

Leeds Under 11's Coast to Victory

On a cold frosty morning Leeds Under 11's travelled to the East coast to take on East Riding. The pitch was softened under the early sunshine and stood up well to the match. Leeds opened brightly but squandered four or five good chances before Max Dickinson opened the team's account with a close range finish. Shortly afterwards Dickinson crossed from the left for Aidan Durkan to sweep the ball home. Leeds were in rampant form with Alfie Bradshaw and Thomas Mills [in a new position] pulling the strings in midfield. George Grumley's corner was then spilled by the keeper leaving Ewan McGawn to finish smartly and the East Riding keeper was under siege and after a mishit goal kick Durkan showed great control and fired in an unstoppable shot for number four.

Leeds played with great endeavour and relentless spirit and overwhelmed their opponents, who to their credit tried valiantly to stem the tide. Archie Edson in goal was a spectator except for occasional long balls to deal with as there was no way past the defence of George McDonnell, Ethan Weaver and Dylan Cadena. Number five came just before the break as the talented Dickinson crossed the ball which was spilled by the keeper and McGawn was there again to hit the back of the net. Number six was a classy goal with Cadena's mazy run past four defenders to the by-line and his lobbed cross was headed home by Mills. Aidan Durkan then ran from the halfway line and finished with a low drive into the corner. The quality of football from the Leeds boys was top class and it was Durkan again who fed Mills for his second and Leeds eighth. A lovely through ball from Dickinson was slid home by Noah Gill and it was Dickinson who flicked on a Grumley corner for Mills to complete his hat trick. Dickinson was put in space by Bradshaw and his fine run and exquisite pass found Gill who showed great control and finished smartly. Two goals from George Sebine followed the first a powerful shot after McDonnell's corner was headed out and the second finishing a neat move between McGawn and Gill. The scoring was brought to a close with a quite superb goal as Sebine slid a through ball out to McGawn who crossed for Mills to volley home.

A superb all round effort by the Leeds team and East Riding boys are to be commended for their sportsmanship at the end as each player shook hands and gave a cheery well played to their opponents.

Most teams would have found Leeds too hot to handle but it is hoped that a level of consistency follows now to ensure success.