

York Schools FA v Leeds Schools FA (4 - 1)

U.13's Match Report - Saturday 2nd October 2010

Leeds Schools FA U13's travelled to York College to play local rivals York on a sunny Saturday morning.

The pitches however were very wet and muddy after heavy rain on the Friday night.

The Leeds boys played this match just 16 hours after playing LUFC shadow squad at Thorp Arch on the Friday night, and with a few players carrying slight injuries it was always going to be a tough ask of the boys against a traditionally strong York team.

With a competitive looking 4-5-1 formation, Leeds started ok and created a couple of early chances, but the strong York defence proved difficult to beat, and York broke away on 7 minutes with a long ball over the top of the Leeds defence, a York striker anticipated the ball well, ran clear of the defence from the left wing and side footed passed Danny Crook into the far corner....1-0.

Worse was to follow for Leeds, when on 10 minutes another York attack down the right wing wasn'tt cut out, and when the ball was played across the penalty area a firm shot found the left corner of the net, just evading Danny Crook's dive....2-0.

Leeds responded swiftly and started passing the ball about well through midfield, the central midfield triangle of Lee Rowley, Ross Kershaw and Scott Townend were playing well, with Grady Marshall and Kristian Smith flying down the wings.

On 25 mins, Leeds pulled a goal back....a good pass from central midfield by Scott Townend, out wide to Grady Marshall on the right wing, resulted in Grady winning a corner for Leeds....when the corner kick was floated into the penalty area by Kristian Smith, the York goalie made a hash of collecting the ball, and Alexander McBurnie fired the loose ball into the empty net to score for Leeds....2-1.

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Leeds were hopeful of a second half comeback, but 5 minutes into the second half York scored a 3rd goal....a quick break down the left wing ended with the York winger hitting a shot at goal from a tight angle, and despite Danny Crook initially saving the first shot, the loose ball was tapped in on the back post....3-1.

Leeds responded well again, and 5 minutes later a good cross into the York penalty area from the right wing was headed onto the crossbar by Leeds defender Fabian Bailey....so unlucky....then a couple of minutes later another right wing cross was headed onto the post by Fabian Bailey, again so unlucky....

Leeds were playing really well, and it was unfortunate that with 15 minutes left to play, a couple of injuries led to Leeds players having to leave the pitch, and a shortage of fit substitute's meant Leeds had to play the final quarter of an hour with 10 players.

The 10 Leeds lads battled well but conceded a late 4th goal, a good individual run and strike by the York left winger, firing a powerful shot high into the net....4-1.

Full Time 4-1