

26th September 2025. Leeds Schools FA U12 Girls Vs Liverpool Schools FA

1st Half

Leeds travelled to Liverpool to face tough opposition in the ESFA cup on Friday evening. Liverpool started the game with an impressive display of strength and speed but Leeds goalkeeper Mia Coughlan made a series of brilliant saves to keep the score at 0-0.

Defenders Chloe Chittick and Sophia Johnstone stepped up the intensity and began to limit the effectiveness of the Liverpool attack. Beatrix Carroll and Jemima Pierce battled hard in midfield and were eventually able to release winger Alaska Ward who ran through for a well-taken goal to the keeper's left. With 15 minutes gone, Leeds were a goal up and Liverpool looked rattled. However, the red's determined and talented attackers found joy during a devastating period of ten minutes when they turned the game on its head. At half time, Liverpool were 3-1 in Front and the momentum had shifted.

Half Time 3-1

2nd Half

Liverpool started the second half as they had finished the first and scored again to make the score 4-1. Leeds were by no means finished and with true Yorkshire grit, they mounted an impressive fightback and began to dominate the game. Winger Isla Hardbottle, showed her skills and footwork on the wing and striker Rebecca Clayton capitalised with a good strike from the edge of the box to bring the score back to 4-2. Eliza Sherwood matched the intensity of Liverpool on the opposite wing, nullifying their attacks, whilst Darcy Sunderland stood strong in defence. Jemima and Mia were also unpassable as the attackers on both sides pushed forwards. Leeds were stronger as the game went on and if the game had lasted longer, perhaps the visitors would have turned the game round. As it was, when the final whistle blew, the contest ended 4-2.

Full time 4-2

Leeds Goal scorers: Ward 12', Clayton 45'