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PALACE PREVIEW

Tuesday night sees Argyle get their campaign under way in the newly christened Jersey Mike's Trophy, with a game against Crystal Palace Under-21s.

The Young Eagles have already played once in the competition, winning 2-1 against Swindon Town, and will look to head to Home Park with confidence.

Argyle, though, come in following three straight league wins, and will want to continue their winning run to maintain momentum.

Assistant Head Coach Damon Lathrope spoke to Argyle TV, previewing the fixture.

"It's not going to be easy," said Lathrope. "It's a competitive fixture. They're all professional footballers, albeit they're under-21s. They're a professional football club in the Premier League. We've watched their games; they're a good outfit. By no means is it going to be: 'turn-up and win'. They proved that with their 2-1 win against Swindon.

"We're going to prepare properly. We're going to go out there and continue our winning run, hopefully, and prepare for it like we do every other game.

"Whether it is training, a match, a friendly - we approach everything the same way. You see the boys training every single day, they want to win everything that they do, everything they're involved in. It doesn't really matter the title that comes before the game, in our opinion. But we know momentum in football and confidence in football is really important. We have that at the moment and we'll do whatever we need to hold on to it.

"We wanted to win it last year, just fell short. We see it as an opportunity to bring a trophy back. For sure, we're taking it seriously.

"Tom's team selection is always difficult, because at the moment we've got a squad of players that are all competing really well with each other. You see it at Doncaster, at Leicester. We finish games really strong because the

players coming onto the pitch are doing a great job.

"We've got a full squad of players that are doing their bit. This does present a chance to reward that and give them valuable minutes, and maybe rest a few that have had a real tough start to the season, played a lot of minutes. I think it's a perfect game that presents great opportunities for Tom to really give the players what they deserve."

Speaking after the Greens' win on Saturday, at Blackpool, Head Coach Tom Cleverley echoed those thoughts.

"It's a competition we took seriously last year, and we will again," he said. "I think it's an opportunity to see some players who have not got as many minutes recently, and it's an opportunity to see a couple of our Academy products.

"We'll take advantage of that, whilst paying the upmost respect to the competition and wanting to win every game we play."

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Previously in the Trophy

It was five years after the EFL Trophy began incorporating Category One academy sides that Crystal Palace first entered the competition. Their debut campaign in 2021 saw them drawn against AFC Wimbledon, Portsmouth and Sutton United - a tough test. They did manage to win three points from Wimbledon with goals from Jesurun Rak-Sakyi and Rob Street, but this was not enough for them to avoid finishing bottom of the group. The following season saw the Eagles drawn in Argyle's group, along with Bristol Rovers and Swindon Town. Again, Palace achieved one win in the group stage, against Swindon, before crashing out. 2023/24 was a disappointing campaign for the Young Eagles, finishing bottom of the table with no points. They bounced back the following year, managing to beat Gillingham but were denied a place in the knockout round in their final game. Last year was another tricky year for the under-21s, winning only one point after losing on penalties to Bromley. That means that, after five seasons, Palace have never made it to the knockout stage, a record Darren Powell will be looking to change this time around.

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Crystal Palace were founded in 1861 when the Crystal Palace Cricket Club were looking for a winter sporting activity to take part in. This led to the formation of Crystal Palace, initially an amateur side, who later became founding members of the Football Association.

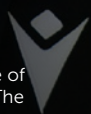
They turned professional at the beginning of the 20th century but were denied entry to the Football League, instead forced to join the Southern League Second Division – which they won at the first time of asking. After a short period of time, Palace became founding members of the Football League Third Division 1920, where they again finished as champions. Four years later they moved to their current home, Selhurst Park, where they have since remained. In 1969, the Eagles reached the First Division after achieving a double promotion during the 60s. They remained in the top flight for four years before they fell back into the Second Division in 1973. Legendary manager Steve Coppell led them back to the First Division and to an FA Cup Final, before a third-place finish, their best ever, in 1991. Throughout the 90s, Palace bounced between the first and second division. Ownership changes throughout the early 2000s saw an off-the-pitch focus and an eight-year period in the Sky Bet Championship. When they did return to the Premier League in 2013, they intended on staying – which they have done. They have recently enjoyed success both domestically and internationally, winning the Emirates FA Cup in 2025 before overcoming Real Vallecano in the UEFA Conference League final last season.

