

MATCH REPORT 17

Saturday 28th January 2017 Home to York Schools in the league.

Brad W, Jack, Ben, Jamie, Max, Russell, Sam, Charlie, Jake, Alfie, Harvey, Brad P and Ben. Olly P and Ian were absent whilst Zach continues to be injured. Sam was ill ...but I still trudged along with my 'Press Pass'.

This weeks report focused only on the goal mouth action as due to the inclement weather conditions the ink was smudging on my pad and so I was unable to report a fuller picture (Hooray! I imagine many of you regular readers will be shouting!)

Russell, Jake and Jack started on the bench for Leeds as the early moments of the game brought a half chance for the visitors and then the same for the home side when a Jamie ran clear and missed an open goal instead hitting the side netting.

It was a slow start for Leeds and Coach Olly was issuing instructions for more speed and composure.

A goal kick from Harvey found Brad P who set Jamie away but the York keeper stopped him in his tracks and seconds later further Leeds chances which fell to Jamie and Brad W were well defended by York.

The Leeds forward line was starting to command the game as Leo came close with a header from Brad Ps corner but Harvey was the next to make a save as Alfie lost his man.

Yorks keeper then made a good save at Jamies feet although he was stretching to get the ball and Jamie came close again with the outside of his right foot after a pass from Charlie with Coach Olly telling him to 'use his left'.

It was 0-1 to York though as a shot through a crowd slipped out of a Harveys grasp and over the line.

A throw in from Ben allowed Jamie to burst through and with the goal beckoning he opted to square to Brad W who couldn't connect with the ball.

From the goal kick Brad P shot from fully 30 yards and as the crowd were about to show their displeasure at a poor shot the York keeper fumbled and dropped the ball into his goal (a la Dida from Lee Bowyer v Milan) and 1-1.

A long clearance by Ben saw York dither and Jamie act like 'the Flash' to sneak through for a shot which the keeper saved fantastically.

However, it was soon 1-2 to York as the split the Leeds defence and left Leo standing before sliding it past a diving Harvey and in off the post.

A sucker punch was to follow as the Leeds defence was found wanting again and a delightful chip was met by a looping header that nestled in to the net. 1-3 to York.

Charlie tried to reduce the deficit after some fine footwork in midfield but his shot was straight into the keepers arms.

Sterling work by Brad W allowed Max to find Brad P in space but the shot was saved before Harvey was making a save of his own and then further brave keeping by York denied Jamie once again.

Brad P was next to have a go but the York keeper was well placed once more. A through ball by Brad P found Jamie but his shot was just wide of the upright.

Harvey then made a great save from a powerful shot after the York forward, unmarked in the box, laid it off to his midfielder.

A mêlée in Yorks box from a corner ended with ended with a further corner conceded after a shot by Charlie. The corner was well met by a Brad W/Leo combo that the keeper somehow tipped around the post. In the following passage of play Brad P floated over a corner that Brad W headed into the net for 2-3.

The whistle blew not long after on what seemed like a long period which proved to be correct as the referee, a stand-in, played 2 halves instead of the now traditional thirds although he'd not informed Coach Olly.

In summary of the first half it could be defined as having had some poor decision making that gave the ball away too often but Leeds, despite being the more dominant side, didn't take their chances.

Jack, Russell and Brad W were on the bench at the start of the second half with Coach Olly later apologising to his young charges as he hadn't known about the referees change in format (maybe he just thought we were playing 'Fergie Time')!

After a good few minutes played out in midfield Brad P swung over a corner but Jake shot wide. Max then had a shot from distance but that was charged down before York had a great effort that Harvey saved from no distance at all. It then switched back to the other end and Brad P dragged his shot across goal and wide.

A lofted cross by Ben evaded all the Leeds forwards and into the keepers arms before the keeper was then in the firing line again saving from Charlie and an excellent stop from Jamie.

Leeds were passing much better now and seeing a lot of the ball.

Russell and Jack then replaced Brad P and Ben both on the right flank.

A nice move involving Max, Jake and Jamie allowed the latter to shoot but the keeper saved easily.

From a York goal kick Max put Jamie away and although the keeper saved his shot he could only parry it into the feet of the advancing Jake who made it 3-3 and again showed the value of following in every shot.

A crisis from Russell neatly sneaked in at the back door and just evaded Jamie who was steaming in to the far post.

Leeds were dominant but did look susceptible to York when they broke.

There followed notable passages of play for both sides as the rain fell as Jamie collected the ball on the halfway line and skipped past a challenge before sticking it past the keeper to make it 4-3, much to the dismay of the visiting supporters who were gutted that they'd 'left the fastest bloke on the pitch one on one in the dying minutes' (their words, not mine).

There followed shots by Russell and Jake which were both saved and then Charlie had a shot after a pass from Jake when Jamie was unmarked.

Jake then shot with the keeper saving well and Jamie missing the rebound from a yard.

The keepers kick was picked up by a Jack who crossed for Jamie to head home making it 5-3 and the comeback complete as time was called on a game of two halves.

JAMIE 29

LITTLE BRAD 10

JAKE 8

BIG BRAD 7

IAN 6

JACK 4

CHARLIE 3

LEO 3

RUSSELL 2

OLLY P 2

Scored 74 conceded 44 plus 30