

24th October 2025. Leeds Schools FA U12 Girls Vs East Riding U12 Girls

Leeds Schoolgirls Top the League after Dominant Display

1st Half

It was a cold evening on Friday night as the Leeds Schoolgirls travelled to the outskirts of York to play East Riding. From the kick off, Leeds pressed their opponents with speed and intensity. In attack, Alaska Ward and Isla Hardbottle were tenacious on the left hand side, pushing East Riding onto the back foot and forcing some good tackles from the home team. East Riding were energetic and met the challenge with resolve and determination, swiftly turning defence into attack. The deadlock was broken after 10 minutes, when Rebecca Clayton dispossessed East Riding to set up winger Amelia Gilmore for an elegant lob over the keeper and into the back of the net. East riding rallied and began to use the long ball to good effect, however, some excellent defending from full backs Sophia Johnstone and Chloe Chittick, saw their runs at goal defused by decisive tackles. Leeds continued to make dynamic runs down the wing through Gilmore and Hardbottle, but the first half ended with just one goal separating the sides.

Half Time 1-0

2nd Half

The start of the second half saw East Riding at their most dominant, and they forced goalkeeper Mia Coughlan into making two excellent saves. Centre back Jemima Pierce worked hard as the last defender and tackled well. East riding were unable to break though and gradually Leeds once again began to dominate the game. Midfielder Paisley Gipson distributed the ball incisively and Leeds were back on the scoresheet when Maisie Chandler's cross was met by a brilliant left foot volley from Clayton. With 45 minutes gone and with Leeds two goals in front, the game only looked to be going one way. A rash challenge by East Riding saw Gilmore brought down outside the penalty area. Pierce spotted the keeper was off her line and struck a perfectly timed free kick to net Leeds their third. East Riding did not give up and defended well, but it was Clayton's turn to become provider as her through ball released Chandler to run skilfully round the keeper and calmly slot in the visitor's fourth. In the end, it proved to be a dominant performance that sees unbeaten Leeds move to the top of the league.

Full Time 4-0

Leeds Goal Scorers: Gilmore 10', Clayton 45', Pierce 59', Chandler 60'