports Hub, 1260 AM Nossa ~8:00 p.m. – Postgame Press Conference	CLICK HERE to join.

Revolution Sporting Director & Head Coach Bruce Arena

On how different he expects FC Cincinnati to lineup on Saturday from last week's U.S. Open Cup match:

Arena: "It will be very different. [FC Cincinnati] will have, I would think, eight new players on the field from the team we saw a couple weeks ago."

On the primary transfer window closing and how he feels about his team with several new signings:

Arena: "We're prepared to have a good last two thirds of the season. I think we're, I guess, around a third of the season now. So, I think we're well positioned to move forward and hopefully win a lot more games."

On if this has been the best week in terms of weather for training this season:

Arena: "Probably. I think last week was okay. But we're starting to clearly get better weather in New England, and that certainly helps us. But the last couple of weeks have been good."

On Clint Dempsey and how he developed as a player throughout his career, and his unique personality:

Arena: "Well, personality-wise, Clint [Dempsey] is different. He was – and I think Clint would tell you this, too – he played with a chip on his shoulder. He wasn't out to make friends. He was out to be a good player and score goals, and he did that. And he was never afraid to deal with a challenge. His move to Europe was one which he proved to be highly successful, as we know. His tenure with the national team was simply outstanding. Even in his last year with me [2017], he scored some big goals in the [Concacaf] Gold Cup, was a big part of the qualifying process, even towards the end of his career. So, he was a pretty focused guy in terms of what he wanted to accomplish individually. He was a great goal scorer. His goal, if I can recall, against Ghana in the 2006 [FIFA] World Cup, and again I could be wrong about this, was simply outstanding. And he scored great goals in his career, was just a really competitive guy on the field, and had a great career. And I'm pleased that he has the opportunity to be inducted into the [U.S. Soccer] Hall of Fame."

On Adam Buksa's current scoring streak and potential European transfer interest in Buksa:

Arena: "First of all, [Adam Buksa] is playing well. He scored an unbelievable goal for the first goal in Atlanta, not that the second one wasn't a great goal, but two goals with his feet, which has been unusual this year. So, a real plus for him. He's getting better and there continues to be interest for him. And I'm sure that we will be sorting out a variety of offers over the next couple of weeks or so for the transfer window in Europe. So, we'll have to wait and see what happens with those type of offers and whether we'll accept them or whatever. But he is sought after, and obviously his stints with the Polish National Team are helpful and he'll likely be playing in the [2022 FIFA] World Cup. So, he's going to attract some interest."

On Gustavo Bou and Dylan Borrero both joining training this week:

Arena: "Well, they've looked good in practice. It's nice to have Gustavo [Bou] back on the field. It's still early for him, he's been away a long time. So, his ability to play extended minutes is obviously limited, as it is with Dylan [Borrero]. And we'll make a decision tomorrow if they're part of our travel squad."

On how his squad selection will be affected with three games in the next eight days including the U.S. Open Cup on May 25:

Arena: "Well, I think our focus is on the Cincinnati game and once we're done with that, we'll decide on our approach for the Open Cup game [Wednesday at New York City FC]. Not that we haven't talked about it, but there's obviously going to be changes for that game. We're going to be playing in a difficult venue [Belson Stadium] in New York, we know that, so that'll be challenging. And then we need to turn around real quick and be prepared for Philadelphia [next Saturday]. So, there's certainly going to be changes with three games and eight days."

Revolution Midfielder Sebastian Lletget

On registering assists in consecutive matches:

Lletget: “Yeah, it's only it's the beginning of the season obviously, and one of my goals was to get more connected with our offensive players and everybody in general, but particularly offensive players. And I knew once we get to that, I think we would have some joy. So, so far so good, I think we're definitely getting there. It's just, obviously, the other side of things where we're not winning games because we're letting goals in. So, it kind of hurts on that side of things, but as far as the individual standpoint, I am enjoying it. Adam [Bukša] is on fire, and it's great to see, Carles [Gil] is always doing his thing, and hopefully we'll have Gustavo [Bou] back soon. So, I think things are only going to get better.”

On how things have been trending more positively in recent weeks:

Lletget: “Yeah, there's definitely been little spurts and little spells where you can just see what this team can be and where we can take it. And so, it's just been a little inconsistent and we take accountability for that. We really have been trying to work on things that we know we need to get better at. But there are positives, and you just can't lose sight of that. Even though it's so easy to get emotional and just look at the results and base all our work on that, but we do have to take a step back and look at the good things that we've done. So, it's not all bad, and there's a long way to go and I think it will only get better. I truly feel that.”

On how he would assess his individual performance this season and playing with Carles Gil:

Lletget: “It's been good. I mean, we kind of started this season and it's just kind of been nonstop. There's been so many games, especially when we were in the [Concacaf] Champions League. So, it's just like we started off hot and I've been enjoying it. It's been a great group of players, obviously a great coaching staff, and everybody's just trying to do their best. And obviously, I'm still adjusting and things like that, but I feel like I'm getting the hang of it a little bit more. And to touch on Carles [Gil], he's a brilliant player, he sees the game so well, and he's so creative. So, again, I think there's definitely room for improvement for all of us to keep gelling better together, even though I feel like it still has been okay or good at times. But he's been great.”

On taking lessons from their Open Cup victory over Cincinnati into this weekend's match:

Lletget: “Yeah, I mean, I guess you could say we learned a lot. I mean, we also, I guess more than anything, we learned that they really want to beat us now after taking a beating like that. I know I would if I was on their side, and we have to think about that. But, they only had really three consistent players that had been playing in that game. Just like us, we were trying out a lot of people who might not have gotten a lot of minutes. But I think we will see a different team and we are we are prepared for that. So, it's not like we know we had a good win against them in the Open Cup, we should take our foot off the pedal. We understand that they might put out a stronger team and are definitely going to remember how we beat them. So, it will be tough.”

On the possibility of making the United States roster for the upcoming World Cup:

Lletget: “I think certain things have to line up. You know what I mean? So, I thought I had a good last season. Obviously, we [the U.S. Men's National Team] had a very successful 2021, I feel like, with the national team, individually and as a group, obviously. But it's a strong group, it's a very talented group, and it's a lot of competition. So, I've got to control what I can control, and just kind of go from there. I don't really get too worked up about it, because then I'm just adding more pressure on myself. So, absolutely, I truly believe I can, but only time will tell.”

On Dylan Borrero and how he's adjusting:

Lletget: “Yeah, I mean he's a very energetic guy. He just has a good aura man. He has good energy. Like since the first 10 minutes of meeting him, he's been great. And on the field, obviously, he's a very technical player, quick, and I think he's going to gel so well with this group. And it just adds another element to our game. So, I'm very happy about it. I'm very happy about him joining the group and I think it's going to go well for him.”

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