

Nottingham 6 Leeds 3

U.13's Match Report - Saturday 25th September 2010

Leeds u.13's travelled away again on another glorious sunny morning, this time to Nottingham, to play on the excellent University pitches.

Leeds started well, and took the game to Nottingham, pushing them back into their own half and forcing them to defend early on....but unfortunately on 3 minutes a long ball out of the Nottingham defence over the Leeds defence on the half way line led to the first goal, a very strong and quick Nottingham striker running clear on goal, and despite a valiant effort by Leeds' Fabian Bailey to clear the danger, the ball flew past Leeds keeper Danny Crook into the corner of the net, 1-0.

Leeds again pressed forwards, and played some good passing football, but Nottingham always looked dangerous on the break....and on 6 mins a quick counter attack led to a free kick just outside the penalty area, which was smashed home high into the net by the same Nottingham striker who was involved with the opening goal....2-0.

Leeds continued to attack Nottingham, to try to get back into the game, but Nottingham got several players back in defence to keep Leeds out, and seemed happy to soak up pressure and hit Leeds on the counter attack with high long balls down the middle....and this style of play unbelievably led to another 3 goals for Nottingham before half time (12 mins, 20 mins, and 25 mins)...the same powerful Nottingham striker scoring all the goals....Leeds had most of the possession in the first half, but failed to score, and were given a lesson in quick, direct, counter attacking play and good finishing by Nottingham....Half Time 5-0.

The second half was much more succesful for Leeds, with nothing to lose, they threw everything at Nottingham and managed to pull a goal back on 45 mins, a good passing move through midfield involving Scott Townend and Jack Waters, ended with Jamie Tonkinson firing low into the corner of the net....5-1.

Then 5 minutes later, on 50 mins, a free kick to Leeds on the right wing was lofted into the penalty area by Grady Marshall, and when the Nottingham keeper committed himself and missed the high ball, Jack Waters was on hand to fire into the net empty net...5-2.

The Leeds lads sensed an amazing comeback was on, and continued to press forwards, winning another free kick outside the penalty area on 55 mins...This time Kristian Smith took it, and curled a superb shot over the defensive wall and goal keeper, and high into the net (Beckhamesque) ...5-3....

For the next 10 minutes, Nottingham were rocking, and Leeds were flying with wave after wave of attacks, but could'nt break through the defence again....

Just before the end of the match, on 69 mins, Nottingham hit Leeds on the counter attack again, and their strong, fast striker added to his already impressive goal tally with another classy finish high into the top corner....Full Time 6-3.

All in all a very entertaining match, Leeds played some good attacking football, and scored 3 good away goals, but were beaten on the day by one outstanding Nottingham striker who won the game for them with his speed and clinical finishing.