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MEDIA RELEASE

Revolution Media Assets & Transcript: Bruce Arena & Sebastian Lletget (July 14, 2022)

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – The New England Revolution continue their three-game road swing on Saturday, July 16 against the Philadelphia Union. The match at Subaru Park kicks off a 7:30 p.m. ET on WSBK-TV38, myRITV (Rhode Island), and CoziTV (Western Mass.), as well as on the radio via 98.5 The Sports Hub and 1260 AM Nossa Radio in Portuguese.

Following Thursday'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 upcoming match. 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 14, 2022

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- [SOUND: Revolution Midfielder Sebastian Lletget \(7/14\)](#)
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| Revolution Media Schedule: July 14 – 16 | | |
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| Date | Media Availability | Notes/Links |
| Thursday, July 14 | Video Press Conference feat. Revolution Sporting Director & Head Coach Bruce Arena and midfielder Sebastian Lletget | VIDEO HERE |
| Friday, July 15 | 11:00 a.m. ET – Training Access *TRAVEL DAY* | RSVP via email |
| Saturday, July 16 | 7:30 p.m. ET – Kickoff at Philadelphia Union MLS Regular Season Match #20 TV: WSBK-TV38, myRITV (Rhode Island), Cozi TV (Western Mass.) Radio: 98.5 The Sports Hub, 1260 AM Nossa ~9:30 p.m. – Postgame Media Availability | RSVP via email CLICK HERE to participate |

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Revolution Sporting Director & Head Coach Bruce Arena

On Giacomo Vrioni's expected arrival:

Arena: "His [Giacomo Vrioni's] visa has been approved and he'll be in Boston tomorrow."

On what the team can take away from Saturday's loss at New York City:

Arena: "Nothing. We're moving forward. We're not even worrying about that anymore. What we're doing is focusing on the next game. The last game is out of our control at this point."

On keys to the game against Philadelphia this Saturday:

Arena: "If I knew that answer, then I guess we would win, right? – because I'd give you all the answers on how we win. It's obviously going to be a low scoring game, which is very typical with the [Philadelphia] Union. It's going to be hard fought, and it's going to go down to the last minute. You need to be as mistake free as possible and as you can in this game, which is not easy to do. They obviously have a good defensive record, so I would not recommend us falling behind."

On if the team is looking to make additional moves during this transfer window:

Arena: "It's possible. The window is open for a couple more weeks and we'll see if there's any possibilities within the league or outside the league. So, we just have to see."

On the importance of mid-season games against conference opponents and if they provide a measuring stick against potential playoff opponents:

Arena: "I don't know if you use it as a measuring stick, but everyone is competing for playoff positioning to move up the ladder, so they're all important. Game one was important. This is game 20 and that's going to be important as well. We're getting, obviously, passed the midway point of the season, so the results are going to be important."

On if the standard has changed in terms of how to offer TAM contracts for high-profile European players, such as Cristiano Ronaldo:

Arena: "Well, you could offer it to him [Cristiano Ronaldo], but I think he'd tell you to go fly a kite. I think there's a difference to being in Los Angeles to being in Boston or other cities in the league. I was in Los Angeles for a while, and I know the ability you have there to attract those kinds of players. So, I think those clubs have an advantage in attracting, whether you want it to call it that, [Gareth] Bale or [Giorgio] Chiellini or [David] Beckham or [Robbie] Keane, those type of players. It's a big difference and we're not positioned yet here in Boston to be able to do that."

Revolution Midfielder Sebastian Lletget

On if the team can build on the 10-game unbeaten streak prior to last weekend's loss at NYFC:

Lletget: "I think it does, obviously, give us confidence. I don't think we were necessarily focusing on just the 10-game unbeaten streak. I think more than anything we were disappointed we didn't get more wins in those games. At least I was and I know the group was. We put ourselves in really good positions to win games. But, of course, you never want to lose and you pick up points regardless, so those are always positives. Obviously, you can't turn back time. You can only focus on what you can control now. But I think we would be much higher up the table if we didn't give up points in those games."

On what the team can draw from its previous match against Philadelphia this season:

Lletget: "I thought we actually played really well at home against them. I thought their backs were against the wall the entire game. I guess anything that's been a common theme with us if we can just minimize mistakes. Especially after we score goals. I think one thing we do well is as a team we do score. We always create a lot of chances. I do recall, particularly against them, we worked so hard to get the first goal and then within a minute we give up [a goal]. It's just things that are in our control. As long as we get those things right, we can beat anybody in this league."

On how he has felt physically over the last few games:

Lletget: "It was unfortunate, just picking up a little bit of a hiccup, a hamstring strain. It wasn't getting 100 percent. Whether I wasn't giving it or we weren't giving it the right amount of time, and I just wasn't ready yet. So I'm glad that I did have those two games to rest to get it to where it is now. Yeah, walking in now

to the team, I think we're feeling really confident. I know unfortunately we lost the last game, but the team's still in a good place and I'm glad I can just keep adding to that. That was always my goal, to come into this team and just add value. That's the same thing that I always think about every game. As long as I keep doing my part and everybody else does theirs, I think we'll be in a good place come November."

On players stepping up in Andrew Farrell's spot for Saturday's match:

Lletget: "He's a big pillar for us. He's the longest-standing player at the club. He's had a lot of minutes wearing the New England Revolution crest. That weighs a lot on this team. I think having him on the field is always great for us, is always a strongpoint. Obviously, not having him for this one will be tough, but I think we have guys that can fill in and do the job. It's going to be a tough one away at Philly, of course. It's never an easy game. I've only played there once in my career, but from what I've been hearing, it's a tough place to play. It should be interesting, but we'll have him ready for Columbus."

On how the team responds to adversity and his takeaways from last Saturday's match at NYCFC:

Lletget: "Yeah, at halftime I was telling Brandon [Bye] as we were walking in that obviously a lot of calls didn't go our way, obviously we were down 2-1. I told him, 'If we don't get points, we get something else out of this game and it's mentality and character.' I think we showed that, especially in the second half, being down a man, playing against a really good team that keeps the ball on the ground and gets you moving. In fact, I think if we didn't let them score that third goal, I think we walk out of there with a point. To be a man down against that team in that stadium is tough. I think it does tell a lot about this team. I can look at so many games this year where our backs were against the wall and we didn't back down and we came out on top. It's probably one of the proudest things I've experienced this year, being on a team like this."

On how he's adjusted to the team's style of play:

Lletget: "It was very interesting and challenging in the beginning, because it's been a long time since, other than [United States] National Team and club level, bouncing back and forth between that, but I still had consistently played with players that I played with before. To come into a new team, I think people really don't realize how tough that is. There's always a transitional period and you have to just let it happen organically and you can't really fight it. But even saying that, I think every game it just keeps getting better. I think all of us have just been understanding each other more. People are understanding how I do things or how I want to do things. I want to play to other people's strengths as well. That stuff comes with time. I think it's showing. I think we're definitely clicking a bit more now."

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