

Leeds Schools under 11's 7-1 East Riding Schools under 11's

Period 1 - with the sea fret clearing just before kick off, thus allowing Mr R to be seen by the boys as well as heard! Leeds started the game at a lively tempo. Charlie Tokarski busy in midfield, Leo Diffey and Alfie Wright quick to move the ball through the transition phases, which was allowing Brad Pride to nearly break through the East Riding back line on a number of occasions within the first 10 minutes. Kron Abdiu, the other half of the pint sized attack, was going deeper and deeper much to the satisfaction of Mr R as he corrected his position the space allowed for several quality build ups in play from back to front with even the Leeds goalkeeper, Harvey Coleman, getting involved. Only a last ditch tackle on Ben Moss prevented the East Riding keeper being tested for the first time.

GOAL! 1-0 Leeds - the next foray forward by Ben Moss saw him slip a clever pass inside the full-back for Pride to slot the ball inside the post with the outside of his foot a la Tony Cottee for those of us old enough to remember - the now the Sky pundit was once one of the most feared strikers in English football. The rest of the first period was mainly all Leeds without creating any clear cut chances.

Period 2 - GOAL 2-0 Brad Wood who was on for Pride had an immediate impact by latching onto a long through ball from Ben Littlewood to shoot low past the keeper's right hand side. Wright and Moss were also replaced by Tom Douglass and Ben Redshaw with the latter having a weak shot following a good turn and run.

GOAL 3-Wood doubles his tally in some controversy as the East Riding goalie had been laid out for a good 10 seconds following an accidental collision with Abdiu.

Goal 3-1 Justice served as the referee gave a slightly harsh penalty for handball against Redshaw that was dispatched with perfection.

GOAL 4-1 This seemed to only wake Leeds back up and Redshaw restored the 3 goal lead smashing one in from a tight angle, this also saw the end of the game for the injured East Riding goalkeeper. The stand in goalie and Coleman in the Leeds goal then traded saves as East Riding had their best spell of the match only to be thwarted by interceptions from Diffey and Douglass and a last ditch sliding tackle by Littlewood..

Period 3 – Diffey, Littlewood and Abdiu were replaced by the returning Moss, Wright and Pride. A long ball from Sam Appleyard saw Wood out muscle the centre back only to unleash a shot just wide of the far post.

GOAL 5-1 Leeds now back on top and following a series of corners Jack Clarke dug out a shot in the crowded penalty area that the standing keeper could only help over the line. GOAL 6-1 Within minutes Wood fed Pride for his second which set up a race to see who would be the first to grab Leeds first hat-trick of the season. Pride was in first only to see the keeper save with his knees.

GOAL 7-1 Hat-trick! Wood aided by the keeper fumbling across at the far post poked the ball home and Leeds were home and dry.

East Riding to their credit kept battling on and had one more effort that was well saved by Harvey Coleman. Leeds finished the strong and had a number of shots which were all high, wide and handsome resulted in no further goals being added to the tally despite their dominance.

A massive improvement in tempo and the quality of football which left coaches and parents alike with a spring in their step. Something that was unfortunately removed by the afternoon's trip to Elland Road

