

York Schools FA v Leeds Schools FA (1 - 2) WYL

.13's Match Report - Saturday 6th November 2010

Leeds Schools FA u.13's kicked off their West Yorkshire League campaign with an away trip to York, and recorded a memorable first win of the season with a hard fought battling performance against a strong York team.

Leeds were fast out of the blocks and took the game to York from the kick off, winning tackles and passing the ball about well, and on 2 minutes a good pass by Lee Rowley from central midfield out to Ben Hinchliffe on the left wing resulted in a good run by Ben past a York defender and Ben's great cross into the penalty area was powerfully headed into the corner of the net by birthday boy Alexander McBurnie....0-1....a great start for Leeds.

That sparked York into action and for the next 10 minutes the game was played at a fast tempo and both teams created chances but York's strength gave them a slight advantage and they pushed Leeds back into defence, then on 15 minutes a 50/50 challenge inside the Leeds penalty area was seen as a foul by the referee and he awarded York a harsh looking penalty.

The penalty was dispatched with ease and Leeds were pegged back.... 1-1.

York continued to press forwards and Leeds were forced to defend deep and try to hit York on the counter attack. Then on 22 minutes a York striker ran clear towards goal but was accidentally brought down in the penalty area by a mistimed challenge, and the ref had no option but to award another penalty to York.

The penalty was again fired home well into the corner of the net to Danny Crook's left side, but the ref noticed that some players had entered the penalty area before the penalty kick was taken, and so disallowed the goal and made York re-take the penalty.

The re-taken penalty was hit well but this time to Danny's right side and Danny dived full length to palm the ball round the post for a corner....a great save to keep the scores level.

That dramatic penalty save sparked Leeds into life again and on 30 minutes Leeds hit York on the counter attack with a good ball from midfield over the defence and Grady Marshall ran through on goal, only to be brought down in the penalty area by a last ditch challenge.....the ref awarded a penalty to Leeds this time.

Alexander McBurnie stepped up to take the penalty, and fired it powerfully to the keepers left, but the York keeper flung himself across goal and made a great save....

The incident packed first half drew to a close with the scores level.... HT 1-1.

Leeds started the second half strongly, taking the game to York with some good challenges and fast "pass and move" play, and on 40 minutes a good pass from central midfield by Scott Townend out to Jamie Tonkinson on the right wing resulted in a strong run and superb cross from Jamie into the penalty area....the ball evaded the York defence and fell perfectly at the back post for Alexander McBurnie to hit a sweet left foot volley across the York keeper into the far corner of the net....revenge for the earlier penalty save....Leeds were back in front...1-2.

As expected. York responded well and 5 minutes later they attacked Leeds down the left wing, but unfortunately a 50/50 challenge for the ball on the edge of the Leeds penalty area saw a York player injured badly and carried off the pitch....the resultant free kick was saved and the danger was cleared.

Leeds then took control of the game and pushed York back into their own half for most of the remainder of the second half, with Ben Hinchliffe, Ross Kershaw, Scott Townend, Lee Rowley, Grady Marshall, Kristian Smith and Jamie Tonkinson creating several chances to increase the lead, but being thwarted by the York keeper who was having a great game, the best chance of which was a fine shot by Kristian Smith which was heading for the top corner of the net before being tipped round the post by the York keeper on 65 minutes.

In the last 5 minutes of normal time, York built a couple of final attacks to try to salvage a draw but the Leeds defence of Fabian Bailey, Ross Dickinson, Michael O'Donoghue and Tom Elliott tackled well and cleared the danger, and Leeds were still hanging on a bit during another 5 minutes of injury time, but they defended well to register a fantastic win and secure the 3 points.

All in all a really exciting match full of speed, skill, strength, passion, enthusiasm, and determination to win, we were all so proud of the boys to beat a good York team, well done boys !!