

Leeds SFA (U12's) 2 Worksop & Retford SFA (U12's) 2

An early pitch inspection was needed to give this fixture the go ahead and the decision proved to be the right one with near perfect conditions at kick off for this Under 12's encounter between two of the leagues championship challenging teams.

Leeds started the brighter of the two sides with Jack Smyth forcing an early save from James Leverton and following excellent interplay between Joe Pearson and Josh Bell the finish from Clifford Kondadue should have tested the keeper with the ball drifting narrowly wide of the left hand post.

With a plethora of missed chances the inevitable happened with a long speculative ball from well inside the Leeds half catching the Leeds defence at odds with the centre half easily playing Joe Wicks onside and his composure to round the Leeds keeper and finish with a side foot shot was a body blow.

Worksop started to press and their physical superiority all over the pitch was beginning to tell with Fletcher Payler out smartly to deny Zach Casburn with Cameron Dyas at full stretch to deny the oncoming Worksop striker a chance from the rebound.

Leeds were again unlucky when Joey Thompson found Danny Edwards only for his shot to blaze over the bar from close range. Just as Leeds started to get a foothold in the first half Joe Pearson was dispossessed in Midfield and a quick counter attack with the ball again played long over the top was smashed home by Drew Alwood with the Leeds keeper having no chance.

The second half saw a change of tactics from the Leeds manager with short passing and quick movement replacing individual runs and speculative passes into space and this proved a turning point. Rhys Walker was causing problems on the left and Frazer Branton was proving a handful for the Worksop backline with excellent hold up play and intelligent runs.

Leeds continued to dominate and when a Josh Bell through ball was cleared by the outrushing Worksop keeper Frazer Branton put his laces through the ball to rifle in a shot from 35 yards with the keeper in no mans land.

The goal galvanised the Leeds team and the tackles were flying in with Danny Edward unlucky to be singled out and booked for a late challenge on Zach Casburn.

With the referee choosing to add 2 extra minutes Leeds continued to pepper the Worksop goal and in the final minutes a cross Jack Smyth was met by O'Neil Quinsou only for the keeper to palm the ball back into the path of Rhys Walker whose left foot strike gave the unsighted keeper no chance.

The Leeds equaliser was just rewards for a second half in which Leeds produced the better football and a point each was a fair result in the end of a pulsating encounter that will leave both teams still in with an outside chance of the Junior Star league this season.

