

Leeds Start Strong but are Pipped at the Post

Leeds City Boys Under 11s, came out in fighting form for the first match of the new year against Sheffield, but failed to secure a win.

In a very evenly matched game Leeds took the early initiative and were the first to score with Thomas Mills finding the back of the net in the first third. The defence held the Sheffield opponents well, with Dylan Cadena executing an impressive sliding tackle to end what could have been a successful attack by the opposing team.

A good shot on goal by George Grumley was just short of the mark, and George McDonnell made some notable challenges to keep the ball in Leeds' possession. Sheffield equalised, but Leeds' determination was ever apparent with a run of shots on goal, including a great header by Alfie Bradshaw which nearly hit the mark.

Play opened again with both teams looking strong. Sheffield made an aggressive attack on goal but Leeds' keeper Harvey Collinson's double save kept the score at one all. Then, after an impressive run from Alfie Bradshaw who took on and defeated four players, Leeds had an opportunity to score again and Noah Gill put the ball away.

A penalty against Leeds threatened to even the score again, but the shot was saved by a valiant effort from Harvey Collinson.

Leeds kept the pressure up with strong defending from Max Dickinson and captain George Sebina, but yet again Sheffield found the back of the net to even the score, then scored two more goals in quick succession leaving Leeds trailing by two goals going into the final third.

Leeds not to be deterred kept creating chances. Ethan Weaver put in a strong performance in the last twenty minutes, and Aidan Durkan persisted in attacking the goal, and his hard work finally paid off with a goal to bring the final score to 3-4 to Sheffield.

It was an exciting well match game that the crowd very much enjoyed.