

A sunny morning in Leeds and the pitch looked good despite weeks of wet weather.

A 'lively' start to the game with some *enthusiastic* challenges from both teams. Josh was quick to test the Steel City keeper as his shot was tipped over the bar. Cole and Ross were keen to stay up the pitch in an attempt to spring the off side trap.

10 minutes in to the game and possession was almost equal, it was a fair contest so far. Good pressing from Jay and Alfie forced a couple of corners, Archie with a header and Alfie with a shot, but to no avail.

The pressure started to build after 15 minutes with a string of quality moves, Jack T to Billy, down the line to Cole, shot saved. A long kick out from the keeper is headed back by Alfie, Jay slotted a ball through to Ross who rolled off a defender to shoot, the keeper managed to block the shot but Ross followed up and finished in to an open goal. 1-0.

Alfie, Jay and Josh were now beginning to take control of midfield, an Alfie shot was picked out of the top corner by the keeper, and a great cross from Cole headed over the bar by Josh. Jack T, Archie and Billy were making it difficult for the South Yorkshire boys to get anywhere near Jack W in goal.

The second period started with Owen on for Jack T, Mackaay on for Cole and Harrison on for Jay. Sheffield were starting to get back in to the game and Leeds needed a second goal to steady the nerves. On 36 minutes, after a good drive into the box, Owen puts in a cross and their centre half unfortunately heads in to his own goal. Owen rightly claimed it.

Straight from the kick off Sheffield were back in the game and powered through our defence to make it 2-1 after 38 minutes.

As the third and final period started the game was still finely balanced. Sheffield attacked and won a corner, fortunately it was cleared quickly by Harrison who delivered an accurate ball to Josh running down the left wing who picked out Mackaay in the goal mouth and poked it home. 3-1.

Jay, Saul and Harrison dominated the play in midfield for the rest of the period and limited Sheffield to very few breakaway chances. Leeds won another corner on 52 minutes, whipped in close to the goalkeeper by Jack T's left foot and Mackaay finishes with his second of the game.

This was a good test for the under 12's which they handled in the typical self assured way we have become used to. Long may it last.