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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

### International Call-Ups

3 Academy players received international recognition in August.

**Tommy Fogarty** represented the Republic of Ireland U16s in their 2 friendly fixtures. Tommy was subbed on in the defeat to Denmark and started the 3-3 draw against England.

**Zach Jeacock** took part in another England GK development camp which has resulted in an England U19 call-up in September.

**Will O'Sullivan** was invited to attend a 3-day England U15 selection camp at Loughborough University.



### Under-16 Pre-Season Tour

The week after the U18s went on their pre-season tour to Spain, the U16s also made the trip over to U.E. Cornella.

Two fixtures against U.E. Cornella and CF Reus Deportivo gave stern opposition to the squad. With a draw and a loss under their belts, the boys were worked hard in their final fixtures of pre-season.

The trip was rounded off on the final evening with a visit to the RCDE Stadium to watch a topflight La Liga game between Espanyol and Sevilla.

### August 2019



### Under-18 Pre-Season Tour

The U18s squad travelled to Barcelona and for their pre-season tour.

The 3-game tour led by U18 coaches Paul Robinson, Andy Crabtree and Matt Doyle was hosted by our partner club U.E. Cornella.

A busy schedule started with two games in a day against U.E. Cornella which resulted in 2 losses for Blues with U.E. Cornella winning the U17 fixture 2-0 and the U18 fixture 4-0. A rest day followed with a day of taking in the sights of Barcelona.

There was a victory on the final day of the tour, beating U.E. Sant Andreu 3-1. Oumar Traore, Yoane Zohore and Tate Campbell scored the goals which secured a positive result to round off the tour.



### Academy Graduates in the First Team

August was a busy month for Academy graduates in the First Team. **Steve Seddon** made his league debut against Brentford on the first day of the season.



For the Carabao Cup game away to Portsmouth, 13 of the 18 players in the matchday squad were from the Academy. **Caolan Boyd-Munce** and **Geraldo Bajrami** made their first team debuts in the game while **Ryan Burke**, **Corey O'Keeffe**, **Joe Redmond** and **Ryan Stirk** made the matchday squad.



Also involved in the Portsmouth game were **Odin Bailey** and **Jude Bellingham** who both made their league debuts against Barnsley and Swansea respectively. Jude also scored his first professional goal in the 2-1 win against Stoke City.



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