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■ Left: Gleaming Hawk T.1 XX227 of the Red Arrows seen last year while 'on tour'. (Duncan Cubitt)

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36 Buccaneer Low level maritime strike is the specialist role of the mighty Brick.

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