

Leeds City Boys v E Riding U-13s - 18/10/14

1st Half:

Leeds went into their first league game of the season in good conditions against a big side from E Riding. The first few minutes were stalemate as neither side troubled the opposition keeper. When the first chance came it was a comedy of errors. A through-ball from Leeds was chased into the box by Kian Linley whose challenge on the keeper forced a fumble. Kian stole the ball and crossed into the near post where the E Riding defender finished well, but into his own net! - 1-0. Far from demoralised the visitors took control of the game and a combination of poor finishing and excellent goalkeeping from Callum Oddy kept Leeds in front. Leeds were struggling to put any attacks together relying on the occasional breakaway to cause the Riding defence any problems.

Eventually Leeds did work the keeper as he had to be alert to smother the ball at the feet of Charlie Webb. A good run by Alistair Thompson earned Leeds a corner that came to nothing. Riding then produced a quality move down the right which ended with a good cross and an easy finish for their big centre forward - 1-1. Riding were always looking the more likely to score and after a Leeds corner had been cleared they swept downfield and a one-on-one with the keeper resulted in a second goal - 1-2. It was no more than they deserved after a dominant half where their lead could and should have been bigger.

Half-time: Leeds 1 - 2 E Riding

2nd Half:

Leeds started this half with a more determined approach and were level early on when a good Charlie Webb finish levelled the scores. - 2-2. Leeds were playing a lot better now and a good run by Alistair down the right ended with a corner. This was driven across the box where Charlie hit a low shot that the keeper got to but couldn't keep out - 3-2. The Riding attack were always a threat with their size and pace but Leeds defence were coping a lot better this half. Good inter-play by Alistair and Owen Hindley led to across into the six-yard box but no Leeds player could touch it home. Jack Twyford then had a long-range shot clear the bar before another good run and cross by Alistair ended with a Lewis Branton shot being saved.

As Riding attacked Callum had to pull off two good saves to prevent an equaliser. Lewis then had another good run down the left that ended with Kian shooting wide and soon after a corner was headed over the bar. Riding were still full of running and had a shot narrowly wide before their persistence paid off with a low shot from 12 yards that Callum could do nothing about - 3-3. Leeds strove for a winner and Alistair set up a chance for Owen whose shot drifted wide. Another couple of chances came Leeds way but Lewis shot over and Charlie had a shot pushed away for a corner as the game drew to a close.

Full-time: Leeds 3 - 3 E Riding

A battling performance from Leeds against a big, fast side who were maybe a little unfortunate not to take the win. Credit must go to Leeds though for fighting back in the second half after being mauled in the first period.