

Leeds B Enter 2018 with an Entertaining Win Against a Strong Nottingham Team

Leeds U11's B team entertained Nottingham in their first fixture of 2018 with a thrilling 6 – 4 win.

Period 1 - Leeds started the game strongly and passed the ball well from defence through a tightly packed midfield but struggled to make any clear openings as the powerful Nottingham defence thwarted a number of opportunities to get through on goal. The Leeds defence coped well with the physical threat posed by the Nottingham front line with Jack, George and Finley working well as a unit. Leeds opened the scoring when James fed the ball through to Lucas who took one touch and finished with a sweetly struck shot into the bottom corner. Leeds continued to press and came close shortly after as Oli T struck the post from a tight angle.

Period 2 - Leeds made wholesale changes at the first break which unsettled their rhythm as Nottingham equalised within a couple of minutes of the restart. Shortly after Leeds retook the lead with a fantastic team goal on the counter attack as George passed out of defence onto Oli D, whose first time pass found Reece who made no mistake as he slotted the ball through the keepers legs to make the score 2 – 1. Nottingham had opportunities to break but were thwarted by saving tackles by both George and Harry (pictured) to maintain their slim advantage.



Leeds took control of the tie during the next five minutes with a wonder strike from Reece to score his second goal of the game, Reece completed his hatrick shortly after when he capitalised on a defensive error and punished Nottingham with a smart finish (Pictured).



Leeds extended their lead to 5 – 1 when James C robbed the ball in midfield to find Jensen with space in the box who made no mistake with his finish. Leeds were cruising at this stage but Nottingham showed good spirit to score 3 unanswered goals which left the game finely poised at 5 - 4 at the end of the second period.

Period 3 –

The game was up for grabs early in the third period as both teams started to find space in midfield and looked capable of scoring. The ref did well to keep control of the game as both teams were scrapped for every loose ball in midfield. Leeds found some breathing space midway through the third period as the ball broke to Reece on the right wing, he crossed to Oli T whose sweetly struck volley from close range gave the keeper little chance. The game was tense until the final whistle with Tyrone covering attacks from the left wing assertively.

This was a thoroughly entertaining game and the boys had to play well to beat a very competitive Nottingham team.

Leeds B U11's			6	Nottingham		4
Asst	Scorer	Period	Score	Scorer	Period	
James M	Lucas	1	1 - 0			
			1 - 1	Nottingham	2	
Oli D	Reece	2	2 - 1			
None	Reece	2	3 - 1			
None	Reece	2	4 - 1			
James C	Jensen	2	5 - 1			
			5 - 2	Nottingham	2	
			5 - 3	Nottingham	2	
			5 - 4	Nottingham	2	
Reece	Oli T	3	6 - 4			