OPPOSITION CRYSTAL PALACE

HEAD COACH

Darren Powell

Darren Powell will be the man in charge of the visitors at Home Park this evening. The 50-year-old made over 250 appearances across the EFL and Premier League as a centre-back in a career that spanned 17 years. During that time, he played for Hampton & Richmond Borough, Brentford, Crystal Palace, West Ham United, Southampton, Derby County and MK Dons. Powell took charge of his boyhood side Hampton & Richmond in April 2013 in the seventh tier of English football. Following his stint in Greater London, Powell enrolled on the Elite Coaches Apprenticeship Scheme and acquired his A license before re-joining Crystal Palace in February 2015, this time as an academy coach. Eight years after joining the Eagles, the former defender was appointed head coach of the Under-21s team when Roy Hodgson returned as first-team manager in March 2023. In the past two seasons, Powell has led Palace to quarter-final and semi-final finishes in the Premier League 2's knockout stage. Last week, he enjoyed a successful start to the Trophy campaign with a 2-1 win over Swindon Town in the opening game in Group E.



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Harry Lee

Devon-born goalkeeper Lee started out at Torquay United before joining Exeter City as a 14-year-old. He would advance through the academy ranks before signing professional terms with the Grecians in 2021. His senior debut soon followed in the EFL Trophy before his maiden league outing in 2023. Loans came at Dorchester Town, Weston-Super-Mare and Plymouth Parkway before he joined Crystal Palace's elite pathway last year. He has since featured regularly for the Eagles in Premier League 2 and the EFL Trophy.

Taha Majini

Morocco youth international Majini joined Crystal Palace's academy earlier this month. The versatile defender began his career at Moroccan side Union Touarga Sportif, where he broke into the first team as a 17-year-old. At the same age, he also helped Morocco win the FIFA Under-20 World Cup for the first time. He now represents Morocco's Under-23s and has attracted the interests of some of Europe's top clubs. Therefore, when Palace recruited the 18-year-old this summer, it represented somewhat of a coup.

Sean Somade

Central defender Somade joined Palace at under-14 level and impressed as he progressed through the age groups. He helped the Eagles win the Under-15 National Floodlit Cup during the 2022/23 campaign before being offered a scholarship. The defender's under-18 debut soon followed, and he has not looked back since, cementing himself as a key cog in the Palace defence. Injuries have slightly halted Somade's momentum, but he is now back fit and ready to showcase just what he is capable of.

Tyler Whyte

Whyte can play as both a midfielder and a defender but is utilised more often as the latter. He has come through the ranks at Palace, starring in the Under-15 National Floodlit Cup as the Eagles reached the final in 2021/22. He then went on to sign a scholarship and link up with the under-18s. It was not long before he was recruited to play for the under-21s, eventually becoming a regular for Palace in Premier League 2.

Caleb Kporha

Kporha was a late recruit to the Crystal Palace Academy, joining the Eagles from Tottenham Hotspur. After earning a scholarship, Kporha showcased his versatility featuring for the under-18s in defence, midfield and attack. This saw him earn a professional deal in 2023. The defender then suffered injuries that kept him out for prolonged periods, but when he came back

to full fitness, went from strength to strength. He was handed a first-team debut by Oliver Glasner against Fulham in the Premier League before starting a Carabao Cup quarter-final against Arsenal a month later. Kporha's 2025/26 campaign was plagued with injuries, but he is now back fit and ready to show what he can do.

Dean Benamar

Full-back Benamar was another Palace player to feature in the under-15 side that won the National Floodlit Cup in 2022/23. After that success, he signed a scholarship and impressed at under-18 level. He received an England Under-17s call-up, eventually going on to represent the Young Lions in the UEFA European Under-17 Championships. This saw him sign a professional deal Selhurst Park before beginning to feature for the under-21s. His senior debut came next, coming off the bench in the UEFA Conference League under Oliver Glasner.





Euan Danaher

Sebastian Williams

Adler Nascimento

Euan Danaher

Defensive midfielder Danaher signed his scholarship in 2024, after enjoying success in the Under-15 National Floodlit Cup. Danaher controlled the central areas for the under-18s last season, helping them win the Under-18 Premier League Cup for the first time ever. They also reached the FA Youth Cup semi-finals for the first time in nearly 30 years, with Danaher integral to that success.

Sebastian Williams

Former under-16 captain Williams earned a scholarship at Selhurst Park ahead of the 2023/24 campaign. After signing, the midfielder impressed for the under-18s. Therefore, it was no shock that his under-21 debut soon followed, where Williams again shone. He would go on to feature for both the 18s and 21s throughout the 2024/25 campaign, before joining the latter on a more permanent basis last season. He was a key cog in Darren Powell's side that performed well in both league and cup last season.

