

## **Leeds U12's Down Sheffield after Dominant Display**

Leeds Boys U12 3-0 Sheffield Boys U12

Leeds welcome old foes Sheffield to St Theresa's looking to improve on their last outing, and were on the attack straight from kick off. Donald Junior Kamba was back in central midfield and created early chances for Ben Ratcliffe and Ralph Nkomba both of whom couldn't beat the giant Sheffield keeper.

Another through ball this time from Ollie Clarke sent Nkomba free down the right, as he closed in on goal he was caught from behind by the defender, a clear foul and yellow card the result.

Ratcliffe placed the ball, and from 20 yards expertly curled the ball with his left foot over the wall and high into the top right corner of the net. A fantastic strike and a 1-0 scoreline that was very much deserved on the balance of play.

The Second period saw Sheffield claw their way back into the match. The Leeds defence martialled by captian Barney Hirst were suddently under pressure, and were thankful to last ditch tackles first from Charlie Watson and then Reece Crampton. Hirst dealt with the Sheffield ariel threat well, and his clearances led to counter attack chances for Gavin Maleka, and then after a great mazy run from Keanua Momtaz, Rauri Cunningham just failed to meet a cross at the back post.

Another Sheffield break saw another great tackle from Watson , and Leeds had a lucky escape when the resulting corner was met by a fantastic glancing header from the Sheffield number 9. Leo Elsdon in the Leeds goal was beaten and relieved to see the effort bounce off the foot of the post before being hacked to safety by Jack Crosskey.

Leeds were controlling the ball well in midfield and after an interception from Cameron Moyles, Clarke and Kamba broke away, as they reached the edge of the Sheffield box Kamba slipped a delightful through ball to the lively Ratcliffe who made no mistake with an emphatic finish, dummyming the keeper before chipping over him into an empty net.

With a two goal cushion Leeds managed the remainder of the game well, keeping possession and frustrating the Sheffield team as they tired. With the game entering its final minute the icing was put on a great team performance when Clarke strolled through midfield and unleashed an unstoppable 20 year drive high into the net.

3-0 and the best performance of the season so far from an improving Leeds team.