

27th September East Riding FA U11's 1 – Leeds Schools FA U11 2

A second trip to Humberside for Leeds City Boys U11's in a week resulted in a second victory for the young team against a spirited and resolute East Riding side.

Leeds started the better side and had the majority of possession in the game without creating too many clear chances in the first third of the game. The best chance of the period fell to Daniel Hernandez, who broke free on the right and crashed a thunderous drive against the East Riding crossbar.

East Riding had their moments though and looked particularly dangerous down the right hand side, however neither side could make the breakthrough and the first third ended goal-less.

The second period saw the game begin to open up as chances fell to both sides. Josh Stones was unlucky not to open the scoring with a long range shot just over the bar and Dylan Youmbi just pulled his shot wide after being released through by Alfie Wilkinson.

Goalkeeper Fin Wade made a point blank save from a close range header following an East Riding corner and the resultant goal mouth melee saw East Riding strike the crossbar before Leeds managed to scramble the ball to safety.

The game was just starting to get scrappy when Leeds clicked into gear to score two goals in a minute. Alfie Wilkinson struck the first with a low hard shot from 25 yards whistling into the bottom corner taking a slight deflection along the way past the East Riding keeper.

From the resultant kick-off, Leeds quickly regained possession and Dylan Youmbi broke through on the edge of the box and his fierce right foot drive could only be parried away by the keeper into the path of Cassidy Hanakin who coolly slotted in the re-bound.

Leeds saw out the second period at 2-0 and the final period commenced with Leeds playing more confidently thanks to their two-goal cushion.

East Riding had not given up on the game though and despite Leeds dominance in midfield, the home side carved out the better chances and Leeds had to thank Fin Wade between the sticks for preserving their lead first with a good save to the left and then a goal-line smother after the ball had bizarrely rebounded off both posts.

East Riding gained a late and deserved consolation goal in the final minutes as the game came to a scrappy conclusion but overall Leeds had edged the game and were good for their victory.

