

Leeds Schools' FA U11 B 8-2 Sheffield Clarets – 23/11/19

Leeds Schools' FA U11 Bs got their first league win of the season at the fifth time of asking with Carter Lewis hitting four goals in a superb 8-2 win over Sheffield Clarets.

It was without doubt the B team's best performance of the season with some impressive cohesion, passing and teamwork in muddy conditions at St Theresa's School. Sheffield had no answer and couldn't hide their frustration.

The game started perfectly for Leeds when Lewis sped clear and was brought down by the chasing defender. Aden Surtees smashed in the penalty. Lewis almost had a second after another burst through the middle but Sheffield's goalkeeper tipped the ball wide. From the resulting corner, the visitors somehow survived a goalmouth scramble.

Sheffield were enjoying some decent possession but fell further behind when Lewis dashed past the last defender and rifled a low shot past the exposed 'keeper. The visitors wouldn't lie down though and forced a great parry out of Ollie Latham before the loose ball was blazed over. Leeds couldn't survive the next attack, though, and the ball was poked home from close range with home defenders out of position.

Leeds were under a bit of pressure, but got some breathing space back again when Lewis once again made a nuisance of himself with his pace and power, bundling past the 'keeper after pressurising the Sheffield back line.

It was hat-trick time for Lewis when Kenneth Mensah came off the bench, thundered down the right and crossed for Leeds B's top scorer to convert beyond the far post to make it 4-1 just before the second 20-minute break.

Sheffield heads went down and Jaden Johnson nipped in behind a hesitant defence to poke home a fifth before Mensah got on the scoresheet with a lovely finish at the end of a typical fleet-footed run.

Mensah's foul gave Sheffield a penalty which they converted to reduce the deficit to 6-2, but defender Nick Bagshaw was rewarded for a superb run down the left wing as he finished from close range to rack up a seventh goal.

Leeds had an eighth when a fabulous run by Surtees was finished off by Lewis to increase his match haul to four, and there was even time for Rory to smash a long-range shot against the bar.