

## **U.13's Match Report - Saturday 26th February 2011**

### **Leeds v Sheffield ( 3 - 1 )**

#### **West Yorkshire League**

Leeds u.13's maintained their position at the top of the West Yorkshire League with a 3-1 home win against Sheffield.

On a wet and muddy pitch, Sheffield started the quickest and went ahead inside 5 minutes, Leeds players failed to clear a loose ball on the edge of the box and a Sheffield player hit a good shot into the net to open the scoring, 1-0

That sparked Leeds into life and with a competitive 4-5-1 formation, they soon started to win the ball in midfield and create chances with good passing and wing play.

On 10 mins a good cross from the left wing was met at the far post by Jack Waters, but his shot hit the post....

Leeds continued to press, and had 3 or 4 shots on target saved by the Sheffield keeper, then on 20 mins a loose ball on the left side of the pen area was picked up by Grady Marshall and he cut inside a defender onto his right foot and managed to slide the ball beyond the advancing keeper into the far corner of the net....1-1

Then Sheffield broke quick and had a good chance to score again but Danny Crook in goal for Leeds saved well in a 1 on 1 situation.

Leeds attacked again, and created more chances before half time, including a couple of corners, but failed to find the back of the net.

HT 1-1

Sheffield raised their game in the second half, and with the slight slope advantage, they became more dangerous....on 45 mins they should have taken the lead, but an attempted shot went wide of the post when it seemed easier to score....then on 48 mins, another good shot after a corner was half saved by Danny Crook and finally cleared off the line by Leeds defender Joe Dawson.

Then on 50 mins another shot from another Sheffield corner was superbly headed off the line by Leeds defender Tom Elliott....Leeds were under pressure and hanging on with 20 mins to go....

But then on 55 mins, Leeds started to win the ball in midfield, and Leeds' Fabian Bailey went on a great solo run passed 3 or 4 Sheffield players into the pen area and drew the keeper out, but Fabian's attempted shot passed the keeper went wide of the post....

This gave Leeds hope and raised their confidence and on 60 mins a good pass forward from midfield allowed Jack Waters to run clear of the Sheffield defence and he coolly slotted the ball under the advancing keeper into the net....2-1

With 10 mins to go, Sheffield kept attacking in search of an equaliser but Leeds defended well and kept them out.

Then on 65 mins, a long ball forward created another chance for Jack Waters, and Jack's strength in shaking off a defensive challenge gave him the chance to have a shot at goal, which was fumbled by the keeper on the back post, and Jamie Tonkinson nipped in quick to fire the loose ball into the net from a tight angle....3-1

Despite late pressure from Sheffield, Leeds held on to record a good win, and claim another valuable 3 points, which keeps them in top spot in the league ( played 4 : won 3, drawn 1 ).

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