Amaari Sealey

Another summer recruit for Crystal Palace's academy, Sealey joined the Eagles from AFC Wimbledon in July. Having been born in South London, Sealey initially started out at West Ham United before joining Wimbledon to complete his scholarship. Last season he was remarkable for the Dons' under-18s, registering 47 goal contributions as his team won a national quadruple. His impressive performances were rewarded with first-team involvement; Sealey was among the substitutes for Wimbledon in League One against Doncaster Rovers last season. He was recruited to join Darren Powell's side ahead of the 2026/27 campaign, where he is expected to impress in Premier League 2.

Joseph Gibbard

Gibbard has been at Palace since he was a nine-year-old. The midfielder has played across the midfield in the time that has passed since. Having advanced through the academy ranks, Gibbard began his scholarship in 2022. He would then feature

regularly for the under-18s, earning a call-up to the Republic of Ireland Under-18s. Gibbard signed professional terms in 2024 before going on to become a mainstay in Darren Powell's under-21 side.

Adler Nascimento

Portuguese forward Palace joined Crystal Palace in 2021 where he became a professional. He began his career at Peterborough United, where he had already made his senior debut in Sky Bet League One. He was also a Youth Alliance League winner with the Posh before he would sign for Palace. Upon arriving at Selhurst Park, Nascimento featured for both the under-18s and under-21s. Last season, the 21-year-old scored one and assisted one in Palace's EFL Trophy campaign.



v Cheltenham Town



v Tottenham Hotspur Under-21s



v Bristol Rovers

TROPHYRECAP

Argyle's involvement in the EFL Trophy in 2025/26 saw the Greens reach the last eight of the competition.

Tom Cleverley's team started the group stage with a home win over Cheltenham Town, with Lorent Tolaj scoring twice, his first two goals for Argyle. Former Exeter defender Scot Bennett was sent off as Argyle won comfortably.

In the second group game, the Pilgrims ran out easy winners against Tottenham Hotspur Under-21s. Mathias Ross started the scoring inside four minutes, and by half-time it was 4-0, with Tegan Finn, Bim Pepple and Owen Oseni also getting on the scoresheet. Spurs got one back before Finn scored again, and Seb Campbell became Argyle's youngest-ever scorer with the sixth. Tottenham's late 'consolation' was scored by Oliver Irow. Whatever happened to him?

To round of the group stage, Argyle visited Bristol Rovers, but lost Kornel Szucs, sent off in the second minute, and fell to an injury-time Kamil Conteh goal. This meant Argyle did not win the group, but they had already qualified. >>

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v Leyton Orient

>> In the first phase of the knockout stages, it was Argyle's turn to leave it late. Tolaj scored with a backheel in the last knockings to seal a 1-0 win at Leyton Orient, and secure a last-16 tie at, once again, Bristol Rovers.

This time, the game was far more open. Caleb Watts scored very early on, but Rovers had turned it around to lead 2-1 at the break. Within five minutes of the restart, Brendan Galloway and Lorent Tolaj had brought Argyle back in front, but a Luke Thomas equaliser looked set to take it to penalties. Step forward Bim Pepple, who scored yet another injury-time goal to send Argyle through.

The quarter-final, somewhat delayed, was away at Luton Town. Luton had seemingly been knocked out, having lost to Swindon Town, but Swindon were – eventually – disqualified for breaking competition rules, and Luton had a reprieve. The Hatters beat Argyle 2-1, with Tegan Finn equalising Isaiah Jones' goal, but Jordan Clark scored a late penalty to break Argyle hearts. Luton would go on to win the competition.



v Leyton Orient



v Luton Town



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- 5** Julio PLEGUEZUELO
- 6** Malachi BOATENG
- 7** Harvey WHITE
- 8** Joe EDWARDS 🇬🇧
- 9** Will EVANS
- 10** Xavier AMAECHI
- 11** Ronan CURTIS
- 14** Oliver IROW
- 15** Alex MITCHELL
- 17** Caleb WATTS
- 18** Owen OSENI
- 19** Tyreeq BAKINSON
- 20** Michael BAIDOO
- 21** James STORER 🖐
- 22** Alex HARTRIDGE
- 23** Bradley IBRAHIM
- 24** Caleb ROBERTS
- 25** Freddie ISSAKA
- 26** Tegan FINN
- 27** Bim PEPPE
- 29** Matty SORINOLA
- 38** Seb CAMPBELL
- 40** Joe MWARO
- 42** Jared RENDLE
- 43** James SHARPE
- 44** Thomas ARMYTAGE 🖐
- 45** Wes HARDING



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Darren POWELL

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Assistant Referee 1: Richard J. Morris

Assistant Referee 2: Stuart Kane

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Sky Bet League One

Saturday, 3 October. 3pm
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vs Newport County

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Tuesday, 6 October. 7pm
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