

### **Leeds B vs Scarborough – League – 26 Jan 2019**

Both sides in this SFA U11 league encounter settled for a point but will rue the wasted opportunities to take three from this close fought game.

The first twenty minutes followed a pattern. Leeds possession but with no real threat and Scarborough catching Leeds on the break. Twice, the visitors looked to have the numbers in the Leeds half with and only the last defender to beat, but Carmello Brandao and then Mille Dawson made the decisive tackle. It was third time lucky for Scarborough's pacey attack, leaving the Leeds defence in their wake and shooting low to beat the keeper.

Scarborough doubled their lead five minutes later and they once again overwhelmed the Leeds defence to score an easy goal. Things didn't look like they were going the way of the home team, the only threat on goal in the first half of the game from Ross Cavell's two long range shots. On target but not enough to trouble the keeper.

Leeds started to pick up the work rate in the second half of the game, James Piotrowski scoring from Carmello's cross to provide the first glimmer of hope for the home team.

Scarborough's response was to pick their game up and immediately forced exposed Leeds keeper Ethan Riley to run the ball out of his own area and into touch. They clearly didn't want to sit on a one goal lead for too long, but it was Leeds that managed to score against the run of play this time, Mahmoud Mohamad composed in finishing in front of goal.

In the last five minutes of the game both teams pressed high up the pitch in an attempt to get the winner, only the respective Goalie's keeping their teams in the game. Ethan Riley for Leeds tipped the ball over the net with his fingertips and then Carmello had the ball plucked from his feet by a brave Scarborough keeper as he looked to beat him in front of goal.

The final 2-2 result gave Scarborough their first points of the season and the Leeds team will have to sharpen up for their encounter with York next week.