

GREEN UN Cup Semi Final : Leeds SFA u11's V East Riding SFA u11's

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Leeds SFA 4 V 1 East Riding

Leeds galloped into the final of the GREEN UN Cup with a near faultless display against an East Riding team packed with academy players, a performance that even the all conquering previous years side would have been proud of! The game was switched from the wetlands of the East to the green pastures of St Theresa's and oh how the boys made hay!

Period 1 -

It was the home team back to full strength and well fired up by the management teams pre match preparations who got out of the stalls the quickest. A very attacking starting line up for the first period which paved the way for some very entertaining football that did the famous all white kit proud.

Within 5 minutes it was Bradley Wood who broke the deadlock with a typical strong run holding off the centre half for what seemed like an age before effortlessly dispatching his right foot shot across the keeper into the far corner. One chance: One goal the kind of ratio that the management team had been craving for. Leeds dominated the rest of the period from there on in creating a number of very decent other opportunities but more impressively controlling the game and did so without allowing their opponents any sight of the Leeds goal, other than a long range speculative effort that was easily scooped up by Harvey Coleman

Period 2

Leeds made the usual changes but the dominance remained along with the creative style of play. It wasn't long before Leeds doubled their lead through Bradley Pride who finished neatly following Leeds best move of the game when the combative midfielder Sam AppleYard served him up the opportunity on a plate with a pin point cross from the left.

A solitary dangerous free kick was all East Riding could muster was met inside the six yard box by a Ben Littlewood towering defensive header. This was to go with his, Tom Douglas and Leo Diffy's countless other defensive headers, interceptions and well timed tackles that ensured Leeds kept the East Riding Strikers at bay. The only one other through ball that breached the Leeds back line, saw Harvey Coleman in the Leeds goal read it well and raced out of his box to clear his lines.

Period 3/4

The third period was more of an even contest as the visitors had their best spell of the game more born out of the fact that the Leeds boys had switched off following the interval. However slight against the run of play Charlie T got his name on the scoresheet finishing well when arriving late into the box in support of the battling strikers to make it 3:0. The quality of the opponents eventually shine through and that when given space and time they showed they too could be ruthless as East Riding quickly pulled a goal back when the main strikers strong finish was still only just good enough to beat Harvey in the Leeds goal as the keeper still managed to get a hand to it. This only regenerated the Leeds team and with the help of the Leeds Midfield who had dominated their counterparts all game, came a great run from Bradley Wood who somehow managed to only put the ball against the post (with the unnecessary help of the surface) had all the crowd and both sets of players thinking that it was game over. This however only delayed the inevitable as following the quick change of ends it wasn't long before Bradley Wood tip toed through the East Riding defence to finish the game as a contest. Bradley then showed some sportsmanship by declining his hat trick and firing a late penalty straight at the stand in goalie who had replaced the injured first choice keeper when the score was at 3:0. Leeds will now meet York in the final which should be seen as a great achievement in its own right but also great day out for all involved awaits as the boys embark on creating their own legacy.

