

Leeds Schools FA U12's 1 Nottingham SFA 1

Leeds started the brighter of the two sides with a wave of early pressure. A Joe Pearson corner was headed just over by Joel Haley and a long range effort from Clifford Kondadu producing a fine save from the Nottingham keeper. Chris Littlewood was out smartly to save at the feet of the oncoming Nottingham forward and a goal line clearance from Cameron Dyas prevented what would have been a certain Nottingham goal against the run of play.

The breakthrough came half way into the first half with fine interplay between Rhys Walker and Joshua Bell who sprayed the ball wide to Cameron O'Conner who ghosted past the fullback to beat the keeper to his left with a smart angled drive.

Leeds continued to pile on the pressure and were unlucky not to extend their lead when Devon Ward found Jack Smyth who beat the Nottingham centre half to the through ball only for his shot to scrape the outside of the far post.

In the final moments of the Half and having had two goals cancelled out for offside Leeds winger Rhys Walker latched on to a poor clearance only for the referee to blow for half time before he could pull the trigger.

The second half saw the effects of the strong wind with Nottingham pressing for an equaliser with a smart save from Fletcher Paley denying Marcus Evans the equaliser.

Oliver Worland was on hand to cut out another Nottingham through ball on the Hour and the excellent Joel Haley out muscled the Nottingham striker who's tame shot was easily saved.

Leeds were not without an attacking threat themselves and a Joey Thompson cross was picked up by Josh Bell who found Rhys Walker only for his shot to be deflected wide.

With 15 minutes remaining the Nottingham pressure told with a through ball raced onto by the Nottingham Striker who for once found space and his shot from the outside of the penalty area found the bottom left hand corner.

With time running out it was Leeds again who were finishing the stronger with a Joe Pearson cross finding Danny Edwards who saw his shot deflected wide by last ditch block.

Honours even was a fair result and the Leeds manager John Forrest declared himself delighted with his team's spirit and passing in difficult playing conditions.