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Leeds u/11's are so impressive

Leeds u/11's used a new 4-5-1 formation to their advantage turning in their finest display of the season to beat a strong East Riding team in a Green Un Cup-tie by two goals to nil. From the first whistle Leeds were highly committed to the cause winning tackles all over the field. The midfield of Oliver Casey, Tristan Brennan, Liam Fletcher, Theo Bailey and Henry Dolby never allowed East Riding to settle and they were ably supported by lone striker Seth Hartley who ran his socks off for the team. The defence superbly marshalled by Robert White and ably supported by Luke Lyons, Joe Straker and Mason Sheridan-Hawley were rock solid not allowing East Riding any attempts on goal in the first half.

Leeds playing with a strong wind in their favour started brightly and scored within the first 5 minutes when a Hartley flick from a Sheridan-Hawley long throw in was coolly finished by Fletcher. Bailey had a number of dangerous runs down the left wing, Hartley went close after a mazy dribble, Brennan and Sheridan-Hawley flashed a number of free kicks narrowly over the bar, Casey had a great long range shot stopped by the keeper but despite their incessant pressure Leeds could not add to their lead and turned around only 1 up at the interval with the prospect of having to play against the strong wind.

The second half was a tight affair with Leeds continuing to press and have most of the game even against the wind. However, they were grateful to goalkeeper Harrison Jones who made a fine close range save midway through the half when East Riding threatened to score. As the game drew to a close Leeds hit the bar at the end of a goalmouth scramble and Hartley had an almost certain goal disallowed for offside. They finally put matters beyond doubt when a fine run and cross from half-time substitute Jacob Little was well finished by the other substitute Jake Wright to put Leeds 2 up with less than 5 minutes to play. This was nothing less than they deserved, every player put in maximum effort and played to their potential. They can all feel very proud of this fine display as they tuck into their cornflakes on Sunday morning.