

Match Report: Leeds B, West Yorkshire Cup 01.12.18

The first day of December might have brought the cold and the rain but it couldn't dampen the fire of a determined and resilient Leeds B team this weekend as they triumphed in the West Yorkshire u11's 9 a side cup.

The first group game ended in a 1-1 draw against Doncaster, Morgan Crew scoring for Leeds and a sign to all the players that solid hard work would be key to progressing in the tournament which was what they did against East Riding. This time the visitors scored first but response was swift from Leeds. Zack Finn equalizing and James Wilson scoring the winner.

The next game against Sheffield threatened to end the tournament for the home side. Three goals in succession for the South Yorkshire side looked to have Leeds against the wall. Only in the last five minutes did Leeds come alive, James Wilson scoring first and the Leeds attack looking dangerous for a second but with only minutes to make any difference, it was too little too late.

Leeds knew they had to win their final game against Scarborough to keep any hope of progressing alive. A single goal from Carmello Brandao enough to secure a place in the semi final.

As the rain continued to pour and conditions underfoot became heavier, Leeds took to the pitch in the knock out stages against a York side that had already beaten the Leeds A team. The match ended 0-0 and inevitable penalties. From the moment Ethan Riley saved the first York shot on goal, Leeds looked to be in control and when he stopped a second with an outstretched leg it didn't need all 5 of Leeds penalties to secure the victory.

The final was a rematch against Sheffield and despite the recent run of results in Sheffield's favour, Leeds pulled out all their reserves of heart and determination to dominate the one match that really mattered. It was incredible it ended 0-0 after 20 intense minutes and of course, resulted in the team lining up for another penalty shootout. This time it did take all five penalties to earn victory and the glory of competition winners. An exemplary team effort that couldn't have been possible without every single one of the boys, and girl working their hearts out and never giving up.