

## **Sheffield v Leeds U13s - 25/4/15 - League**

A difficult end to the season as Leeds travelled to probable champions Sheffield on a sunny but windy morning.

### 1st Half:

An even first ten minutes with both sides probing for a breakthrough without success. Leeds had an Owen Hindley free-kick on target but saved and Sheffield gained a couple of corners both cleared. The first clear chance came to Leeds when Alistair Thompson's cross was headed wide by Lewis Branton. At the other end Sheffield went close with a shot hitting the outside of the post and a cross drifting across the six-yard box with no-one to finish. They were fast and direct when they attacked and Jack Twyford and Harry Swift had to be alert to cut out some danger. The pressure finally told when another corner led to a chance that was well blocked by Matty Swift but the rebound fell straight to an attacker who couldn't miss - 0 - 1. Further pressure led to two shots over the bar before Leeds got some possession and forced a corner which was cleared and then a good run from James Shaw led to another header from Lewis which was blocked.

The Leeds defence were being worked hard and Jack Kreczmer needed to be alert to deal with Sheffield's nippy winger. Another corner then led to a second goal as again the ball was blocked but prodded home - 0 - 2. The wind had strengthened and was making it difficult for Leeds to get the ball upfield and a third goal came from another cross put in from close range - 0 - 3.

### **Half-time: Sheffield 3 - 0 Leeds**

Early second-half action saw Owen deliver a cross that just beat the Leeds forwards as the wind carried it. Kian Linley broke through but was denied by a good parry from the keeper but the ball rolled away from the Leeds attackers. Leon, in goal, was being kept busy and made a good save at a forwards feet. Leeds were showing better form with the wing and Owen struck a free-kick from long range which struck the bar. Matty Swift then had to make a timely tackle to snuff out an attack before Leeds hit the bar again with a shot from Lewis. Alistair was making some good runs and won a corner but the keeper cleared. Sheffield then won two free-kicks and from the second one the ball was put in just under the bar for goal number four - 0 - 4.

All Leeds players were working hard and didn't let their heads drop and Matty Kyle was making good challenges and tackles in midfield and they were still attacking as Charlie Webb crossed for Lewis to have a shot, but straight at the keeper and Kian shot narrowly wide. Sheffield finally got a fifth when, after the ball was clearly out of play, the referee let play go on for Sheffield to score.

### **Full-time: Sheffield 5 - 0 Leeds**