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LSFA Under 11 West Yorkshire Cup

Sheffield 0 V Leeds A 1

Leeds made the short journey South for their first of four away matches to take on an unbeaten Sheffield side who really fancied their chances of having a long run in the cup.

The two sides were very evenly matched throughout the tie and it was evident early on that it was going to either take a moment of brilliance or a defensive error to separate the two sides. Cometh the hour cometh the boy! as fortunately for Leeds it was Sam Appleyard, who in the final period of the game became the Leeds goal scoring hero.

Reminisce of the Leeds great Peter Lorimer he took control of a loose ball just inside the Sheffield half to dispatch his long range thunderbolt in off the underside of the crossbar with the keeper routed to the spot. This had followed a poor clearance due to the never say die attitude of Bradley Pride harassing the Sheffield Centre Half despite the mismatch in size.

Leeds had shaded the first period with Bradley Wood unlucky on a couple of occasions following good Leeds build ups. Sheffield could only muster up a few long range efforts that didn't trouble the Leeds Keeper.

The second of the three periods belonged the home side with the Leeds Keeper Harvey Coleman called into action firstly having to get down low to a couple of long range efforts the second of which took a nasty bounce just in front of him. Then finally Harvey had to save bravely at the feet of the impressive Sheffield number 10, the period came to an end and this allowed Mr Rossiter to adjust the formation and style of play.

Tom Douglas who was arguably the man of the match despite Sam's wonder goal started to link up well down the left with the Leeds winger Ben Redshaw and as the game opened up the momentum started to go back the way of the visitors. Just before the final whistle Ben Littlewood up from the back for a Leeds corner was presented with an opportunity to put the game to bed but decided to take a touch before having his shot blocked when a first time finish was required.

A really good solid performance by all the boys, in what was once again testing weather conditions are rewarded with another away tie, this time travelling east to take on Scarborough in the next round.

