

### Leeds just too strong for Pool

Leeds u/11s continued their rich vein of form with a fine 7 - 2 win at Hartlepool. However, things did not look too comfortable at the start of the game when Hartlepool opened the scoring within 12 seconds of the match kicking off and Leeds had taken the kick off! A careless pass and a couple of missed tackles allowed Hartlepool to stride through the Leeds defence and score with their first shot of the game!

Leeds rallied well and soon took control of the game with Theo Bailey making a series of dangerous runs down the left wing and Tristan Brennan and Henry Dolby in commanding form in the centre of midfield. However, despite creating numerous chances the ball would not go in the net and it took a fine long range volley from left back Declan Rose to bring Leeds level after 15 minutes. Hartlepool continued to look dangerous on the break and keeper Harrison Jones had to make a couple of excellent saves to prevent Hartlepool from going back ahead. However, Leeds continued to dominate the midfield with strikers Seth Hartley, Oliver Casey and Jake Wright creating havoc in the home defence. The pressure soon began to pay off with 4 goals for Leeds in quick succession, two from Casey and one each for Brennan and Hartley.

Leeds extended the lead yet further shortly after half time when Hartley's fine pass gave Brennan the chance to lash a fierce drive into the roof of the net past the helpless home keeper. Leeds seemed to ease off at this point enabling Hartlepool to come back into the game and score a consolation second goal. The final meaningful action of the game came when Hartley was brought down in the area and substitute striker Jacob Little stepped up to take the resultant penalty. His first effort went wide but had to be re-taken following encroachment into the area. Little made no mistake with the second opportunity and completed the scoring to leave Leeds as deserved 7-2 winners.