

## **Wirral show Leeds the way to do it**

Leeds received a lesson in winning football matches from a classy Wirral side in their latest Carnegie Trans-Pennine league match. Leeds dominated much of the first half with some good play especially from Mason Sheridan-Hawley and strong tackling in midfield from Tristan Brennan and Luke Lyons without creating any clear cut openings. Wide players Theo Bailey and Jacob Little had some dangerous runs and striker Seth Hartley ran gamely to try to find an opening without any real success against a well organised defence.

However, towards the end of the half with almost their first attack Wirral struck on the break to put them ahead and then shortly afterwards only brave keeping from Luke Dellar prevented Wirral from doubling their lead. Leeds looked lively at the start of the second half but once Wirral scored to double their lead things just went from bad to worse. Straight from the re-start kick off slack play from Leeds resulted in an indirect free kick for Wirral in the Leeds area for a back pass to the keeper. Wirral scored from this, their second goal within a minute and some of the heart seemed to visibly drain from the Leeds side. Wirral soon moved into a 6 -0 lead scoring three goals within the next 10 minutes and it was game over.

In the final 10 minutes Leeds restored some pride with a smartly taken consolation goal from substitute Oliver Casey, a shot from Jake Wright that went narrowly wide and a Little free kick that fizzed over the bar. At the final whistle Leeds can reflect on the fact that whilst the 6-1 scoreline flattered the visitors they can learn much from their movement, passing and ability to hit teams on the break at pace.