

## Leeds 5 – East Riding 1 19th March 2011

St. Theresa's witnessed its most dramatic start to a game that we've seen this season with three goals being scored in the first six minutes. Leeds raced into a 2-0 lead when Joe Pearson latched onto a Rory Delap throw from Joel Haley to finish, then Nathan Hawkhead scored direct from a corner courtesy of a fumble by the keeper. East Riding who showed what a resilient team they are in the game a few weeks ago bounced straight back with a clinical header inside the box after a mazy run by the right winger. The game settled down though and for the next fifteen minutes the spectators were treated to a game that ebbed and flowed from end to end, the visitors had a couple of quality players who caused Leeds problems but we defended well particularly Cameron Dyas while Leeds who looked physically stronger with Jonathan Kayij beefing up the midfield always looked dangerous. Leeds also had another attacking option, East Riding just couldn't cope with the quality throw ins which Joel Haley delivered from the left with excet precision, both Josh Bell and Clifford Konadu had shots on goal that was a result of a Joel special as the East Riding defence panicked. Nathan Hawkhead's right foot was also a problem for the opposition, at this age anybody who can get the height and power in their shots that Nathan can is a nightmare for any keeper, already on the score sheet from the corner he went on to complete a first half hat trick, his second goal a cross from the right again evaded the keeper, the third a tremendous shot from a free kick that hit the roof of the net and sent Leeds in at half time 4 -1 up.

Leeds main aim in the second half was to take the sting out of the game and it has to be said that the East Riding fight back never really happened, Chris Littlewood in goal had to clear his line a couple of times but generally the defence marshalled by Matty Hambleton was comfortable especially with Dom Healey in midfield turning in a disciplined performance in the holding roll that gave the defence more cover. It was in fact Leeds who looked the most likely scorers, Clifford Konadu having a lean time by his own standards in front of goal had a few chances that on another day may have gone in as I'm sure they will do if he keeps finding those goal scoring opportunities. Louis Coates looked lively when coming on as a sub, he brought a save out of the keeper then he set up Brad Reynolds for the final goal that put the game completely out of reach for the visitors when his cross from the left was neatly finished inside the area to give Leeds a 5-1 victory.

A great result and performance by Leeds in preparation for the game against Liverpool.