

# Leeds take the points in the West Yorkshire derby

## **Leeds Schools' FA U12's V Bradford City U12's**

Leeds took the spoils in this West Yorkshire derby having put in one of their best most accomplished performance of the season. Early Leeds pressure failed to find an end product and the best chance of the early exchanges came from the visitors with a through ball that was poked goalwards only for Jonathan Kayij to clear off the line to prevent an early Bradford lead.

Leeds started to dominate in Midfield with the trickery of wingers Joey Thompson and Rhys Walker a constant threat. Clifford Kondadu was denied by a last ditch tackle when put through by Oliver Worland and Joshua Bell had a snap shot from 20 yards saved superbly by the excellent Bradford keeper.

Leeds hit the bar from a Joe Pearson dipping shot and following a tidy passage of play involving Rhys Walker and Devon Ward the cross from the left was headed agonisingly wide by Joey Thompson.

A rare foray into the Leeds half forced a good save from Leeds Keeper Chris Littlewood who was out quickly to narrow the angle saving smartly to his right.

As half time approached Leeds finally broke the deadlock. Josh bell picked out Cameron O Connor whose through ball was latched onto by Danny Edward who finished with a perfectly weighted lob to give Leeds a deserved half time advantage.

The second half started with Bradford in the ascendancy but the Leeds rear guard of Cameron Dyas and O'Neil Ouinsou proved impenetrable with tackle after tackle to frustrate the lone Bradford Striker.

Leeds effectively ended the game as a contest half way through the second half when a penalty was awarded for a trip inside the area that was despatched into the centre of the goal with the keeper diving to his left.

The highlight of the last 15 minutes was a spectacular one handed save from the Leeds second half keeper Fletcher Paley who dived full stretch to his right to tip the ball over the bar to prevent a certain Bradford Goal.

The Leeds management team were delighted with the team's performance with Manager John Forest paying tribute to the passing and movement of his team and the excellent sportsmanship of both sets of players throughout.