

Huddersfield Town U11 3 Leeds Schools FA U11's 1 - 24th September 2011

An unlucky Leeds side slipped to their third consecutive defeat following two late goals from a strong Huddersfield Town Academy side.

A large pitch on Leeds Road, Huddersfield seemed to suit the Leeds team early on in the game as they settled into their stride and had the balance of possession.

The Leeds midfield of Joe Fitzpatrick, Jake Wright, Jacob Little and Declan Rose were on top and with Aaron Kane leading the line and Luke Lyons linking midfield and attack, Leeds were looking much the more likely.

The home side were looking very dangerous on the break though and almost took the lead after a good move down the left hand side carved a great chance for the Huddersfield striker who blasted the ball over the bar.

A let off for the Leeds defence of Harry Resendez, Roshan Singh-Morgan, Tristan Brennan and Theo Bailey who had been very comfortable up to that point.

Time for two more chances for Leeds in the first period as Jake Wright hit a loose ball just over the bar and Aaron Kane attempted an ambitious overhead kick but just failed to connect properly.

So the first period ended 0-0 with Leeds unfortunate not to be in front.

Substitutes Oliver Casey, Robert White, Josh Crossland and Liam Fletcher entered the field for the start of the second period and Leeds continued as they left off, passing the ball well and working hard all over the pitch.

After two minutes, a long ball through from Tristan Brennan was nicely headed on by Aaron Kane to Jacob Little who rounded the keeper expertly and fired home from a tight angle giving Leeds a deserved lead.

Huddersfield responded well to the goal, upping their tempo to get back into the game and their increased effort paid off as they equalized with a low left foot shot from the edge of the box. Leeds keeper Harrison Jones managed to get a good hand on it but the power in the shot took it over the line.

The second period ended with the teams level at 1-1 and very little between the teams.

The third period saw the Leeds team start to tire allowing Huddersfield more space to play and their possession brought rewards as a superb lob bounced back off the crossbar and the re-bound was hooked into the roof of the net from 2 yards.

A scrappy goal to concede for the Leeds boys and Huddersfield, growing further in confidence, soon made it 3-1 with an excellent individual goal from their central midfielder who ghosted past 2 defenders before slotting coolly into the bottom corner giving keeper Luke Dellar no chance.

Leeds still managed to create chances though in the final stages with both Liam Fletcher and Oliver Casey going close however the score remained 3-1 at the final whistle.

A massively improved performance from the young Leeds side who are now really beginning to gel as a team. It is only a matter of time for these performances to start bringing the results they deserve.