

HULL V LEEDS B – SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2021

'Never a dull game' is quickly becoming the unofficial motto for Leeds' U11's B Team, who gave spectators another nail-biting 60 minutes at Saturday's away game against Hull.

With last week's first league win giving them new-found confidence, Leeds dominated play from the outset. A flurry of activity in the seventh minute saw Hull's first shot on target saved by keeper Freddie Prudhames-Slatter, only for Leeds striker Dougie Jackson to meet a similar fate seconds later, when his right foot volley was blocked by Hull's keeper. Minutes later Leeds were denied again, when a shot by new signing Ethan Ward was tipped over the crossbar.

Yi Zhe Gao provided the first of many defending masterclasses in the 11th minute, clearing a near-certain goal for a corner. However, Hull's frustration was short lived, with a defensive deflection leading to a 1-0 lead for the home team.

In earlier games, this set back would have led to panic, and the quick concession of further goals for Leeds. But this is a team growing in confidence and chemistry. Frustrating near misses followed in the 18th, 29th and 41st minutes, until their pressure paid off in the 49th minute when Arthur Spiers' free kick led to an equaliser from striker Kai-Relle Rose Hunt.

A 1-1 scoreline is perhaps disappointing for a team who were clearly dominant. However, after a difficult start to the season, it's a welcome change in fortunes for a team who are proving they should not be underestimated.