

Easter Open Football Tournament - Holland 2011

u.13's match reports (played as u.14's due to European rules).

Saturday 23rd April 2011

3 matches played at Oploo Football Pitches

1) Leeds v Brondby (Denmark)

Leeds started well and took the game to Brondby with some strong tackling and good passing moves, and half way through the first half Jack Waters had a great chance to open the scoring with just the keeper to beat, but his high shot over the keeper came back off the crossbar and was cleared. Another good chance followed for Leeds soon after but Brondby cleared the danger at the last minute.

HT 0-0

Leeds continued to attack Brondby in the second half, but it looked like the game was heading for a goalless draw until the last 5 minutes.

A good ball was played over the top for Jack Waters to run onto down the left channel and when Jack's low shot across the keeper was only parried, Ben Hinchliffe was there to tap in on the far post. 1-0.

Then in the last minute another good ball over the top to Jack Waters this time down the right channel ended with Jack's shot being half saved but the loose ball was bundled into the net again by Ben Hinchliffe. 2-0.

A great start to the tournament by Leeds. FT 2-0

2) Leeds v PK-35 (Finland)

The weather now was very hot and sunny as Holland enjoyed a freak Easter heatwave....

Leeds kicked off their 2nd match of the day, and played ok but the heat seemed to be affecting some of the lads and both teams failed to create any early chances or score any early goals.

HT 0-0

Five minutes into the second half PK-35 won a freekick to the right side of the Leeds penalty area after a needless challenge, and from the resulting cross into the box, a tall PK-35 striker rose highest unchallenged to head home an easy goal. 0-1

Despite Leeds rallying a bit and trying their best to score an equaliser, PK-35 held on for the win.

FT 0-1

3) Leeds v JSG Hartse / Lengern (Germany)

It was now midday, and with the temperatures peaking at somewhere near 25 degrees, Leeds had to play one of the tournament favourites from Germany, last years tournament winners, so knew it would be a difficult match against a very well organised and very tall, physical, powerful team.

The Germans bossed the first half and Leeds struggled to get to grips with their speed and fast passing, unfortunately conceding 2 well worked goals.

HT 0-2

The second half continued similar to the first, and the Germans scored another 2 good goals, 0-4.

Then a rare breakaway by Leeds down the left wing created a chance in front of goal for Ben Hinchliffe and Ben hit a powerful low shot beyond the German keeper into the corner of the net, 1-4.

In the last minute the German's scored a fifth with a cross and a far post power shot that gave Danny Crook in goal no chance.

FT 1-5

The Four Teams in Group 'A' finished as :

- 1) JSG Hartse / Lengern
- 2) PK-35
- 3) Leeds
- 4) Brondby

So it meant Leeds progressed to Sunday's matches as a 3rd / 4th placed team and had to play against the other 3rd / 4th placed teams from Groups 'B' and 'C' on Sunday morning....

Sunday 24th April 2011

3 matches played at Landhorst Football Pitches (to decide 7th to 12th league placings).

1) Leeds v Southend United (England)

Another hot and sunny day in Holland, and Leeds now kicked off the day playing against Southend United Centre of Excellence.

Southend were a good team, and they'd just missed out on 2nd place in their group by 1 point.

Southend passed the ball around quickly, and Leeds seemed a bit slow to get going, and on 12 minutes Southend took the lead, a long ball over the Leeds defence and a tall fast Southend striker broke the offside trap and sprinted clear to smash a powerful shot into the top corner....0-1.

Leeds tried to get an equaliser but Southend held firm.

HT 0-1.

In the second half it was more of an even contest, with Leeds having a couple of late chances to equalise, first Scott Townend's free kick crossed over to the back post was headed just over the bar by Grady Marshall. Then a Fabian Bailey power shot from another free kick just went over the bar.

FT 0-1.

2) Leeds v Roskilde KFUM (Denmark)

Leeds started much quicker in this game with a team huddle and with some psychological loud sheep "baaing" noises by the Leeds lads to frighten the opposition, it seemed to work as Leeds got the upper hand and scored within 5 minutes, a great passing move in midfield released Ross Kershaw down the left wing and his cross to the back post was headed home by Jack Waters. 1-0.

No more goals before the break meant the Sheep were winning at half time.

HT 1-0.

The second half was all Leeds attacking, and after 5 minutes another good passing move involving Jamie Tonkinson and Ben Hinchliffe ended with a great shot and goal by Alexander McBurnie..2-0.

The Danes rallied and 5 mins later pulled a goal back after a lucky break. 2-1.

No more goals meant Leeds claimed victory and ensured that they would'nt finish bottom of the league.

FT 2-1

3) Leeds v Brondby (Denmark)

Due to results from the first two matches of the day, it meant Leeds had to play their final match against Brondby again, the team they'd played on Saturday in the group matches, to decide who came 9th and 10th in the league of 12 teams. Leeds started well having beaten Brondby the day before, and were full of confidence, although Brondby were playing stronger now.

It was a fairly even first half, but on 15 mins Leeds got a lucky break and Jack Waters wriggled clear of the defence to fire a great shot into the corner of the net passed the big Danish goalkeeper.

HT 1-0

In the second half the Dane's almost equalised but a good clearance off the line by Scott Townend preserved the lead. Leeds played good possession football to frustrate the Dane's who then had a player 'sent off' for a frustrated challenge late in the game.

Leeds held on for the win, and claimed 9th place overall in the league of 12 teams.

FT 1-0

Final league placings :

1) Football Development Schools (England)

2) CD Marino Tenerife (Spain)

3) JSG Hertse / Lengern (Germany)

4) Alphense Boys (Holland)

5) KSV Roeselare (Belgium)

6) PK-35 (Finland)

7) Southend United (England)

8) Ter Leede (Holland)

9) Leeds City Boys (England)

10) Brondby (Denmark)

11) Rushden & Diamonds (England)

12) Roskilde KFUM (Denmark)