

HULL SCHOOL FA 5-3 LEEDS SCHOOLS FA

Leeds Schools FA went to Hull and back on Saturday morning and were unfortunate to be on the losing side of an eight-goal thriller in their opening West Yorkshire League game at St Mary's Sports College.

An excellent contest began with early home pressure before jet-heeled striker Carter Lewis escaped down the other end and saw his low strike saved at the near post.

Hull took the lead with a low shot from eight yards into the bottom corner following a cross from the left and held that slender lead at the 20-minute break, with the game split into thirds.

Leeds equalised when Lewis, on a rapid counter-attack, slipped the ball to fellow front man Lewis Spellman and his low shot squirmed through the Hull goalkeeper's legs and in.

Nick Bagshaw's flick header was kept out by the Hull gloveman shortly afterwards before Leeds took the lead when Lewis side-footed into the bottom corner after bursting into the box.

It was soon 2-2 when a low drive went underneath the diving body of goalkeeper Ollie Latham, who then prevented Hull taking the lead with a great parry from a stinging shot from distance.

The hosts seemed certain to score as three menacing attackers bore down on lone Leeds defender Finlay Dale but he managed to cut out the crucial final pass, compose himself and clear upfield.

Latham saved Leeds again by clawing the ball away as it whistled towards the top corner, and at the other end the visitors took the lead for a second time when the powerful Kenneth Mensah slipped Carter through the middle, he held off the last defender and nervelessly slid low into the corner of the net for his second of the game. At the second interval Leeds held a 3-2 lead.

They couldn't hold onto it though. Hull, who lacked height but certainly not pace, broke swiftly down the right and their striker applied a powerful finish to equalise after the ball was swept across the face of goal.

There was a big let-off for Leeds when Hull somehow missed an open goal, and tricky winger Omar Bah almost made them pay after beating the keeper to the ball on the left of the area, but he was unable to get enough curl on his shot towards the unguarded goal.

Hull went 4-3 up with five minutes to go with a curler into the top corner from the edge of the area and they added a slightly flattering look to the scoreline with a last-minute penalty after towering centre-back Jaden Johnson was adjudged to have brought down Hull's centre forward.