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MEDIA RELEASE

Revolution Media Assets & Transcript: Bruce Arena & Arnór Traustason (July 1, 2022)

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – The New England Revolution will host FC Cincinnati on Sunday, July 3 when the club celebrates its annual “Salute to Heroes” night at Gillette Stadium. Sunday’s match kicks off at 7:30 p.m. and airs on TV38 and myRITV (Rhode Island) with Brad Feldman, Charlie Davies, and Tamara Brown calling the action. The contest also airs 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 midfielder **Arnór Traustason** addressed the media in a virtual press conference to preview the match against FC Cincinnati. View the links below to access footage of today’s interviews in addition to a complete transcript, game notes, and additional media assets.

Revolution Media Assets: July 1, 2022

- [GAMES NOTES: July 3 vs. FC Cincinnati](#)
- [SOUND: Revolution Sporting Director & Head Coach Bruce Arena \(7/1\)](#)
- [SOUND: Revolution Midfielder Arnór Traustason \(7/1\)](#)
- [VIDEO: Training B-Roll](#)
- [Additional Revolution Media Assets](#)

Revolution Media Schedule: July 1 – July 4		
Date	Media Availability	Notes/Links
Friday, July 1	Video Press Conference feat. Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena & midfielder Arnór Traustason	VIDEO HERE
Saturday, July 2	11:00 a.m. ET – Training Access	RSVP via email
Sunday, July 3	7:30 p.m. ET – Kickoff vs. FC Cincinnati MLS Regular Season Match #18 TV: myTV38, myRITV Radio: 98.5 The Sports Hub, 1260 AM Nossa ~9:30 p.m. – Postgame Media Availability	RSVP via email

Monday, July 4	Happy Independence Day OFF DAY	No Media Access
<i>Subject to change; Spanish translation available upon request</i>		

Revolution Sporting Director & Head Coach Bruce Arena

On LAFC signing Gareth Bale as a TAM player and the impact on other MLS teams in the transfer market:

Arena: "I imagine Gareth Bale has enough money in the bank where they didn't even need to pay him if he wanted to come play in Los Angeles. I believe he's a TAM [Targeted Allocation Money] player and I don't think he'll be in any food lines. He'll be fine."

On FC Cincinnati:

Arena: "Well, they have played very well this year, had a good week. Obviously, in the recent draw with New York City [on Wednesday], they could have won that game at the end, they played very well. I think their record is something like 7-7-3 if I'm not mistaken, it's something along those lines. So, they've had a good year. They have a very good group of attacking players led by Luciano [Acosta], who has been one of the outstanding players in the league this year. [Brandon] Vazquez is an excellent striker. And Brenner is coming on now, had three goals against New York City. So, they're really strong, they're young goalkeeper [Roman Celentano] has played well this year. So, they're a team that is very athletic, they can score goals, and they're really hard to play against. We'll have our hands full on Sunday."

On having an edge in fitness with Cincinnati coming off a midweek game:

Arena: "We played three games last week, or the week before. And it is challenging, but we still managed to get through that week with two wins and a draw. So, I wouldn't use that as thinking – we're not going to enter that game thinking we're going to have an advantage. We would like to believe we do, but athletes today recover pretty quickly so they'll have a good three days to get ready for us. I think they're going to be fine."

On the club's approach to the summer transfer window:

Arena: "Well, we expect to sign a player in the transfer window and when we're prepared to announce that, we will. That window doesn't open up until next week. So, we'll have something in the works over the next week or so, I hope."

On the Revolution Under-19 team advancing to the 2022 MLS NEXT Cup Final with Friday's win over FC Dallas:

Arena: "Well the Academy is getting better for sure. It's going to be really important that all our age groups continue to improve. The U-15s and U-17s are making advances, and it's good to see the U-19s are having success in that tournament. It's important. As the league grows, the player development programs are going to be very important. So, it's good to see we're making progress and it's great to see that team made it to the finals and hopefully they can win."

On the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling to overturn Roe v. Wade:

Arena: "First, I disagree with the opinion, but who cares what I think. Decisions have been made, I don't think it's a good decision. I need to respect the U.S. Supreme Court. I think women should have control over their own bodies and all, and I don't think I need to go any further. I'm not a politician, but I am fully supportive of the previous Roe v. Wade decision. I don't agree with it being overturned by the Supreme Court. And I'm not speaking on behalf of the New England Revolution or anybody else, that's my own opinion."

On how Arnór Traustason can earn a more regular starting role:

Arena: “[Arnór Traustason] has been away a number of times with [Iceland on] international duty. Like anybody else, when he gets his opportunities, he’s got to do his best. We’re not ruling him out as we enter the second half of the season. We have, I think, a 29-man roster and I hope there are 18 other players that think the same way and that makes for good, healthy competition. Arnór is a very good professional, he trains real hard every day, and he’s getting his opportunities and hopefully there’ll be more ahead and he can continue to fight for a starting position.”

On if the team is finding its identity as the second half of the season begins:

Arena: “Well, a little bit of that, but we’re healthy for the first time, or close to being healthy, for the first time this year. So, I think as we get through the month of July, as we enter August and September and October as we close out the regular season, we’ll have hopefully a healthy team and a team that’s pretty competitive. We will have brought in a number of new players, and that takes a little bit of time. So, you see our goalkeeper is getting caught up to speed, as is [Dylan] Borrero as well. And we’ll likely have an addition next week. So, it takes a little bit of time but I think we’re heading in the right direction. We’re in much better shape now than we were in the beginning of the season, so hopefully that means we’re going to have a promising second half of the season.”

Revolution Midfielder Arnór Traustason

On the team’s preparations ahead of Sunday’s match:

Traustason: “The game in Vancouver was difficult in many aspects. It was a long trip with three days up in Vancouver, so many aspects to take in and the pitch was how it was. But, we managed to take a point with us back home so we’re kind of pleased and we’re ready for Sunday and have been building up this week.”

On the mentality of the group at the midpoint of the regular season:

Traustason: “We’ve talked about it. Obviously, we didn’t have the start we wanted but we kind of built and just take one game at a time. We’ve been building, like you said, for nine games now and we just want to keep on building. We’re halfway through, we wanted to be higher but we’ve set our goals for the second half of the season and we want to achieve that.”

On takeaways from the previous two matches against Cincinnati this season:

Traustason: “Obviously, the [U.S. Open] Cup was a whole different team from them. But it’s the year 2022 and there’s videos of everything everywhere you go so we’ve seen a lot of them. We will be ready on Sunday.”

On the challenges of breaking into the starting lineup consistently:

Traustason: “Obviously, I haven’t had the season I wanted to have here – the second season of mine. But I’m just keeping my head down, working hard, pushing the other guys who are starting, and being a professional and that’s what I’m paid to do. I just have to keep my head down and continue working.”

On Dylan Borrero:

Traustason: “Dylan [Borrero] is a fantastic kid. He’s quick, he’s agile, he’s not afraid, and he adds a different threat that we were missing in the beginning of the season to our game. He just needs to find his rhythm, obviously get used to the league, and he’s going to be a problem for other teams in the league for sure.”

On the parity in the Eastern Conference:

Traustason: “For sure. It’s just a matter, like we saw last year when we won the Supporters’ Shield by 20 points, I don’t know how much, and then we get knocked out in the [Eastern Conference] Semifinals. What I learned is that if you just get to the playoffs, then the tournament actually starts. We just have to take it game-by-game, get into the playoffs, and then we’ll take it from there.”

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