

Bradford v Leeds U13s - League match - 8/11/14

1st Half:

The game started in dull but dry conditions on a firm pitch despite recent rain.

The first action of the game saw Alistair Thompson send a through-ball into the box that was just too strong for the Leeds forwards. Alistair then crossed for Luke Owen who shot over from a good position before Harry Carney also missed the target when well placed. Leeds were dominating and should have been in front but when Bradford finally attacked Finlay Sanderson had to be alert with a good tackle to snuff out danger. Another good cross from Alistair went unrewarded again although Jack Twyford and Finlay had to make a sure they watched the big Bradford No. 10 who was looking dangerous.

Leeds main problem was not getting on the end of a number of good crosses into the box. As often happens when a team is dominating they fall behind. A Bradford corner was half cleared to the edge of the box where it was despatched into the top corner of the Leeds net giving Callum no chance - 1 - 0. Leeds came back immediately and a free-kick from Luke forced a decent save from the keeper. Leeds were still on top and a Lewis Branton cross was headed wide by Kian Linley before he had another chance cleared off the line. Leeds forced two corners after which Owen Hindley shot over and half-time arrived with Leeds behind.

Half-time: Bradford 1 - 0 Leeds

2nd Half:

After some early Leeds pressure a breakaway from Bradford ended with an easy tap-in for them to unbelievably lead 2-0. Leeds faced a battle now and Matty Swift shot just wide as they tried to reduce the deficit. They nearly conceded again as a desperate goal-line clearance prevented a third Bradford goal. Leeds had to throw more men forward and from a free-kick on the edge of the box Owen struck the bar before numerous efforts on goal from Lewis, Kian and Matty all failed to find the target. Leeds finally received some reward as a corner was bundled over the line by Lewis and the referee signalled it has crossed the line - 2 - 1.

Leeds had renewed confidence after that with Tom Casey and Joe Turpin looking solid out wide and Alistair was foiled an equaliser by a good save. It was only a matter of time before Leeds pressure paid off with Lewis crossing for Alistair to glance a header past the keeper - 2 - 2. There was only going to be one winner now and a Jack Twyford free-kick was headed on by Owen to Alistair who hit the bar and the follow up from Lewis hit the post . . . how many more chances squandered?

Eventually justice was done was a good through-ball from Harry set Lewis free and he outpaced the defence and slotted his shot past the keeper - 2 - 3. Leeds kept on top as the game ran out with Lewis caught offside to maybe prevent another goal.

Final score: Leeds 3 - 2 Bradford

A strange game with Leeds struggling to a victory that should have been decided a lot earlier. Once again missed chances could have been costly but credit due to everyone for fighting back from 2-0 down. Well done lads.