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Leeds Schools FA U11's (B) **3** (0) Bradford Schools FA U11's **0** (0)

A strong performance and a comfortable home win rounded off the year in style for Leeds City Boys B team in their local derby match against Bradford.

Bouncing back from a disappointing defeat to Nottingham in their last outing, the Leeds boys took the game to Bradford from the off. The central midfield duo of Dylan Broadbent and Ben Harley were keeping the ball well and wide players Callum Eddleston and Joe Fitzpatrick were looking dangerous every time they had the ball.

Joe Fitzpatrick in particular was getting plenty of joy down the right flank and two superb and almost identical crosses in quick succession nearly led to Leeds taking the lead. First Dylan Broadbent met the winger's inch perfect cross with an acrobatic volley, which crashed against the crossbar. Then Aaron Kane attempted the same manoeuvre, this time his twisting volley just cleared the bar.

Leeds were well on top and playing some great passing football but Bradford were still a threat on the break and had two clear one-on-one chances brilliantly saved by Luke Dellar, the first blocked with his face and the second deflected off his shoulder!

The rest of the half was all Leeds though and the defence of Jacob Bues, Aaron Clegg, Finlay Auty and Max Ross made sure there were no more chances for Bradford and the interval came with the game still at stalemate.

Leeds kicked off for the second half determined to turn their possession in to goals and roared to a 3-0 lead within 10 minutes of the re-start.

Aaron Kane hit the first as he capitalized on hesitancy in the Bradford defence to nip in with a smart right foot finish. The Leeds striker then broke through and laid a square ball in the box to Dylan Broadbent who lifted it beautifully over the keeper to make it two.

Aaron Kane bagged his second and Leeds' third with a low deflected shot from the right of the box to make it all but game over for Bradford.

Fresh legs from the second half substitutes Oscar Jackson, Nathan Brady, Harry Resendez and later on Liam Swift ensured Leeds continued to pile the pressure on for the rest of the game and some of the football played was amongst the best the boys have played all season.

Leeds even managed to survive a late scare as they conceded a penalty following a late and high challenge from Oscar Jackson. Keeper Jacob Murray was up to the task though and dived superbly to his right to keep the ball out and maintain a confidence building clean-sheet.

3-0 it finished and Coach Mr McAlinden was full of praise for the whole team as they signed off for Christmas in good cheer and looking forward to an exciting New Year.