

Thursday 30th March 2017 Away to Hull City's Academy at Bishop Burton College.

Representing Leeds under the floodlights would be Max, Sam W, Brad P, Jack C, Jake, Hayden, Harvey, Alfie, Russell, Leo, Jamie, Brad W, Charlie, Sam A and Joe. Period one lined up as Harvey, Jake, Sam W, Jamie, Charlie, Brad P, Jack C, Brad W, Leo, Alfie and Max.

A steady start from both teams with equal possession on a big pitch and in lovely weather saw Jamie have a couple of bursts forward, Brad P over-hit a corner and Jake make a stonking challenge on the half way line although the first shot fell to Hull. It was a weak effort in truth that Harvey gathered with ease although the forward was been shepherded wide by Sam W. Sam W was soon in action again clearing a Hull free kick. Hull started to pass the ball around but it was all too casual as Max won a firm tackle before helping out Jake to concede a corner that Leo headed clear. The clearance fell to Brad W who passed to Jamie and whose pace beat three Hull players but the shot was straight at the keeper.

Brad P was then felled by a challenge that had the crowd 'oo-ing', which he simply shrugged off with a 'what's the fuss about' look on his face. Jamie then had a shot charged down as Leeds were more than matching their opponents. Jack C then wasted two corners much to his frustration. Jamie laid off a ball to Charlie who shaped up, took aim and struck a sweet shot that was met with the resistance of the diving keeper who held the ball well. Charlie and Brad P then combined as Brad P took a shot from distance. It was saved by the keeper but Leeds were starting to dominate the game.

Max was showing his skills in midfield before Jack C hit a perfect pass to Jamie who hit a great shot that the keeper fantastically pushed aside. From the corner Brad P hit a lovely ball as Brad W rose to power it home with his head. 0-1 to Leeds against their Premiership hosts.

Hull poured forward from the restart but were correctly adjudged offside before being able to get a shot away.

Sam W then intercepted a through ball before Hull played it in again and as Harvey raced out to the edge of his box he took out the man, although in fairness he only had eyes for the ball the referee pointed to the spot. Penalty. Would Harvey rue his Pre-match comment that he'd have no chance with spot kick in these goals? Up stepped the forward. Run. Strike. Harvey dived to his right as the ball thundered off the crossbar. Still 0-1 and deservedly so.

In the second period Charlie started brightly and Leeds were busy hustling all over the park as Leo gave away a sloppy ball at the edge of his box but Hull couldn't get a sight of goal although they were passing crisply and at speed. Russell charged down a cross, so too Max before Charlie had a spirited run half the length of the pitch but Hayden was unable to collect the pass. Sam W then made a series of steady blocks and tackles. As the ball fell to Charlie Brad P was running and yelling but the pass just outpaced him and went out for a goal kick. Leo then played a back pass to Joe who confidently passed the ball out. A more even period this but neither keeper had, as yet, been troubled and Leeds looked like they were up for it. Sam W then played a ball to Hayden whose shot was straight at the keeper Russell was then replaced, due to injury, by Alfie as a few drops of rain started to fall. Joe then took a steady save before being called upon to clear a back pass that went out for a throw in.

Hull were awarded a free kick out wide. It was swung over with venom but was wide of the target. Leeds were still holding their own but their intensity had dropped down a level from the first period. Charlie then gave away a free kick five yards outside the box and fairly central. It fizzed wide of the three man wall and ride of the goal. Russell then came back on for Alfie as Brad P was unceremoniously dumped on his backside on the halfway line following good work by Brad W. Brad W soon took on two defenders and curled a shot towards the far stick. It looked to be heading in but we'll never know as Hayden stuck out a boot and changed the balls trajectory to make it 0-2 courtesy of his toe poke and moments later the whistle blew.

Period three started confidently for Sam A seeing the ball but he gave it away twice, although only one of these was under pressure. Jack C then gave the ball away and a shot by Hull was cleared by Russell who'd blocked the strikers view. Leeds went forward. Jamie passed to Hayden and Hayden slotted home across the keeper for 0-3.

Confusion in Hulls area then meant the ball found Brad P at the far stick. He released the trigger but unfortunately the shot was wide as he fired it across the goal. Shortly after Jamie forced a save and then Alfie played a ball down the line that Jamie collected but he could only shoot at the keeper and the same with the rebound.

Hull were not wavering from their passing philosophy but Leeds were the stronger team. Leeds broke as Sam A passed to Hayden following a good tackle. Hayden's shot was well saved but Brad P stuck away the rebound for 0-4.

Hull came again and Russell was on the back foot as Sam W rescued the situation and the resultant corner was headed clear by Sam A. Sam W then stopped another Hull attack but then Russell gave the ball away and a good angled shot beat Harvey for 1-4 ... (perhaps if the goals weren't so big it may have been a different story).

Jamie seemed like a man on a mission as he had a couple more charges at the keeper before Charlie won a free kick that came to nothing. Jamie then forced another full stretch save from the keeper A cross field pass from Hull caught Russell out of position as Sam W charged down the forward before Leo cleared. Leeds went forward once more but couldn't create anything significant before Jack C manoeuvred forward and Hayden chased a lost cause that ended in a strong shot hitting the side netting.

Jamie pulled the ball back to Brad P whose lofted cross was saved by the keeper under pressure from Hayden. Shortly after Charlie nonchalantly hit a shot from thirty yards that dipped over the keeper and redressed the balance for 1-5 before Russell and Sam W tidied up at the back for Leeds as a Hull sought a reply before the whistle went.

Joe, Hayden, Jamie, Brad W, Leo, Sam W, Alfie, Russell, Jack C, Max and Jake were the flag bearers for the final onslaught as Hayden gave away a free kick to let Hull know Leeds wouldn't be resting upon their laurels, although Hull were full of the early running and a deflected clearance by Jack C was comfortably held by Joe.

Alfie and Sam W made a couple of clearances before Hull had a shot wide. Sam W then waltzed out of the back and made a delightful pass for Jack C who in turn played a gorgeous pass to Hayden but the move broke down. Play quickly switched and Joe made what seemed like a good save before the ball squirmed out of his hands and over the line for 2-5.

Hull were on the ascendancy as Sam W headed clear to Jamie who needed four defenders to stop him. Max then had a shot wide and from the corner Jamie made it 2-6. Parity restored. Leeds were playing a good shape and having a disciplined performance but Jack C gave away another free kick that Hull took on the half way line but their player fluffed his lines.

A speculative shot from the touchline by Hull bounced over Joe to register 3-6 on the scoreboard. Once again but for the size of the goals it may have had a different outcome for the diminutive Leeds custodian. Jake then came close for Leeds but it was well saved and Brad W was unlucky not to get on the end of Leo's pass as moments later Leeds were denied another opportunity as the defender took the ball from Brad W's toe. Leo then made a timely interception as the Hull player sprinted down the wing leaving Hayden and Brad W in his slip stream.

Jamie nearly made his own luck moments later and then Hayden did just that pouncing on a sloppy pass at the back to hit home for his hat-trick and 3-7. Alfie then had the Hull keeper at full stretch as he dived to make a superb save from distance. Hull then tore away as Sam W was dispossessed on the half way line under pressure and Joe was called upon to make a fine save.

An excellent evenings work. Job well and truly done.