

West Yorkshire Cup – Quarter Final

A very local derby for Leeds City Boys U11's as the squad mates of the 'A' and 'B' team were pitched against each other in the Quarter Final of the West Yorkshire Cup.

The 'A' team were marginal favourites going into the game but the 'B' team's excellent form in the West Yorkshire League gave prior warning that this was going to be a very competitive encounter.

And so it proved as the 'B' team started very brightly and took the lead. Jet-heeled Daniel Hernandez chased down and improbably kept in a long ball hit towards the by-line before squaring it to the on-rushing Samuel Longfellow who coolly slotted home to make it 1-0 to the 'home' side.

The 'A' team soon sparked into action though and hit back with two goals from winger Charlie Costello in quick succession to re-take the lead. The first demonstrated Costello's electric pace as he latched on to an excellent through ball from Alfie Wilkinson before burying home expertly. However the second was slightly more fortunate and unlucky for the 'B' team defence as a cross from the right from Cole Roberts took a double deflection straight into Costello's path allowing him to score from close range.

The remainder of the first period was very evenly contested and closely fought with Daniel Hernandez dangerous on the left wing and Max Tarbard prominent in midfield but the 'A' team held on to the lead going into the first break.

The second period was more one sided though as the 'A' team settled quicker and took control of possession. Substitute Saul Kane pulled the ball back from the right hand side to fellow sub Dylan Youmbi who produced a clinical left foot strike from the edge of the box to give Riley Greenwood no chance in goal making it 3-1 early in the second period.

The 'A' team didn't add to their tally in the second period despite having the lion's share of the game as the 'B' teams defence of Sam Halliwell, Max Hunter and Aiden Rivers stood firm along with goal keeper Greenwood to keep them at bay.

The final third saw some excellent play from the 'A' team as the game slipped away from the tiring 'B' side. Dylan Youmbi made it 4-1 as he showed great pace to evade the 'B' team defence and on to a through ball from Jack Teahan before slotting home with ease.

The last five minutes saw both Charlie Costello and Dylan Youmbi hit the net to complete the scoring. Charlie Costello struck first as he buried a squared ball inside the box from Josh Stones for his first hat-trick for Leeds Schoolboys.

Next Youmbi also completed his hat-trick as he calmly netted Saul Kane's smart pull back from the by-line following a tricky run from the corner flag.

6-1 it ended but the score-line was not reflective of the overall game as the 'B' team competed very strongly for large parts of the game and could be proud of their efforts.

The game was played in great spirits between the Leeds squad mates and on the touchline but some clinical finishing from the Leeds 'A' team was probably the difference on the day.

A very tough semi-final away to Hull now awaits the victorious 'A' team.