

Leeds U-13s v Wakefield U-13s - 4/10/14

1st Half:

Conditions were not good for this game as steady rain and a cold wind greeted the teams. Leeds had the first effort on goal with a Matty Swift shot going wide. This was quickly followed with more shots off target by Kian Linley and Owen Hindley. A goal looked likely and duly arrived when Kian finally hit the target from the edge of the box - 1-0. As Leeds dominated another Matty Swift shot went wide before a superb through ball by Alistair Thompson presented Kian with another chance that he didn't waste - 2-0. Leeds continued to press, Kian shooting wide, before a Harry Carney cross was well held by the Wakefield keeper.

Wakefield eventually had a shot on target but Leeds keeper Callum Oddy made a comfortable save. The Leeds defence were coping well with sporadic attacks although Jack Twyford had to be alert to clear a couple of attempts. The game was more even now but a good pass by Matty Swift to Lewis Branton ended with a shot over the bar. At the other end Jonah Evans made a strong tackle to thwart a Wakefield breakaway. Another run down the right by Alistair ended with a Leeds corner. Owen Hindley put over an accurate effort which Kian headed in to complete his hat-trick - 3-0. As the half drew to a close Matty Swift again made the keeper work. With almost the last action a Wakefield free-kick on the touchline was headed in from six yards as the Leeds defence failed to clear - 3-1.

2nd Half:

Leeds again started brightly and Kian almost scored again as he headed narrowly over the bar from a free-kick. After a period of scrappy play by both teams a Wakefield attack ended with a second goal as their forward was left totally unmarked to plant his shot past Callum - 3-2. It appeared that Leeds thought they had done enough in the first half but the game had changed as Wakefield fought hard to get an equaliser. Leeds were still creating plenty of chances and a Charlie Webb run and cross ended with Kian heading over the bar again. Wakefield were still dangerous but Leeds applied more pressure and efforts from Charlie and Harry Carney both failed to find the net.

Wakefield attacked again forcing Jack Twyford to concede a corner from which they equalised as another unmarked player volleyed in - 3-3. Leeds seemed to be stung into action by conceding again and Kian and Charlie again had efforts saved. Good work by Jonah led to a couple of crosses into the Wakefield area but they were cleared. As time ticked away Leeds received a free-kick wide out. Owen floated a good ball to the far post where Matty Kyle rose to place a firm header past the keeper - 4-3. The relief was obvious as the team celebrated victory.

Leeds U-13s **4** - **3** Wakefield U-13s

The lesson from this match is that you must keep playing for the whole of the game whatever the score - *and mark people at corners and free-kicks*. The game could have been won comfortably with the chances created but congratulations are due to the whole team for grabbing a winner after losing a good lead.