

Hull FA U11's 1 – Leeds Schools FA U11 0

Disappointment for Leeds City Boys U11's as they crashed out of the prestigious Green 'Un Trophy to rivals Hull in a tight game on a cold morning in Humberside.

Much fancied Leeds seemed to have lost some of their early season form and confidence after a poor run of recent results and found very resilient and physical opponents in the home side, Hull.

Leeds did start the game reasonably well and had the better of both possession and chances in the first period including good attempts from Josh Stones and Charlie Costello but there was a sign of things to come in the closing stages of the period as GK Fin Wade was forced into an excellent save with his legs to keep the game scoreless at the first break.

Changes were made by both teams at the interval but in the time it took for the Leeds replacements to warm up and get into the pace of the game, the re-shuffled home team found their rhythm and the momentum markedly shifted in the game.

The winning goal came as a result of Hull pressure and was tucked in at the far post by Hull's striker following a low ball across a crowded box as the Leeds defence stood still.

Hull were lifted by their goal and began to dominate the second period as Leeds unusually struggled to keep hold of the ball. The home side were unfortunate not to extend their lead with several attempts on goal in this period and in particular were thwarted by an heroic double goal-line block by defender Billy Carroll which kept Leeds in the game into the final third.

A more even final third ensued as Leeds chased the game and Hull wound down the clock but despite their best efforts and a particularly close effort in the last minute to equalise by Josh Stones, Leeds didn't really look like scoring and the result had an inevitable feel about it.

Hull went into the game as underdogs but showed great desire to win the game and a physical commitment that Leeds were unable to match on the day which will disappoint the Manager and the Christmas break will perhaps give the young Leeds boys the chance to rest and re-group and hopefully regain their early season form and promise.