

**LEEDS 1 V 0 HULL**  
**Carnegie Trans Pennine League**

Leeds entertained Hull at the splendid Leeds Metropolitan University Campus with Hull still retaining a chance of the league title, especially after Liverpool lost 2-1 to an ebullient York team. A win by three goals or more would give Hull the title. Leeds opened brightly and took the game to Hull with Clifford Konadu causing panic in the Hull ranks whenever he received the ball. Matthew Hambleton was dominating the normally prolific Hull striker and was ably supported by Cameron Dyas. Konadu went close with two efforts before Josh Bell, supporting from midfield found himself in space just inside the area, unfortunately just as he shot an outstretched leg from a desperate Hull defender diverted the ball. Jack Smyth was overlapping to effect and his strength and power was tormenting the Hull left back. Little was seen of the Hull attack and Fletcher Paley in goal was involved more as a sweeper than goalkeeper. A lovely passing move involving Devon Ward, Konadu and Nathan Hawkhead ended with Hawkhead's deft feet creating space and he rifled a shot towards the top corner from the penalty spot, unbelievably the Hull keeper tipped the ball over the bar. Despite sustained pressure the Hull rearguard held firm and scores remained level. The second half followed a similar pattern but Chris Littlewood in goal had to make a smart save low down to his left and then was required to 'ball juggle' and a little volley ball under some aerial pressure. Hawk head and Ned Dry were bossing the midfield and allowed Hull no time to settle but the most pleasing thing for the coaching staff was the way that the defence were conducting themselves after the disjointed performances of recent weeks. Smyth and the recently introduced Danny Edwards combined well for Edwards to strike goal wards only for the keeper to parry into the path of Rhys Walker who gleefully slammed home from six yards and was duly mobbed by his comrades. Edwards again crossed for Walker only for him to head wide of the gaping net, but praise must be given for his driving run to get on the end of it. Dominic Healey and Josh Bell were introduced to help contain a determined Hull revival and Joe Pearson was establishing himself as a striker holding the ball up well and bringing players into the game. Hull wouldn't lie down and much credit to them for this as their coaches willed them forward and with five minutes to go they missed a wonderful opportunity steering the ball wide from six yards. This would have been harsh on a Leeds team with four players absent [Hull also were 3 players down] due to the holiday break, and especially on Days, Smyth. Hamilton and Hawk head who deserved to be on the winning side. In truth all the boys warrant praise for a splendid effort which puts us in good heart for the challenges ahead.