

## **Leeds City Boys U13's Vs Liverpool Academy Shadow Squad – 24.9.11**

Leeds U13's season got underway with a visit to the Liverpool FC academy to play the Shadow Squad.

Liverpool made a bright start to the match pressurising the Leeds defence with attacks down the flanks. Good tackles from the Leeds defence kept the home team at bay in the opening minutes but Liverpool took the lead after 5 minutes with an individual goal. Leeds responded well with good attacking football, coming close to an equaliser when Callum Elson blasted a shot just over the bar. Leeds positive football paid dividends after 10 minutes when a cross into the Liverpool Penalty area was controlled by James Jackson to shoot past the goalkeeper to make it 1-1. The Leeds equaliser bred confidence with good passing football between Scott Smith and George Gomersall. However against the run of play Liverpool took the lead again after 15 minutes with a long range effort to make it 2-1. On the twenty minutes mark changes were made as Leeds went in search of a second equaliser. Great defending by Tyler Thompson kept Leeds in the game blocking a goal bound shot at point blank range.

This was followed by a good save from the Leeds keeper Callum Cox. Despite Liverpool pressure Leeds continued to play good spells of football with good passing from Jake Croft and Luke Bennett. Leeds got the break through they needed on 40 minutes when a Jake Boyd pass found James Jackson in space to blast past the Liverpool goalkeeper for his second goal to make it Leeds 2 Liverpool 2.

After the equaliser Leeds' confidence grew with Jake Boyd coming close with a shot over the bar. Leeds took the lead with a Callum Elson shot from outside the Liverpool box to make it 3-2 Leeds. As the game went into the last 10 minutes there were threats of an equaliser from Liverpool with a shot just going over the bar. However Leeds finished with a flourish with Jake Boyd holding the ball up in the Liverpool penalty area for Callum Elson to finish from close range. Despite a Liverpool free kick coming close right at the death the game ended 4-2 to Leeds against a very capable Liverpool side. A great start to the season for Leeds City boys U13's.