

Leeds v York U13s - WY Cup - 20/12/14

1st Half:

Leeds were under pressure even before the game started as a number of players were out injured, including both goalkeepers and another couple were not fully fit after illness and injury. Kian Linley stood in as makeshift keeper. He was soon in action collecting safely from a York shot. Leeds went to the other end when Joe Turpin made good ground and crossed but Owen Hindley's shot was blocked. He soon got another cross into the box but the York defence cleared the danger. York were giving as good as they got and made the Leeds defence scramble to clear as they pressed for the lead.

There was little between the sides as they both struggled to control the ball on a bumpy pitch in windy conditions. Matty Kyle was the next Leeds player to try his luck but his shot was easily saved. Leeds looked good in midfield but couldn't find the final ball to create clear-cut chances. When Owen finally got a good pass through the defence Luke Owen had an effort blocked again. Then Lewis Branton was inches short on the end of Jack Kreczmer's through-ball before the keeper collected. York then struck with a good move that gave them the lead as their forward glanced the ball past Kian 0 - 1. As Leeds pressed for the equaliser Charlie Webb had a shot parried by the keeper but no-one was following up. Kian had to push a York shot round the post as they replied but Finlay Sanderson and Jack Twyford were coping well with the York attack.

Half-time: Leeds 0 - 1 York

2nd Half:

An Owen Hindley free-kick was saved by the York keeper as Leeds started the half brightly. Jack then had to make a couple of timely tackles as York attacked. The game was turning into a midfield stalemate. When some action finally occurred Joe supplied Charlie with a chance that went inches wide who then shot over the bar soon after. A stoppage then occurred as Lewis and the York keeper collided but both continued after treatment. Leeds were desperate for an equaliser and Luke has a good run and shot but the keeper saved well.

Leeds were having more possession and territory without creating any goal-scoring chances. They eventually won a corner but it was cleared before Charlie was just beaten to the ball by the keeper who had had a good game. As time ran out Leeds had probably their best chance but a Lewis shot struck the goalkeeper who knew little about it but deserved his luck on the day. No complaints but the ball didn't seem to run for them today as hard as they tried.

Full-time: Leeds 0 - 1 York

No excuses despite injuries and illness, it's all part of the game. Not a bad performance by any means but no luck against skilful opposition meant Leeds exited another Cup competition. On another day they could have won and there is hope in the new year that with a fit team they will have a strong second-half to the season. Keep fighting lads!