

This week, with Mr Rossiter away coaching with last years all conquering under 11's the team was left in the capable hands of Doc Towers and Scott Rawson. Although it is worth noting the referee went missing before kick-off resulting in a 30 minute delay.

#### First half

The delay seemed to upset the boys as the encounter had a very scrappy first 10 minutes. Goal 1-0! A Ben Moss screamer from the edge of the box gave the keeper no chance of saving and sparked Leeds into life. Charlie Tokarski was only prevented from doubling the lead by a bad bobble when clean through on goal. Bradley Wood then shielded the ball before turning and slipping the ball through the back line of the Nottingham defence, where the advancing Ben Moss just couldn't quite get onto it. Nottingham had their first attack only for Ben Littlewood to intercept the striker bound through ball. This was quickly followed by a good cross from the Nottingham left that whizzed right across the Leeds six yard box. Leeds and Nottingham then traded attacks without creating any clear cut chance. Charlie and Ben Moss had long range efforts wide of the Nottingham goal. A series of strong tackles followed with the ball ending up over the Nottingham byline giving Leeds a chance to work a great short corner routine, resulting in Bradley Pride slipping in Bradley Wood who shot low against the outside of the near post.

Goal 2-0 A pile driver from Leo Diffey was well saved but unfortunately for the visitors it was by the Nottingham Centre half. A penalty to Leeds which was dispatched effortlessly by Bradley Pride off the inside of the left hand upright. It was all Leeds now with shot after shot peppering the Nottingham goal until a mix up in the Leeds defence required a great save by Harvey Coleman. The Leeds midfield were leaving the Leeds defence exposed as the visitors enjoyed their best spell of the match so far. A triple substitution could not prevent Nottingham reducing the deficit by half as the all action centre mid-fielder ran straight through the heart of the Leeds midfield and defence like a knife through butter to score.

Goal 3-1 Leeds restored their two goal advantage a long shot from Max Pearson that the goalkeeper could only palm to the side where Kron was onto it like a flash and played a simple square ball across the front of the goal for a Bradley Pride tap in. Leeds went close again before the break after another long range effort by Charlie hit the post.

#### Second half.

Another scrappy start resulted in Leeds soaking up a lot of pressure and unable to get out of their own half. At times Leeds looked like they were in slow motion as Nottingham were starting to win the battle in the middle of the park. In a rare Leeds break away a Kron turn and shot was well saved by the keeper when a possible better option was square.

Goal 4-1 Alfie Wright scored out of nothing which settled the Leeds side down after good play from Sam Appleyard. Further substitutions took place but this did not upset the Leeds teams new found rhythm of play. First Ben Redshaw shot wide from a narrow angle then a smart one-two with Kron saw the same have a shot straight at the keeper. Tom Douglas re-instated at left back was doing a fine job of thwarting any Nottingham break away which then in turn allowed Kron to shoot just over the bar with a sweet half volley. Kron then managed to rattle the bar from the edge of the box. A further quick Nottingham break away just reminded the Leeds defenders that they were still in the game but the shot was scooped up by Alex Fraser. Another Leeds last ditch tackle was followed immediately by a block that ensured the three goal advantage was kept intact. The next Leeds attack saw Bradley Wood brought down on the edge of

the box by the last man though no card was shown. Kron skimmed the bar from the resulting free kick. Nottingham came again and had an effort just wide of the Leeds post but time was running out. The last five minutes belonged to Leeds with Jack Clarke and Max Pearson controlling play allowing Leeds to wrap up the result without having to get out of second gear.

