

Brierley Hill & Dudley v Leeds – Friday 1st November

Leeds opened up on the tour by facing a tough Brierley Hill team which is top of the Midlands League. In monsoon conditions Leeds took a little time to settle against a strong physical team, but gradually began to dominate when Liam Dean finished off a superb flowing move with a crisp drive.

Will Holmes was played in down the line by Jack Backhouse and delivered a delightful chipped cross to Ellis Wilson Gales whose header clipped the bar. Jonny White was surging past defenders at will and as a result was on the end of a few bruising encounters. A shot from Joe Ingleson was blocked and regaining possession he passed to Dean who tucked home smartly for a two goal lead. Jake Donahue produced a flying save to deny Brierley Hill a response and as the game time counted down Leeds dominated proceedings. As the game entered the final 10 minutes an off the ball incident resulted in Holmes being fouled but the incident was unfortunately missed by the referee in ever worsening conditions and from the resultant corner Brierley Hill sneaked a goal. Matthew Johnson at the back was in domineering form and was ably supported by Thomas Woodeson whose energy and strength on a heavy surface was commendable. All the Leeds team gave 100%, Grassham, Barton , Brown and Owen were all superb and left deflated when in the last minute an isolated attack saw the ball crossed in and a looped shot find its way over Donahue to nestle in the Leeds net. A great game played in a competitive environment and a superb exhibition of football from a Leeds side which will become stronger throughout the season against tough opponents