

East Riding 1 v Leeds 'A' 7

[Under 11 west yorks league]

In blustery conditions Leeds 'A' Under 11 side travelled to North Ferriby to take on East Riding in a West Yorkshire League fixture. Leeds A needs to win all of their remaining league games to take the title and although totally dominant from the beginning, nerves seem to get to the players as chances were created and spurned. Cassidy Hanakin hit the post from close in as spectators and coach alike began to wonder, 'is it going to be one of those days'? This was followed shortly afterwards by a strong surging run from captain Josh Stones who drilled a powerful shot towards the corner only for the opposition keeper to pull off a stunning save. All calmed down minutes later when from Cole Robert's outswinging corner full back Billy Carroll headed home to give Leeds the lead. For the next half hour Leeds surged forward in relentless style rendering keeper Fin Wade virtually redundant and played scintillating football. Jack Teahan's beautifully flighted cross was powerfully dispatched by Stones into the roof of the net. A strong run by Charlie Costello set up goal for Dylan Youmbi who drilled home. Leeds at this time was just too strong with Carroll, Gideon Pleiner and Derek Bello in command in defence, even when East Riding got a corner Pleiner nonchalantly cleared the ball off the line. Alfie Wilkinson and Stones were orchestrating matters in midfield and shortly after Wilkinson drove wide, Saul Kane was on hand to fire home after the keeper spilled a Teahan cross. Kane scored his second when finishing a Hannakin pass as Leeds continued to press home their superiority. Connor Pearson's surging run was brought to an abrupt end by a foul, up stepped Roberts to curl the ball home for a 6-0 lead. The last ten minutes saw a host of missed chances and scrappy play by Leeds and the battling East Riding got a consolation goal when Pleiner was left one on three and the ball bounced over him for the striker to nip in and poach a goal past Wade. This spurred Leeds on again and Hannakin smartly finished a Kane cross to restore the six goal cushion.

This result means that the Leeds team is handily placed to secure the title as long as no slip ups occur.