

Leeds B Secure Third Place after edging out Scarborough

Leeds needed to win their last game of the league to secure third place knowing that defeat could edge them into fifth. Their opponents Scarborough (who came runners up in the Green Un Tournament earlier in the month) had 3 games in hand and could still finish above Leeds B leaving the fixture finely poised.

Scarborough started the game brightly and passed the ball well into midfield without really threatening a well organised Leeds defence. There were few chances in the first period, but Leeds took the lead when Oli T found Reece, whose finish was well hit into the bottom corner. Leeds had an opportunity to double their lead shortly after but James M's inviting cross was acrobatically put over the bar by the Scarborough defence.



In the second period of the game Scarborough went close before two quick goals turned the tie on it's head. Trailing 2- 1, Leeds pressed for an equaliser and went close when Oli T 's fine individual run penetrated the Scarborough defence but the ball was smothered by the onrushing keeper. Leeds went when James M moved the ball onto Reece who scored his second goal of the game. Leeds pressed for another goal and took the lead when Lucas stole the ball from the left back and arrowed a finish into the roof of the net.

The game entered the final period and remained finely poised with both teams looking to attack. Scarborough nearly equalised when their striker was put

through on goal but his finish came off the post and Archie smothered the rebound. Leeds doubled their lead midway through the final period when James M again found Reece whose shot from outside the box sailed over the stranded keeper into the unguarded net. Leeds extended their lead shortly after when Oli T fired in a shot from the edge of the box that the Scarborough keeper parried straight to Reece who slotted home his fourth goal of the day.

Leeds B were able to see out the remainder of the game and secured third place in the league, behind Leeds A and Sheffield (who beat York earlier) which is a great achievement for the boys.

Leeds B U11's			5		Scarborough		2
Assist	Scorer	Period	Score		Scorer	Period	
Oli T	Reece	1	1	- 0			
			1	- 1	Scarborough		2
			1	- 2	Scarborough		2
James M	Reece	2	2	- 2			
N/A	Lucas	2	3	- 2			
James M	Reece	3	4	- 2			
Oli T	Reece	3	5	- 2			