

York Schools FA U11's 0 (0) Leeds Schools FA U11's 5 (0) – 15/10/11

A five star performance from the Leeds City team against York brought about their best result of the season to date.

After losing to a strong York side 4-0 earlier in the season, Leeds sought out revenge and went one better with a stunning second half performance.

A cagey first half saw very little in terms of chances as both defences were on top and the game was played out in a packed midfield.

Guest defender Harry Caton looked an assured addition as co-defenders Harry Resendez, Aaron Clegg and Declan Rose provided a ring of steel in front of Harrison Jones in the Leeds goal.

The midfield of Oscar Jackson, Ben Harley, Joe Fitzpatrick and Callum Eddleston took time to settle down but gradually through the half began to take control and feed the ball through to hard working strikers Aaron Kane and Josh Crossland.

The best chance of the half fell to York though and a strong challenge from Harry Resendez was just enough to put the attacker off his stride when clear through on goal.

0-0 at half time and very little between the teams.

The second half saw Leeds come out totally transformed and determined to stamp their presence on the game. A much more urgent approach put Leeds on the front foot and the first goal came from the left boot of Josh Crossland after Ben Harley had won the ball in midfield and put a perfect through ball to the striker whose sweet strike found the top corner.

York countered almost immediately from the kick-off and broke strongly into the Leeds box and as the ball was pulled back invitingly across the six-yard area, York's No. 7 slid in to bury home but just sliced the effort inches wide of the far post.

A let-off for Leeds who just rolled up their sleeves and pressed forward. A foul on the corner of the box presented Josh Crossland with an opportunity to add to his tally and his left foot free kick curler again found the top corner via the goal-keeper's finger tips.

The in-form striker's hat-trick goal was not far behind as Oscar Jackson charged down the ball in midfield and split the defence with a great through ball which was coolly dispatched into the back of the net to make it 3-0 to Leeds.

The game was opening up now as confidence oozed through the Leeds team and Aaron Kane was seeing much more of the ball up front and spreading play nicely. The fourth goal was another long range left foot effort, struck beautifully by Ben Harley who was outstanding in midfield alongside Oscar Jackson.

It was clearly not the York goal-keepers day as he saw four unstoppable efforts fly past him but the fifth goal was a real sickener for him as a hopeful long range shot from Joe Fitzpatrick took a wicked bounce on the edge of the six-yard area and looped over his head into the back of the net. 5 left foot strikes, 5 goals!

York went close in the final minutes but the Leeds defence were resolute and some confident handling from Harrison Jones ensured the clean sheet for the visitors.

High 5's all round for the Leeds team with great performances in all departments from the Leeds team. Delighted Mr McAlinden's coaching plans for the week quickly diverted to right foot shooting practice!

