

Leeds v Scarborough - U13s League match - 29/11/14

1st Half:

A misty, rainy morning greeted the teams as they kicked off on a sticky pitch. Leeds pressed from the start and gained an early corner that Owen Hindley dropped into the box. A goalmouth scramble followed before **Matthew Kyle** finally shot home to give Leeds the lead - 1 - 0. Scarborough were having difficulty getting into the Leeds half and Lewis Branton had a point-blank effort saved by the keeper's legs. The away team eventually did attack but a strong Jack Twyford tackle ended the threat. Leeds deservedly doubled their lead when **Matthew Swift** got a shot in that took a deflection to beat the keeper - 2 - 0. Leeds debut keeper, Leon Heppell, finally got some action as he smothered a through-ball at the feet of a Scarborough attacker. At the other end Lewis reached a long pass fractionally before the keeper but his toe-poke drifted just wide.

Leeds were dominating in midfield and creating plenty of chances and two of these were converted by **Lewis**. The first followed an Alistair Thompson shot that the keeper couldn't hold and Lewis slotted home and then a Jack Kreczmer cross came back off the bar for another easy finish which made the score 4 - 0. Scarborough at last put pressure on Leeds and after their first corner wasn't cleared by the defence the ball was forced home - 4 - 1. Leeds replied almost immediately and after some good midfield play, a Charlie Webb pass found **Luke Owen** who finished calmly - 5 - 1. Leeds then appeared to think the game was already won and Leon had to make a good tackle and conceded a corner. It was taken and floated in at the far post - 5 - 2. Straight after, as Leeds watched again, another attack ended with a third goal for the away team - 5 - 3. Wake up boys!

Half time: Leeds 5 - 3 Scarborough

2nd Half:

Leeds started as they had in the first half and Charlie had the first chance but shot wide before Alistair was foiled by a last-ditch tackle. Joe Turpin was having a good game causing problems with strong running and good crosses and Jonah Evans was playing well in midfield. Even so, Leeds could not rest and the away team struck the outside of the post in their next attack. Leeds were showing a Jekyll and Hyde attitude at times - when they were on their game they looked too good for the opposition but lapses in concentration always meant Scarborough posed a threat. When they did threaten Jack again produced a solid tackle to keep the goal intact. Fortunately Leeds realised they were the better side and started to dominate the game again and some substitutions seemed to freshen them up. Charlie had a shot parried by the keeper but no-one was close enough to get on the end of the rebound. Leeds finally increased their lead when **Alistair** had a good run and rounded the keeper to score - 6 - 3. They kept attacking and a good cross from Owen presented **Luke** with a close-range finish - 7 - 3. Scarborough still showed they weren't demoralised and a shot over the bar and a good Finlay Sanderson tackle prevented them increasing their tally. As Leeds attacked again a Lewis effort was ruled out for offside before **Charlie** had an effort inches wide but then he finally got his reward with a shot deflected in off a defender - 8 - 3. Straight from the kick-off **Luke** scored again for his hat-trick as Scarborough tired - 9 - 3. It was now one-way traffic and Harry Carney robbed the full-back but dragged his shot across goal and as the game drew to a close Charlie shot over from long-range.

Full time: Leeds 9 - 3 Scarborough

A patchy display from Leeds. 75% - very good and made the game look easy, 25% - seemed to go to sleep and invite danger. You have never won a game until the final whistle and lapses of concentration will be punished by stronger opposition. Still, shouldn't complain about nine goals so well done boys!