

REVOLUTION

MEDIA RELEASE

Revolution Media Assets & Transcript: Bruce Arena & Brandon Bye (July 21, 2022)

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – The New England Revolution will visit fellow MLS Original side Columbus Crew on Saturday night. The match at Lower.com Field kicks off at 7:30 p.m. ET on WSBK-TV38 and myRITV (Rhode Island), 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 defender **Brandon Bye** 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.

On Tuesday, **Giacomo Vrioni** spoke with the media in his introductory press conference. [CLICK HERE](#) to download that footage.

Revolution Media Assets: July 21, 2022

- [GAME NOTES: July 23 at Columbus Crew](#)
- [SOUND: Revolution Sporting Director & Head Coach Bruce Arena \(7/21\)](#)
- [SOUND: Revolution Defender Brandon Bye \(7/21\)](#)
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Revolution Media Schedule: July 21 – 23		
Date	Media Availability	Notes/Links
Thursday, July 21	Video Press Conference feat. Bruce Arena and Brandon Bye	VIDEO HERE
Friday, July 22	*TRAVEL DAY* 11:00 a.m. ET – Training Access	RSVP via email
Saturday, July 23	7:30 p.m. ET – Kickoff at Columbus Crew MLS Regular Season Match #21 TV: TV38, myRITV (Rhode Island) Radio: 98.5 The Sports Hub, 1260 AM Nossa ~9:30 p.m. – Postgame Media Availability	RSVP via email CLICK HERE to participate

Subject to change; Spanish translation available upon request

Revolution Sporting Director & Head Coach Bruce Arena

On the challenges he expects in Columbus:

Arena: "Well, they're a good team. I think they've won their last couple of games if I'm not mistaken. Good group of attacking players, good pace on the flanks, good striker, good playmaker, experienced goalkeeper. They're a good team and playing at home in a new beautiful stadium with a good fan base will make it very challenging."

On training this week and an update on the team's availability:

Arena: "We're having a good week at training. We'll finalize things tomorrow in terms of our players and see who's available for Saturday, but we expect most of our guys will be ready to go."

On if Giacomo Vrioni will be an option this weekend and if he could play in a 4-4-2 alongside Bou in the future:

Arena: "You're getting way ahead of things. He [Giacomo Vrioni] just got in. He hasn't played in a while. If he travels with us and is on a gameday roster, he would only be available for limited minutes."

On what he's seen from Vrioni so far:

Arena: "Well, [Giacomo Vrioni] is a good player. He's kind of what we thought we would get. He's clearly a number nine, strong hold on the ball, good finisher. He's going to need some time for his fitness to come around since he hasn't played the game probably in, I would guess a couple of months, so it's going to take a little bit of time."

On limiting mistakes and making the right decisions against Columbus, especially with players like Cucho Hernandez and Lucas Zelarayán:

Arena: "It's not those particular players, it's our players and the mistakes we've made. It's well known that we've dropped a lot of points by conceding goals at the end of games and a lot of those mistakes have been mental mistakes, technical mistakes, and in a lot of cases, I can't even say I take my hat off and tip it to the other team, they made a great play. We've just made some bad plays, so it's more mental than anything and if we can get that cleaned up, we can have a good last 14 games of the season."

Revolution Defender Brandon Bye

On if the playoff push feels like its starting earlier than normal this season:

Bye: "Maybe a little. I think they all kind of feel like that, especially when you're going up against familiar teams that you know them, and they know us. But yeah, again it's another big week for us and we're looking for three points on the weekend."

On Lucas Zelarayán and Cucho Hernandez:

Bye: "Just watching a little film on them, staying accountable on the field, and watching those guys to make sure we know where they're at all times. That's something you have to do as defender. And then knowing their tendencies -- know what foot they are, where they like to create space and find space in the box, stuff like that. But yeah, we look at that and then we go play the game on the weekend."

On if his fitness has returned after missing time last month due to injury:

Bye: "Yeah, somewhat. I don't think, playing all these games, nobody's exactly 100 percent. But yeah, I feel good and ready to go. Every weekend, you go out and you play the 90 minutes, or you play your minutes, and then you recover and get ready for the next week."

On if it feels like two separate seasons after bringing in three new additions:

Bye: "Probably not, to be honest. I think all those guys that come in are good pieces, they get acclimated quickly. And then you know you have to get ready for the weekend. I think you can't worry about that at this point. They have to get ready and be ready to go and they have to step into roles wherever they come during the season. So, it just comes with the territory. We've had pieces added in the past, it's not anything crazy new but it's just something you have to deal with."

On the first impressions of Giacomo Vrioni:

Bye: “A good guy who came in with a smile on his face ready to work, and that’s the best way to do it. And then seeing him in practice today and a little bit yesterday, he looks good, looks fit, looks strong, and looks like a good service piece in the box that I’m going to be excited to find.”

On the impact of Dylan Borrero and Djordje Petrović:

Bye: “Yeah, both [Dylan Borrero and Djordje Petrović] are younger players that have come in and they’ve made their marks so far. I think Djordje in goal has been very strong in the minutes he’s played, and I think, with any young keeper coming into the league and really just getting thrown right into the fire, he’s done really well. And then Dylan, he’s an energetic, exciting player to watch, a guy that you can just give the ball to and he’ll make something happen. So, I think that’s really good for our team and we missed that maybe a little bit and when we lost Tajon [Buchanan]. So, he’s been a good piece and those guys will continue to grow throughout the season.”

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