

Bradford Schools/Bradford Academy v Leeds City Boys U13s - 1/11/14

Leeds visited Woodhouse Grove School Astro pitch for two games against Bradford Schools and Bradford Academy on a fine and sunny but windy morning.

Schools Match - 1st period:

Leeds started the game strongly forcing two early corners and dominated possession and territory but were unable to find a breakthrough. The first good chance of the game fell to Charlie Webb who fired over the bar before Lewis Branton had a shot saved. When Bradford finally got near Leeds' goal, Jack Twyford made a timely clearance. That was a rare attack and Leeds pressed on with three chances in quick succession. Kian Linley had two efforts saved and Charlie shot narrowly high as Leeds sought the lead. Leeds continued to dominate and a corner was headed off the line by the Bradford defence. In another rare Bradford attack Joe Turpin came to the rescue conceding a corner to prevent danger. However Leeds finished the half as they started with two more efforts wide from Lewis and Charlie.

Half-time: Bradford 0 - 0 Leeds

2nd period:

Bradford forced an early corner but it was calmly collected by Callum in the Leeds goal. Leeds started to pressurise again and finally, after a strong shot from Charlie rebounded off the post, Luke Owen was on hand to force the ball under the keeper to give Leeds a deserved lead 1 - 0. The next few minutes were stalemate as neither side created any chances until a good pass from Matty Kyle gave Luke another chance that crashed off the bar but no Leeds player could force it home. Harry Carney was then unlucky when a goalbound effort was smothered by the keeper with his legs. From the following corner Lewis had a free header straight at the keeper. As the game neared its' end a Leeds attack down the right led to Charlie having another effort blocked but the ball fell to Luke who shot across the keeper into the far corner to make the score 2 - 0.

Full-time: Bradford 0 - 2 Leeds

A dominant performance from Leeds, which, but for good goalkeeping and wayward finishing would have been much more comfortable.

Academy Match - 1st period:

After an even first few minutes Bradford were the first to threaten but a good Finlay Sanderson tackle prevented a shot on goal. Leeds showed neat football in midfield which ended with a through-ball from Owen Hindley being inches away from giving Kian Linley a shooting chance. Bradford pressed again and Joe Turpin made another good tackle to snuff out danger before a free-kick on the edge of the Leeds box was driven wide. Callum in the Leeds goal was untroubled in the first 15 minutes until he safely collected a tame shot. Leeds' first corner was well executed with Matty Swift firing goalwards but straight at the keeper. As the half drew to a close a mazy run and dribble by a Bradford attacker ended when he dragged the final shot wide.

Half-time: Bradford 0 - 0 Leeds

2nd period:

Bradford received an early free-kick which was collected by Callum who then made two fine saves from Bradford efforts as they stepped up the pace. Leeds forced their way back into the game and a precise through-ball was only just smothered by the home keeper. Jack at the centre of Leeds defence had to be alert to cut out a dangerous ball before a good pass from Owen gave Kian a chance that was saved and Lewis had another shot blocked. As time ran out a Leeds corner was punched clear and Jack made another strong tackle to ensure Leeds got the draw they deserved.

Full-time: Bradford 0 - 0 Leeds

Another pleasing performance from Leeds against an Academy team who play and train more often. Leeds look a well-organised team with strength in all departments and kept going despite playing two games back to back.