

Barnstorming Leeds through to the final

Leeds u/11s put in a fine performance to win their way through to the 'Green Un' cup final with a convincing 4-1 win against Barnsley. The game started brightly in lovely sunshine with Tristan Brennan driving the Leeds team forward at every opportunity with some fine passing, strong tackling and energetic runs. Declan Rose and Seth Hartley had a couple of early half chances which they could not convert. However, Leeds had to be vigilant against a speedy Barnsley forward line and only some fine cover tackling by Joe Straker and Roschan Singh-Morgan kept Leeds level when Barnsley finally managed to break out of defence.

More or less constant pressure from Leeds finally told when Hartley put Leeds ahead with a cool finish mid way through the first half. Some fine wing play from Liam Fletcher, creative passing from Mason Sheridan-Hawley and strong tackling from Luke Lyons and Henry Dolby ensured that Leeds kept the upper hand. The Barnsley keeper made a string of fine saves the most notable being one from a fine Brennan shot to keep them in touch before Hartley produced a second slick finish just before half time to put Leeds in complete control.

The second half was slightly scrappy at times with Barnsley coming back into the game. However, a 30 yard volley from Lyons finally sealed the game for Leeds putting the result beyond reasonable doubt. Barnsley did stage a brave fightback and scored a consolation goal late in the game. Leeds sealed their place in the final when substitute Jacob Little converted a late penalty after he had been brought down by the keeper.