

Friendly Versus Barnsley Home 19-Nov

Leeds B-Team were keen to bounce back following a disappointing ESFA tournament last week. This was the second week in a row to meet Barnsley, who had beaten Leeds 2-0 in the 7 A-Side format.

Barnsley bought two teams to the fixture rotated the full team each quarter. Leeds started with a 4-3-1 formation that allowed both Tyronne and Finley to push forward as wingbacks against the Barnsley A-Team. In a bright opening to the game Leeds were unlucky not to take the lead when Reece thundered a strike against the post from the edge of the area. Shortly after this, Barnsley took the lead from a breakaway goal, that we would all prefer to forget. Leeds were not perturbed from this early set back pressed on and were awarded a penalty when Oli T was pulled back; which Reece stepped up and efficiently despatched to the keeper's left. There were no further goals in the first quarter but Leeds went close again as Harry stepped out of defence into the midfield and unleashed a superb solo effort that was well saved by the Barnsley keeper.

Barnsley made wholesale changes at the first interval and Leeds took the lead when Oli T played a slide rule pass into Reece who bagged his second goal of the game. Barnsley started enjoying greater territorial advantage but were thwarted on the break as Finley made up ground snuffle out a great opportunity. Shortly after Barnsley were awarded a penalty for a trip in the box which was crisply struck but Archie was equal to it as he got down well to block and clear the effort.

Leeds extended their lead to 3-1 in the third quarter when Oli D picked out an intelligent run from Lucas who slid the ball under the onrushing keeper from a tight angle (pictured).



The fourth quarter continued with Leeds looking to extend their lead but had Archie to thank for keeping the two goal cushion, with a fantastic double save (pictured). Shortly after Leeds extended their lead to 3 goals; when goal scorer Lucas played in Reece who duly completed his hatrick. Leeds continued to create half chances as the game got stretched but the game finished 4 – 1.

