

## **Leeds City Boys U11 A team pipped to the finish at York.**

Leeds started the first third on the front foot and really took the game to York, the pace of the game was fantastic, early strikes from Barney Warren and James Moorby with good work rate and pressure from Joe Barrett and Alex Hernandez, the first goal to Leeds developing from this, Alex Hernandez finishing well with a right footed strike. The pressure continued, Barney Warren playing James Moorby in who supplied a great ball in across the goal, on this occasion Leeds were unable to capitalise. York were counter attacking well with pace and power, Oli Westerman, Cameron Moyles and Barney Hirst covering well to prevent any strikes on goal. Cameron Moyles was particularly commanding at the back.

The competitiveness of both sides was really evident as Leeds continued to push forward, James Moorby slipping a cute pass inside the full back, unfortunately Joe Barrett was just caught off side. Tom Barone was next to test the York defence winning a corner, York clearing their lines.

York broke quickly from the half way line to equalise, a great strike into the corner, Charlie Emery did manage to get a hand to it, but the ball made its way into the 'onion bag'. As the first 20 minutes drew to a close, James Moorby went through only to be pulled down, unfortunately Leeds couldn't turn the possession into another goal. Joe Barrett displaying great footwork to play Alex Hernandez in, the finish a bit too close to the York keeper. Excellent first 20 minutes, just edged by Leeds.

The second 20 minutes, York started brightly, Harry Vasey producing a strong covering tackle. He was soon up the other end combining well with Bruno Fernandes. A slim off side decision went against Leeds when they would have been clean through. York again on the front foot, winning a corner, another great challenge by Moyles. Ben Hales also putting in some timely challenges.

The pressure from York eventually bringing their second goal to make it 2-1 after enjoying more of the possession.

Leeds continued to show flashes of their attacking flair, but just finding the final ball hard to come by against a very hard working York side.

York were enjoying the lions share of possession winning corners in quick succession, one being headed just wide.

Oli Westerman just shooting over following a quick Leeds break, another quickly followed, Bruno cutting the ball back into space, York clearing.

The final 20 minutes started brightly for Leeds, an early exchange with Bruno and Barney Warren resulting in a strike on goal, too near to the keeper on this occasion. Counter attacks were the order of the day for both teams on what was a smaller pitch, York forcing a corner next, Leeds enjoyed a couple of forays in quick succession, Claude Paynter working hard to get Leeds further forward, Alex Hernandez shooting just wide.

Barney Hirst stepped out of defence on a great run, disguising his pass into Tom Barone, who shot wide on this occasion. As the game drew to a close, Leeds couldn't build enough pressure or work the York keeper hard enough, the game finishing 2-1 to the home team. A tough test, but the Leeds boys have great character and you can't win 'em all.

Leeds team – Emery, Westerman, Hale, Moyles, Paynter, Hirst, Warren, Vasey, Moorby, Fernandes, Hernandez, Barrett, Barone