

Leeds 3 - York 0 13th November 2010

This was Leeds first game of the season in the CTP League and another impressive performance. York looked a completely different outfit to the team we completely overwhelmed earlier on in the season and the way they knocked the ball about in the early stages let Leeds know they would have to show the same commitment level as last week against Nottingham. The springboard to the Leeds victory was again built on a solid defence, Dyas, Hambleton, Haley and in particular Kayij were outstanding at the back, snuffing out most of the York attacks with their speed and determination. Clifford Konadu was again the talisman for Leeds in attack, the raw talent this boy possesses is at times frightening, yes he still has a lot to learn in some aspects of his play but he's a daunting prospect for any defender, one dazzling run in the first half was Lionel Messi in disguise and it was his cross after Joe Gibson had won the ball in midfield that set up Joe Pearson for the first goal, a superb shot from outside the area that rose high into the top corner. Other chances in the first half included a Joe Gibson shot that hit the back stanchion and a left foot drive by Dom Healey skimmed across the box and was inches wide. Chances were at a minimum probably due to a massive pitch, Leeds in midfield didn't make use of the space available and were often guilty of bunching, although Josh Bell did show some nice touches Leeds will have to spread the play better in the middle of the field when they come up against better teams like Liverpool or they may come unstuck.

The second half followed a similar pattern to the first, York were always a threat without really penetrating the brick wall that was the Leeds defence, Clifford Konadu was the recurring nightmare of the first half for the York defenders, when Joe Pearson headed the ball forward on 42 minutes Clifford was on it to race round the keeper and give the Leeds players and parents a heart attack by firing the ball into an empty net via the left hand post, 2-0 Leeds. The second goal gave Leeds confidence and they took control, Matthew Hambleton had a first time shot from 25 yards out that whistled over the bar and Rhys Walker could have had a hat trick in the space of what can only be described as five very unlucky minutes, he hit the post, had a shot cleared off the line and forced a great save from the keeper. The final word though was left to Clifford, five minutes to go 30 yards out, very little back lift, an exocet missile of a shot that never left the ground and gave the keeper no chance, fantastic. Final score 3-0 Leeds.

The team seem to be growing in confidence and with the defence again keeping a clean sheet this team could really be a force to be reckoned with.