

Autumn Tour 2017

Leeds City Boys Under 11s Exhibit Determination and Stamina on their Midlands Tour.

It was a glorious autumn afternoon as the team arrived at the Wolves training ground for the A team's first match against the Wolverhampton Under 12s.

The game started fast and furious then the players from both teams started to settle. A good header from Leeds' Thomas Mills nearly gave them their first chance but alas it hit the cross bar. Wolverhampton soon retaliated with a goal in the eighteenth minute to go one nil up. Not to be disheartened a minute later a pass from Alfie Bradshaw was skilfully turned into the back of the net by Noah Gill to equalise.

The second period started with both teams evenly matched again, and with some good defensive work from Dylan Cadena and George Mc Donnell Leeds managed to hold the opposition off until once again Wolves found the back of the net to go ahead two goals to one.

Less than a minute later Mills picked up a cross from the right and aimed for goal but alas the ball hit the post, but on the rebound it was picked up by Charlie Whittingham-who, with a well executed shot, found the back of the net to even the score again.

Another goal from Wolves temporarily put them ahead until once again Whittingham took a header from a well placed corner to even the score.

In the third and final section George Sebine took a great shot at goal that was well saved by the keeper, then Wolves scored after a mazy dribble and exquisite cross from the striker which found a team mate unmarked to head home. Leeds powered back and a fierce shot was spilled over the line by the Wolves keeper for the equalizer but unfortunately the referee was not in a position to rule on the matter and had to instruct 'play on'. In fairness the referee was excellent throughout, but the game ended in a 4-3 reversal.

The next day, sunny again but with a wind whipping up, the boys played at Birmingham's training ground. They knew this was going to be a tough match but their determination never faltered from start to finish.

In what was a frantic first third Leeds held their own with some great defensive playing. The next two thirds saw Birmingham start to hit the back of the net. Not to be deterred, Leeds kept the pressure on up front with attempts on goal from George Sebine, Tom Mills, Alfie Bradshaw and Ethan Weaver

Leeds kept up a stoic defence to curtail what could have been heavy losses if not for their dogged determination and resilience. The Leeds boys played as a team and

passed the ball well but in the end could not cope with the individual brilliance of the Birmingham team. Two goals were scored from 25 metres out giving the keeper Harvey Collinson no chance as they screamed into the top corner. Final score 4-0 to Birmingham.

Leeds should be proud of themselves for persevering against a fast paced, skilful Birmingham side. With Birmingham being the toughest opponents they will meet this season, it bodes well for our upcoming matches.