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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

International Call-Ups

4 Academy players participated in international games for their countries this month.

Connor Barratt and **Tommy Fogarty** both took part in the Republic of Ireland U15 home and away fixtures against the Czech Republic.

Jude Bellingham was part of the England U16 squad for the Mondial Montaigu Tournament beating Brazil, Ivory Coast and Portugal on the way to finishing in third place overall.

Rico Browne was involved in St. Kitts and Nevis U17s 3 games over in America. This included a 4-0 win against Anguilla.



FA Goalkeeping Conference

In April, Head of Academy Goalkeeping Matt Doyle attended The FA's Goalkeeping Conference at St. Georges Park along with Academy goalkeepers Zach Jeacock, Josh Bradley-Hurst, Aaron Clayton and Brad Mayo.



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U8 Signing Day

The U8s had a day to remember on Good Friday to celebrate joining the Academy at the start of next season.

The players and their families attended the First Team game against Derby with a few added extras to make the day even more special.



This included a tour of St. Andrew's Trillion Trophy Stadium, getting pictures taken in a box and having a place in the matchday programme dedicated to them.

Other highlights of the day were being introduced to the crowd at half time and doing a lap of honour with their pictures and names on the big screen.

They also had the opportunity to spend some time with Manager Garry Monk in the First Team dressing room.

U9 South Coast Tour

The U9s went on their 3-day tour of the south coast during the Easter holidays.

Three fixtures were packed into a busy schedule with Portsmouth, Bournemouth and Oxford hosting the Blues.

Aside from football, the boys also found time to do other fun activities such as a visit to the beach, bowling and mini golf.



U23 PDL Play-Offs

With the U23s having finished second in the PDL North division, they faced winners of the South division Ipswich Town in the semi-final play-off.

The fixture took place at Portman Road and goals from Corey O'Keeffe, Adan George and Kyle Hurst sealed the 3-0 win, with progression to the final where they will face Leeds United at Elland Road. An excellent achievement by the players and staff!

