

Huddersfield Academy 3 - 2 Leeds City Boys U-13s

1st period:

Early Huddersfield pressure led to a shot just wide of the Leeds post. Leeds then had a good spell of possession for the next few minutes without reward with Alistair Thompson sending a shot over the bar. Leeds kept pressing and were rewarded when Owen Hindley's long-range dipping volley beat the keeper to put Leeds in the lead. Kian Linley also had an effort on goal but the keeper made a save. A through ball from the very quick and accurate Huddersfield team then led to an equaliser. Being far from demoralised, Leeds kept the pressure on and when a Luke Owen shot hit the bar, a header from Kian from the rebound was touched over the bar by the keeper. Soon after Harry Carney had another shot saved - 1-1.

2nd period:

An early Huddersfield corner was well held by Callum Oddy in the Leeds goal but shortly after that Huddersfield hit the bar but Leeds cleared the danger. Jack Twyford broke up another attack with a strong tackle but almost immediately some slick inter-passing by Huddersfield led to their second goal. They were now playing some good football and Callum had to go down to save another effort. At the other end the Huddersfield keeper had to make two saves to keep Leeds at bay. Huddersfield then showed their class with another fine move which ended with an angled shot into the roof of the net. Lewis Branton was causing problems up front with some direct running. He got his reward when a long goal-kick caused confusion in the opposition defence and he sneaked in front of the keeper to roll the ball into an empty net. He then shot just wide before Callum made a good save to push a shot round the post - 3 - 2.

3rd period:

An early free-kick and a header from Huddersfield both went wide as they started this period strongly. A Leeds attack almost produced an equaliser and the following corner was cleared. Callum then had to push a long shot from Huddersfield for a corner. Finlay Sanderson made a strong tackle to break up a another attack. Leeds were then awarded a free kick from fully 30 yards and Owen Hindley again showed his ability to strike a ball but unluckily the crossbar came to Huddersfield's rescue. It was end to end now and both keepers needed to make good saves. Matty Swift was showing up well for Leeds and broke up a number of Huddersfield attacks, before a fine save from Callum kept the score at 3-2.

Overall this was a fine performance from Leeds against an academy team who were fit, fast and used to playing with each other. With a bit more luck in front of goal they could have gained a draw at least which would not have been undeserved.