

Leeds v Harrogate U13s - 18/4/15 - League

This was going to be a difficult game for Leeds as they had three forwards and main goalscorers missing for various reasons. And so it proved as Leeds were 2-0 down within 10 minutes due to neat play from Harrogate and naïve defending from Leeds. The second goal was particularly poor from Leeds point of view as a throw-in was collected by a totally unmarked attacker who had a simple job of scoring. The game was then held up as Jack Twyford and the big Harrogate forward collided and both were injured but carried on after treatment.

Leeds finally showed some attacking ideas forcing a corner and a free-kick, but both came to nothing. Harrogate were dangerous every time they got near the box and Leon, in goal, made a number of good saves to keep the score down. Charlie Webb shot wide in a rare Leeds attack but they had been second-best which was emphasised as Harrogate went 3-0 up after a neat move and finish. Just before half-time Jack delivered a great ball to Charlie but he was just beaten for pace by a defender.

Half-time: Leeds 0 - 3 Harrogate

Leeds put James Shaw up front as the second-half started and they carried more of a threat as his pace troubled the Harrogate defence. They kept pressing and Jack Kreczmer had a shot narrowly wide and Kian Scales had a good run but his shot was blocked. They then were awarded a free-kick on the edge of the box but James' shot hit the wall before he was just denied by the keeper diving at his feet. Leeds were looking much better and Matty Swift had a header drift wide but a goal wouldn't come. Tom Casey was working hard to break up Harrogate attacks but eventually a swift move down the right split the defence and led to a fourth goal. Alistair Thompson and Kian put a move together which came to nothing before Joe Turpin had a shot saved after a corner.

Harrogate then scored a fifth goal with two Leeds players lying injured as over robust tactics seemed to go unpunished. Owen Hindley, Jonah Evans and Matty Kyle had worked hard in midfield but today was not Leeds' day for various reasons.

Full-time: Leeds 0 - 5 Harrogate