

Leeds U12 v Worksop & Retford U12

Junior Star League

Venue: St Theresa's Primary School

27th February 2016

Starting line up: Jack W, Billy, Archie, Owen, Harrison, Alfie, Jay, Ross, Mackaay.

Leeds welcomed Worksop and Retford to St Theresa's in their 5th game of the Junior Star League. Currently lying second, 2 points behind the leaders York, a win today could take them to the top of the league if York slip up away to Nottingham.

A strong start from Leeds and the majority of the play in the first 5 minutes is in the Worksop half although the only real chance falls to Jay who poked wide after a powerful cross from Harrison. Leeds were looking a bit flat and slow on the ball for the first time this season, possibly the aftermath of a busy half term holiday? On 9 minutes Worksop broke through the Leeds back line but a quick thinking Jack W charged out of the box to clear the ball back up the pitch.

11 minutes in and Mackaay delivered a lovely cross in to the middle for Ross who under pressure unfortunately shot over the bar.

Worksop were no mugs, passing well and strong in the tackle. Leeds started to wake up as the first period drew to a close, Ross coming close again with another shot just wide from outside the area.

The second period started with Cole, Jack T and Saul on for Ross, Jay and Mackaay. After a couple of minutes of increased pressure Saul was fouled in the area. Cole stepped up to take the kick and side footed it past the keeper. 1-0 after 27 minutes.

With their noses in front Leeds started to play and pass like we know they can, Jack T pushed a shot just wide of the post, Saul set up Harrison with a shot but it was scrambled away by the keeper and minutes later Jack T volleyed over the bar. The pressure was starting to build and another goal wasn't far away. Finn and Jack W swapped places as the match reached the half way point.

After 38 minutes Leeds broke down the right hand side, Cole laid off a perfect ball for Owen to run on to from his right wing back position and scored his first goal of the season! 2-0

Leeds began to notch up a gear and Worksop were getting very stretched, so much so that frustration got the better of their no.4 who received a Yellow card for another late tackle.

As the final period started Billy and Joel entered the pitch and replaced Archie and Owen. More gaps were opening up in the Worksop midfield and Saul put Mackaay through on 49 minutes, again another shot was pushed just wide of the target.

A late flurry from Worksop as the game entered the last 5 minutes saw them have a goal disallowed for offside and then from a free kick just outside the area a shot was whipped in and over the bar. They were still threatening to make a mark on the game.

With 3 minutes to go Cole broke through three defenders and managed a shot on target, the keeper saved but the ball came out to Joel who fired in off the post to make it 3-0 and the game was now out of reach for Worksop.

A slow start for Leeds followed by a strong dominant display saw them take all 3 points, let's hope York didn't get the result they wanted!