

It was Mr Rossiter and Doc who accompanied the boys to York and watching the boys warming up showed the contrast in coaching styles. Mr R setting out the cones, working the boys hard making sure they were sharp in both body and mind for the task ahead. Doc with a much calmer approach, showing a bit of Brian Clough eccentricity by reading the Daily Telegraph to keep abreast with world events. The combination of the two certainly did the trick as Leeds came out of the blocks like Usain Bolt. For the first ten minutes York found themselves pinned in their own half. Games are often won or lost in central midfield and the Leeds trio of Reynolds, Walker and Giddens set the platform for the Leeds dominance by allowing York no space down the middle and moving the ball into wide areas when in possession. On the left Joe Gibson was supplying the ammunition for Lewis Firbank to terrorise the York defence, Lewis evaded one tackle after another as the York back four looked in complete disarray. Down the right Joe Pearson was equally devastating with his powerful surging runs, high work rate and his ability to find the back of the net. The opening two Leeds goals were both scored by Joe, the first a tremendous free kick from 25 yards that left the keeper rooted to the spot, the second a cross come shot that curled over the keeper after good work by Rhys Walker. Joe was denied a first half hat trick when Leeds were awarded a penalty, unfortunately for Joe his shot clipped the outside of the post with the score at that stage 3 -1 to Leeds, York had got back into the game with a controversial offside decision to make it 2 -1 when the referee was distracted by an injury to James Shaw, then Rhys Walker retained Leeds two goal cushion when he seemed to play a couple of one twos with the York defenders before finding the left hand corner of the net. Going in at half time 3-1 up wouldn't have done Leeds justice so there were open mouths all round when York pulled another one back just before the break. Brad Reynolds doing what all good midfield players should do tracking back to help out the defence tried to stop a ball coming across the Leeds area but unfortunately for the unlucky Brad the ball deflected past goalkeeper Fletcher Paley, was this going to be one of those days? Half time 3 -2.

The second half followed a similar pattern to the first with Leeds in control, the only time York looked like scoring was on 45 minutes when Oliver Worland made a tremendous block to prevent a York striker shooting on goal, but with Fletcher Paley in goal spreading confidence to the back four which was being brilliantly marshalled by Cameron Dyas the goals were only going to be scored in one direction. The York keeper was doing his best to stop the inevitable, saving from Rhys then again blocking a shot by Lewis after being put through by Nathan Hawkhead. Much of Leeds best technical play came down the left hand side between Walker, Firbank and Gibson, it was a lovely Firbank, Gibson one two on the edge of the area that resulted in Joe's shot being parried upwards by the York keeper, there on hand was the Leeds predator Clifford Konadu to finish for goal number 4. Leeds finally put the game to bed with 4 minutes remaining when a short corner between Lewis and Nathan Hawkhead saw the ball flash across the York area and deflect off an unfortunate York defender, final score 5-2.

A great result and confidence boost especially for the boys who suffered at Sheffield last week every player giving 100%.