

Versus East Riding

Leeds SFA U11's B team opened their league campaign with a comfortable 6 – 1 win against East Riding.

The opening period was very tight with neither team allowed time on the ball. During the early encounters Leeds started to impose their dominance on the fixture and took the lead when a looping header from Oli Thompson found the East Riding keeper had strayed from his line.

The goal gave Leeds confidence as they increasingly found space in the midfield and their dominance was rewarded at the end of the first period with a well taken second goal by Reece Wilson. During the first period East Riding struggled to penetrate a well organised defence marshalled by Harry Shane, Finley Whelan and George Hilton protected by Jenson Lambert.

Changes at the break saw the game become more open in the second period with opportunities falling to both teams but commanding goal keeping by Perry Lewty kept East Riding out. The forward line were linking together well with some slick passing and selfless off the ball running , opened opportunities for Oli Dawson and Reece Wilson to extend the lead to 4 – 0 at the end of the second period.

The third period was goalless and the Leeds increased their lead to 6 – 0 in the fourth when Oli Thompson and Oli Dawson both grabbed a second each. The game was over as a contest before a soft penalty at the end gave a consolation for East Riding.

There will be tougher fixtures to come but the boys can take heart from a solid start to their league campaign that saw encouraging signs as the forward line linked well with one tough passing supported by a resilient defensive line.

