



Last week Wycombe Wanderers Under-18s travelled to Salou, Spain, for a five-day game and training camp featuring fixtures against Nàstic de Tarragona and RCD Espanyol - two tests that would prove to be exactly that.

The trip was built around more than just football. After a solid opening training session on Monday evening to shake off the travel day, the squad got straight to work.

Alongside the matches, the boys took on a city navigation challenge across Tarragona, competed in multi-sports sessions including padel, beach volleyball and basketball, and shared the kind of experiences that bring a group closer in ways a regular training week just can't replicate.

On the pitch, the boys delivered when it mattered most. The Nàstic fixture was played in 20-degree heat - conditions that tested the group physically as much as anything the opposition offered. Finding themselves 2-0 down and reduced to ten men after a harsh red card, they could easily have folded. Instead, they scored three without reply to win 3-2, a result that took character and one that set the tone for the rest of the week.

The second fixture, away at Espanyol's training ground in Barcelona, was the standout performance of the trip. Playing at a high tempo against professional academy opposition, the squad were outstanding from start to finish - confident and aggressive in the right moments whilst also clearly enjoying themselves.

A 6-3 win was the result, and it was thoroughly deserved for their efforts on the day and across the week itself.



Academy Director, Jeremy Sauer, had this to say about the trip:

"The players and staff are extremely fortunate that we have such a supportive ownership group that help us facilitate such a high-level tour abroad.

"These opportunities accelerate development and provide a rich diversity of experiences to add to each players toolbox. Comparing Salou to previous trips and tours, it's clear to see the progress the boys have made both on and off the pitch.

"They demonstrated high professional standards through-out, showcased their quality on the pitch whilst still implementing the identity of how we play. It's been an invaluable experience and the staff have done a superb job to maximise the learning environment".