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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Academy Graduates

Demarai Gray, who made the switch to Leicester City from The Blues in January 2016, has now moved on after making 169 appearances for Leicester and a Premier League winners medal.

Demarai has made the switch to the Bundesliga, signing for Bayer Leverkusen scoring on his league debut and adding the final goal in a 5-2 win over Stuttgart.

His appearances since his debut have been equally as positive adding 2 assists to his goal in his first 4 appearances for the club. Leverkusen are currently 5th in the league and making a real push for qualifying for the Champions League next season.



Another Academy Graduate is playing their football in Germany. Jude Bellingham, who has only missed 4 games for Borussia Dortmund this season, broke a Champions League record this month.

Jude became the youngest English player in history to start a game in the knockout stages of the Champions League having played the full 90 minutes in a 3-2 away win against Sevilla. This result leaves Dortmund with a real chance of progressing into the Champions League Quarter Finals.

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U23 PDL Form

The U23s continued their winning start to the calendar year, which now stands at 5 wins on the bounce.

Having beaten Hull City, Coventry City and Sheffield Wednesday so far this year, this month wins over Barnsley and another victory against Hull City for a second time continued the good run of form.

A 2-1 home win over Barnsley, who were above the Blues in the table saw the winning run extend to 4 games with Tate Campbell and Amari Miller getting the goals.



Campbell was again on the scoresheet in the following league game against Hull City. An own goal and Adan George sealed a 3-0 win to extend the winning run further.

This recent form as seen a rise from 10th to 5th in the table. With the top 2 sides in both the North and the South groups going into the play-offs at the end of the season, the next 2 fixtures against Nottingham Forest and Sheffield United, who are the top 2 in the table, could prove to be decisive to their play-off hopes.

U18 PDL North & Youth Cup Update

The U18s 7 match unbeaten run unfortunately came to an end in their first game of the month away at Barnsley. A narrow 4-3 defeat put a temporary stop to the good run of form.

However, a return to winning ways was not far away with a 2-1 win against Coventry City followed by a 1-0 win against Sheffield Wednesday resulted in picking up 6 points in total in February.



These results still leave the age group top of the table but with 2 games against second placed Wigan Athletic and 4 games against the top 6 teams in the South group to play before the season concludes, a lot can still change with 8 games of the league season remaining.

With the Government changing the lockdown rules, the FA Youth Cup is now able to take place. The U18s will face Manchester City, the winners of last years competition, on Friday 12th March at the Academy Stadium in Manchester.

As games are still being played behind closed doors, updates will be posted on social media.