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Leeds Schools FA U11's (B) **2** (0) Bradford Schools FA U11's **1** (0)

Leeds do the double over derby rivals

Leeds City Boys gained a second victory of the season against local rivals, Bradford after coming from behind and snatching a late, late winner.

A cold wintry morning at St Theresa's, Crossgates saw a closely fought game between two well-matched sides. Leeds had much the better of the first half without getting anything to show for it.

Aaron Kane tucked away a Callum Eddleston pass in the box after 5 minutes only for the stand-in referee to judge Kane to be marginally in an off-side position.

The five-man midfield of Max Ross, Dylan Broadbent, Joe Fitzpatrick, Nathan Brady and Callum Eddleston pressed hard and stretched the Bradford defence throughout the half without creating many real clear chances.

Aaron Kane went closest picking a ball up outside the box and drilling a smart effort destined for the top corner before seeing the Bradford keeper superbly tipping the ball round for a corner.

The Leeds defence of Aaron Clegg, Ben Harley, Harry Resendez and Jacob Bues were in full control and keeper Jacob Murray had a relatively quiet first half.

No goals to show for their efforts by half-time but Leeds were looking a good bet to secure victory.

A major shuffle by Coach McAlinden at half-time saw Liam Swift and Finlay Auty come into the midfield, Oscar Jackson slotting in at right back and Josh Crossland coming into the attack. The changes seem to disrupt Leeds' flow and as they found their feet, Bradford edged back into the game. Tough-tackling Auty in his defensive midfield role was mopping things up though and despite their increased possession, Bradford never looked like scoring.

Disaster struck for Leeds however midway through the half as Aaron Clegg was caught in a tangle with a Bradford forward and was harshly judged to have brought him down in the box. The resulting penalty was coolly slotted away leaving the hosts facing an uphill battle to retrieve the match.

Leeds fired up by conceding the goal against the run of play took the game straight back to Bradford and had a strong shout for a penalty turned down before hitting the post in the resultant scramble.

It looked like it wasn't going to be Leeds' day but they worked hard and kept the pressure up and were rewarded when Dylan Broadbent found himself in space in the box and placed a low strike into the bottom corner through a crowd of players.

1-1 with 5 minutes to go, but Leeds weren't finished and pressed for a winner late into the game.

A long ball to the by-line was just kept in by Aaron Kane, who pulled the ball back to Dylan Broadbent who in turn squared to Callum Eddleston on the edge of the six-yard box who made no mistake to cap a fine performance with the winning goal.

A well deserved and hard fought win showed strong character and team spirit which will be much needed for their all important West Yorkshire Cup tie on Saturday against East Riding.