

Match Report

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East Riding FA U11's **2** (0) Leeds Schools FA U11's (B) **0** (0)

Cup heart-break for brave Leeds boys

Leeds City Boys suffered an agonizing West Yorkshire cup exit against strongly fancied East Riding in sub-zero conditions despite putting on an heroic performance.

The game started in a predictable way as the classy East Riding midfield kept the ball brilliantly and the Leeds boys could only chase shadows. The Leeds defence of Liam Swift, Harry Resendez, Ben Harley and Max Ross were resolute and through a series of blocks, interceptions and strong tackles kept the home side at bay although riding their luck a little bit at times.

It seemed only to be a matter of time before the home side made their possession count but as the half went on, Leeds grew in confidence and managed to press forward more and more.

The five man midfield of Callum Eddleston, Dylan Broadbent, Nathan Brady, Finlay Auty and Josh Crosland started to win their individual battles and lone striker Aaron Kane worked the forward line excellently and started to force errors in the East Riding defence.

On a rare break, Aaron Kane got behind the East Riding defence and showed good strength and composure before placing an inviting cross into space in front of goal for the awaiting Josh Crosland. The normally deadly Leeds striker just caught his studs on the 3G synthetic pitch though as he struck the ball and his shot was easily smothered by the grateful East Riding keeper.

A big chance but Leeds continued to edge back into the game and arguably reached the half-way point with the momentum on their side.

Leeds needed to build on this momentum for the second half but whilst they continued to battle for every ball, East Ridings' superior passing began to tell more and more. The first goal came as Leeds failed to clear their lines from a goal kick and again missed the chance to get the ball away in the resultant penalty box scramble. Finally, the ball was finally poked in through a crowded six-yard box.

Leeds' heads dropped a little bit after this goal after all their defensive efforts but still managed to threaten on the break and Dylan Broadbent had an effort which just missed the post after a great move down the right between Callum Eddleston and Aaron Kane.

Aaron Clegg, Joe Fitzpatrick and Jacob Bues came off the bench in an attempt to chase the game but as the visitors sought out an equalizer, they were bound to leave gaps in the defence. And so it was, a fine move down the right and smart through ball gave the East Riding striker a clear strike on goal which he put away expertly to make it 2-0.

Leeds battled on to the end on very tired and cold legs but it just wasn't to be their day.

They can be proud of their efforts though and East Riding certainly knew they had been in a game but it is their name in the hat for the next round of the West Yorkshire Cup.