

## **U11 Leeds A v Hull Trans-Pennine League 15<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

A re-jigged Leeds A team delivered a much improved performance against Hull, with Ethan Kachosa, Charlie Owen and Jack Grassham adding energy and positivity in a hard-fought 1-1 draw.

On a breezy chilly day, Leeds began with their three new recruits on the pitch and made a good start, a cross from the right by Tom Woodeson forcing a save from the Hull keeper, and a Will Holmes ball through to Kachosa resulting in a corner to Leeds which was eventually cleared.

After some good attacking play from Charlie Owen led to another corner, Hull started to come in to the game, with a shot from their number 12 going wide, then three subsequent chances being cleared, saved and going just wide.

The last few minutes of the first third saw a short free kick to Leeds turn into an attack to Hull that Tom Nicholson-Watton did well to keep out, and a final chance for Hull went over the bar. Overall, a close first third, with Hull having more clear-cut chances that the Leeds defence did well to keep out, but Leeds had lots of possession, Holmes in particular creating some lovely passes out of midfield for Owens and Kachosa to run on to.

Leeds started the second third brightly – Harry Barton had a shot cleared, Jonny White headed just wide, a lovely passing move between Kachosa and White was cleared off the line by the Hull number 12 and the same combination forced a great save.

Hull also had chances with Nicholson-Watton punching one out, Barton clearing for a corner, and Brown doing well to take the ball away from the penalty area.

Somewhat against the run of play, the Hull number 2 broke through the defence and scored in the bottom corner to make it 1-0 to the away team, which was tough on Leeds after their attacking efforts.

Mr Rossiter, only just out of hospital after an operation, rallied the troops by waving his crutches around and Leeds continued to play some positive attacking football. A sharp passing move between Brown, Kachosa and White resulted in a corner but the ball just didn't fall for Leeds who failed to score.

Nicholson-Watton kept the score to 1-0 by tipping a Hull free kick on to the bar - it looked like a great save but the referee gave the goal kick, and the score stayed 1-0 to the away team at the end of the second third.

Hull started the final third of the match by attacking the Leeds goal: Ellis Wilson-Gales made a challenge on the dangerous Hull number 2 to force the ball out for a corner which was then cleared off the line, and Matty Johnson blocked another shot as Hull tried to increase their advantage.

Leeds were still very much in the game though, and White had a fantastic chance to score after great work by Owens – with the keeper on the ground the shot unfortunately went just wide.

Another shot from Wilson-Gales was saved but the pressure finally told when Jonny White's hard work created an opportunity for Will Holmes to score a well-deserved equaliser. 1-1!

The last few minutes of the match were frenetic with the Hull keeper making a save from Jonny White and Haroon and Joe Ingleson working hard in the defence to keep the opposition out. In the final minute of the game, Woodeson cleared off the line to keep the score at 1-1.

A much better performance for the home side, who deserved at least a draw and are now looking forward to the cup semi final on 5<sup>th</sup> April against the same opposition.