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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH



December Tournaments

There was tournament success for the Academy in December.

The U12s won their Futsal Powerplay tournament beating the likes of Aston Villa, Coventry City, Leicester City, Nottingham Forest, Reading, Stoke, West Brom & Wigan finishing top by a point. Coaches James Brayne and Danny Brain led both of their sides to overall victory.

This success was repeated the following weekend by the U10s winning their tournament staged at Loughborough University led by coaches Aaron Hill and Tom Quinn. The U10s beat teams from Aston Villa, Derby County and Watford on their way to winning the trophy.

The U12s also won the University of Bedfordshire Indoor Tournament against Coventry City, Lincoln City, AFC Bournemouth and Luton Town.



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Academy Graduates in the First Team

The festive period gave a lot of opportunities for the Academy Graduates in the First Team with 6 games in the month.

Geraldo Bajrami made his league debut in the Derby game verses West Brom whilst also starting in the Hull City fixture.

Connal Trueman started every game this month while **Jude Bellingham** made an appearance in each fixture in December which included a goal against Leeds.

Wes Harding also made 4 appearances for the first team. **Odin Bailey** made a substitute appearance against QPR.



Goalkeeper & Cricket Collaboration

Academy goalkeeper coaches, Matt Doyle, Dan Tumelty-Bevan and Andy Ellery ran a goalkeeper and cricket combination CPD event with the First Team from Warwickshire County Cricket Club.

The session worked on the similarities of fielding in cricket and goalkeeping in football. The highlights of the session on the BCFC Academy Twitter page.

FA Youth Cup Third Round

Eppleton Colliery Welfare Ground hosted The Blues first game of the 2019/20 FA Youth Cup against Sunderland.

The deadlock was broken 13 seconds into the game when Adan George opened the scoring. The lead was doubled a minute later with George again finding the back of the net in a frenetic start to the cup tie.

Sunderland managed to pull one back but on the stroke of the half-time interval striker Josh Andrews restored the two-goal cushion after a fine solo run from Kyle Hurst. The fate of the tie was sealed when George completed his hatrick to claim a 4-1 win.

The win has secured a home tie in the fourth round against Barnsley. The game will take place on Wednesday 15th January at Leamington FC with kick off being 7pm. Tickets are priced at £4 for adults and £2 for concessions.



International Call-Ups

Jobe Bellingham and **Calum Scanlon** both represented Englands U15 in friendly fixtures against the Republic of Ireland and Turkey.