

REVOLUTION

MEDIA RELEASE

Revolution Media Assets & Transcript: Bruce Arena & Henry Kessler (July 28, 2022)

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – The New England Revolution return home to host Toronto FC on Saturday night at Gillette Stadium. Saturday’s match kicks off at 8:00 p.m. ET and airs on WBZ-TV and myRITV, with Brad Feldman, Charlie Davies, and Tamara Brown calling the action. The match also airs locally on the radio on 98.5 The Sports Hub and 1260 AM Nossa Radio in Portuguese. CBS Boston’s coverage begins with “Revolution Kickoff” on WBZ at 7:30 p.m. ET.

Following Thursday’s training session, Revolution Sporting Director & Head Coach **Bruce Arena** and defender **Henry Kessler** addressed the media in a virtual press conference to preview the match. View the links below to access footage of today’s interviews in addition to a complete transcript, game notes, and additional media assets.

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Revolution Media Schedule: July 28 – 30		
Date	Media Availability	Notes/Links
Thursday, July 28	Video Press Conference feat. Bruce Arena and defender Henry Kessler	VIDEO HERE
Friday, July 29	11:00 a.m. ET – Training Access	RSVP via email
Saturday, July 30	7:30 p.m. – “Revolution Kickoff” on WBZ 8:00 p.m. ET – Kickoff vs. Toronto FC TV: WBZ, myRITV (Rhode Island) Radio: 98.5 The Sports Hub, 1260 AM Nossa ~10:00 p.m. – Postgame Press Conference & Open Locker Room Access	RSVP via email

Revolution Sporting Director & Head Coach Bruce Arena

On preparing to face Toronto FC and if he looks forward to coaching against Head Coach Bob Bradley:

Arena: "I've known Bob [Bradley] obviously for a long time. I don't necessarily look forward to coaching against him, because I know his team is going to be well prepared. But we've known each other for 40-some-odd years and he's a good person and good coach. So, I look forward to seeing him, not coaching against him. Toronto is a little bit of a new team. They've brought in, I think, four new players in the past month, obviously good players – the three Italians [Domenico Criscito, Federico Bernardeschi, Lorenzo Insigne] and Mark-Anthony Kaye. So, they've changed the team a bit, but still play kind of the same way. They are a good attacking team, they press. They've had an interesting week, obviously, with the the win against Charlotte and then a Canadian Championship [at Vancouver Whitecaps FC on Tuesday]. So, it's been a challenging week in that regard, but you can see the team is certainly going to be a better team down the stretch with the acquisition of those new players."

On building off the defensive performance last weekend in Columbus:

Arena: "Well, I think the team got a lot of confidence by the way they played and got the result, because we've had such a poor time this year protecting leads and/or getting a point, or three points, on the road or in any game when we were put in position to do so. So yeah, they know what it takes and hopefully they can build on that."

On the reports about Jozy Altidore departing the club on loan and which side initiated the transaction:

Arena: "He [Jozy Altidore] will be going until January to Puebla FC. And Jozy initiated that loan."

On if he expects Gustavo Bou to see a lengthy injury absence:

Arena: "No, he [Gustavo Bou] will be ready to play next week."

On assessing the team heading into the final months of the season:

Arena: "All the results are important, and especially now. So, I think we have 13 regular season games remaining and they are very important. Obviously, like any team, you want to qualify for the playoffs and you want to position yourselves in a good way. And we certainly have 13 games now that will tell it all, so they are all important. And starting with the game against Toronto, then the month of August will be very challenging, as will September. So, there's a lot ahead of us and we have to start getting results."

On if the team plans to make any additional moves during the transfer window:

Arena: "We may make another move. We'll wait and see. We have, I think, a couple of weeks now until the transfer window closes. So, we're considering making another move and we'll just have to wait and see if we can finalize something over the next week or so."

Revolution Defender Henry Kessler

On if he's looking forward to playing against players like Federico Bernardeschi and Lorenzo Insigne this weekend:

Kessler: "100 percent looking forward to it. They are [Federico Bernardeschi and Lorenzo Insigne] difficult guys to deal with, so we'll have to deal with them as a group. It's not going to be one guy with responsibility, but everyone's responsibility is to try to shut them down, so that's how we plan on dealing with it."

On his excitement to be playing at home:

Kessler: "Yeah, long road trip, so you know three road games in a row is a lot and as you said, tough places to play, so it's good to get back home. We need points, so it'll be an important game, and as you said, the playoff positions are starting to shape up, so we need the points to get us above the line."

On Jon Bell:

Kessler: “He’s [Jon Bell] done well. He’s someone who’s always ready for an opportunity to come his way. And yeah, he’s continuing to improve, and he’s done well, and I think he will continue to do so.”

On building chemistry with Andrew Farrell and how he’s feeling physically:

Kessler: “Yeah, rhythm is huge. I think [when] we get a couple games in a row, it’s going to be really good. It’s going to help the chemistry, so it’ll be good for us. And then I’m feeling good. So hopefully that continues, but I’m feeling good now and hopefully all the injuries are in the past.”

On if Saturday will feel like a playoff match:

Kessler: “It’s an important game for sure. I think both teams could use a win. We know that we want to get all three points at home. And it’s been a couple games since we’ve brought home a win, so we definitely want to make sure that happens. So yes, it’s a very important game and I’m sure it’ll be very intense.”

On what he’s seen from Giacomo Vrioni so far:

Kessler: “I’ve seen good things from him [Giacomo Vrioni] in training. I thought his debut was good. It was kind of a tough position to put him in, on the road in a 0-0 game against Columbus. So that was difficult, but I think he did well. Great personality, great guy, very charismatic. His English is great, speaks so many different languages, which is very helpful. I’m not sure I’ve seen enough yet to get a player comparison, but I have high hopes for him, and I think we’re very optimistic about him in the group.”

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