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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Academy Loans

Over the Christmas period 8 Academy scholars were offered the opportunity to go on loan in order to gain some First Team experience in non-league. These loans gave the young players an excellent opportunity to sample First Team football and the idea brought some great positives.

George Baker, Tate Campbell, Nick Okoro, Chris Mayuba, Adan George, Rhys Hilton, Ryan Moore and Kane Thompson-Sommers all joined up with non-league teams.

Throughout the season, selected U23s have also been out on loan to aid their development through First Team experience.

Odin Bailey completed a 2-month loan at National League South side Gloucester City making a fantastic impact on the team during his spell.



Michael Luyambula and Josh Martin are both currently on loan at Hungerford Town FC gaining regular First Team action and have both had their loans extended.

Goalkeeper Adam Siviter is also currently enjoying a loan spell at Stafford Rangers, establishing himself as their first-choice keeper.

Other players who have had spells out on loan are Jake Weaver, Jack Concannon, Tom Anderson, Corey O'Keeffe, Kieron Dawes and Ben Mclean. Also currently out on loan are Dom Bernard, Viv Solomon-Otabor and Steve Seddon.

February 2019



2007s Latvia Tour

In February we returned to Latvia for our second tour in as many months, this time with players born in 2007. With Zenit St. Pietersburg, the winners of last month's tournament, attending another positive experience both on and off the field was anticipated.

The first day of the three-day tournament started in excellent fashion with a 6-0 win, but a loss to Zenit followed later in the day.

The start of day two was again promising with a 6-2 win but with draws in the remaining games meant the Blues finished the tournament in third place.

Trevan Sanusi who won 'Attacker of the Tournament' on last month's tour was awarded 'Player of the Tournament' this time round.

Well done Trevan!!



Under-14 Blades Cup

The next age group to begin their Blades Cup campaign were the U14s who were up against Liverpool.

The tournament allows players to gain experience playing top opposition in a mid-week stadium fixture with a competitive edge.

The first leg took place at Triplex Pilkington and it was Liverpool who take took a 2-0 lead into the second leg which takes place on the 18th March at Marine FC.



International Call-Ups

There were 3 International Call-Ups within the Academy in the month of February:

Jude Bellingham received an England U16 call up to participate in the UEFA U16 Development Tournament which included him captaining the side against Brazil.

Tommy Fogarty finished his participation in the Four Nation Tournament with Irelands U15s with a start in the win against Hungary.

Jordan James was selected by Wales to attend a training camp for players born in 2004.