

Classy Leeds Sweep aside Bishop Auckland

Bishop Auckland SFA U13 2 v 4 Leeds SFA U13

Saturday 22 January 2022

After progressing through the group stage, it was the first knockout game of the ESFA Champions Cup this week at the home of West Auckland Town FC, home of the "1st World Cup" winners.

A competitive start to the game with both teams exchanging possession and a battle in midfield. Early chances for Leeds resulted in shots from range but not forcing a save from the Bishop Auckland keeper. It was Bishop Auckland who took the lead, a tackle on the edge of the Leeds penalty area judged a foul by the referee and a penalty to the home team.

Leeds sparked into life and forced 3 great saves from the home goalkeeper but trailed at half time 1-0.

Following the break & coach Mr Kelly's words of wisdom, a more dominant Leeds team entered the pitch for the second half with the high Leeds press forcing a corner after the defender narrowly missed the top corner of his own goal. A clever short corner from Frankie Dolby & Peniel Essouma floated a ball to the back post where Josh Prideaux was able to turn the ball home.

Leeds retained the ball well before Prideaux slotted a ball through to Damais James-Wenham who evaded his man and finished well in the top left corner. Leeds were very much on top, breaking down the Bishop Auckland attacks high up the pitch, a goal bound shot from Essouma blocked by the Bishop Auckland defender fell to the feet of James-Wenham 8 yards out who made it 1-3 to Leeds.

A goal for each team to complete the scoring including a hat-trick goal for James-Wenham and a deserved win for Leeds to set up a last 16 tie with Sefton.

Leeds goals; Josh Prideaux, Damais James-Wenham (3)