

Leeds Schools FA U11's 'A' 7 – Sheffield Schools FA U11's 'Clarets' 0

West Yorkshire League

Leeds City Boys 'A' team made a strong statement of their intentions in the West Yorkshire League with a resounding 7-0 victory against Sheffield Clarets.

A very one-sided game saw Leeds totally dominant throughout the game playing some of their finest football of the season. However, it could all have been very different as Sheffield almost took the lead in the first minute of the game. A long through ball caught the Leeds defence napping and the Sheffield striker's excellent finish unfortunately for him struck the inside of the far post before defender Billy Carroll scrambled back to hook off the line and away to safety.

Undeterred by that, Leeds took the game to Sheffield and Cole Roberts soon put Leeds into the lead with a cool finish from a precise through ball from Cassidy Hanakin.

The second goal was made by Josh Stones in midfield who showed great strength to win the ball and then after a neat drag-back, released Charlie Costello for his fourth goal in 2 games.

2-0 at the end of a strong first period for Leeds and the home side came out for the second period full of confidence.

The Leeds defence of Billy Carroll, Connor Pearson and Derek Bello were giving a dangerous Sheffield forward line very quiet but had Gideon Pliener to thank for keeping a clean sheet as he headed a goal bound effort of the line.

Going forward, Leeds were devastating though and Man of the Match Cole Roberts soon bagged his second with an excellent strike from the edge of the box to make it 3-0.

Saul Kane was unlucky to hit the post with a stretching, sliding effort from close range but Cole Roberts soon put the result beyond doubt with a left foot strike for his third and Leeds fourth of the morning just before the second break.

The final third continued in the same vein with keeper Fin Wade not having to be called into action at all. Cassidy Hanakin hit the fifth with his left foot following a goal-mouth scramble and Saul Kane volleyed in a re-bound from a stinging Josh Stones shot to make it six.

Leeds were playing some lovely one-touch football as the game drew to a close and there was just enough time for Josh Stones to launch a high free kick under the cross-bar which the Sheffield goal-keeper could only parry towards his own goal where Alfie Wilkinson was on hand to hook the ball into the net to make sure and complete the rout.

A purring Mr R tagged his Leeds team's efforts as 'a complete performance' and rated it as the boys 'best of the season so far' which bodes well as the ambitious team enter the business end of the season.