

Leeds v York Carnegie League

Stalemate at Carnegie

Leeds u/11's played out a scrappy but hard fought goalless draw with a determined York team in the latest round of the Trans-Pennine league. Leeds started brightly and enjoyed the main share of possession but York were always dangerous on the break and had an early goal ruled out for offside. York then had a period of dominance and it took a fantastic saving tackle from Liam Fletcher and then a goal line clearance from Joe Straker to keep the score level.

Leeds began to assert themselves and Jake Wright and Oliver Casey had good attempts to score well saved by the York keeper. Wright then hit the post from close range after a scrambled effort from Jacob Little was blocked by the York defence. Wright continued to show tenacity and had a fine effort well saved with further shots from Tristan Brennan, Mason Sheridan-Hawley and Luke Lyons going narrowly wide. Leeds had a succession of corners just before the break but despite good delivery the ball would not break kindly for their frustrated strikers.

The second half followed a similar pattern. Playing against a stiff breeze Leeds enjoyed the bulk of possession and pressed hard on the York goal with substitute Seth Hartley causing the away defence a few problems with some mazy runs. York were then unlucky as they hit the inside of the post and had a header go narrowly wide as they broke out of defence on a rare attack. Leeds thought they had won the game when Hartley threaded a fine pass through to Wright who finished with aplomb only to see his effort narrowly ruled out for offside. Little had a late claim for a penalty turned down and then almost scored in the final minute as he broke through the away defence. All in all this was a case of what might have been. On a different day Leeds could have won comfortably but in the end had to settle for a hard earned point.