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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Under-18

Anderlecht Trip

Blues Under-18s travelled to Anderlecht in Belgium for a one-off fixture with top European opposition. Anderlecht's Academy has produced world class players such as Romelu Lukaku & Vincent Kompany & would therefore provide a very competitive game.

This proved to be the case with the game ending 1-1. Forward Oumar Traore scored the only goal for Blues Under-18s.



Under-16 Blades Cup Victory

November was the month the Under-16s participated in the final of the Blades Cup. Having beaten Manchester United in the semi-finals over two legs, the U16s faced Liverpool in the final. Despite another tough draw, Blues entered the final full of confidence from the previous round.

This showed as Blues went into the break 3-1 up thanks to goals from Remi Walker, Josh Williams & Ramello Mitchell.

Liverpool staged a comeback in the second-half but Blues claimed an 8-4 victory with Jude Bellingham scoring 4. The Under-15s will take part in their Blades Cup final in Sheffield on 22nd January, led by Academy Coaches Mike Dodds & Marcos Painter.

November & December 2018



International Call-Ups

In the month of November, 4 Academy players received international call-ups from their respective nations.

Jude Bellingham captained & scored in England's U16 win against France at the Val-De-Marne tournament.

Second Year Scholar **Zach Jeacock** was selected to attend an England Mens Goalkeeping Development Camp.

Ryan Stirk started for Wales in their 2-0 win in the U19 UEFA Euro Qualifier against San Marino. Ryan also came off the bench against Sweden.

Tommy Fogarty attended a Republic of Ireland U15 training camp and featured in a game Vs Poland.



Lightning Talks

U12-U18 Strength & Conditioning Coach Dhani Pattinson-Hughes presented on his newly created Strength & Conditioning syllabus, whilst also discussing the success of the new workshop which takes place on Wednesday evenings. The aim of the workshop is to provide players with the opportunity to improve their strength in a fun session.

Any players interested should email Dhani at Dhani.Pattinson-Hughes@bcfc.com.

Under-12 Man City Trip

In December the Under-12s played a fixture away at Manchester City. After their game, the squad went to watch the Premier League game between Man City & Everton at the Etihad Stadium.



Academy Graduates in the First Team

There were 6 Academy graduates involved with the First Team in November & December.

Charlie Lakin & Wes Harding started games whilst Josh Dacres-Cogley, Viv Solomon-Otabor, Bez Lubala & Connal Trueman were also involved in First Team squads.

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