

East Riding v Leeds 7th February

Due to the cold weather the game was switched to a 3G pitch. The weather was cloudy and cold but no wind for a change.

1st Half:

East Riding were the first to show in this game with lots of early possession but no end result. When they finally got a sight of goal the shot was well wide. Leeds came into the game with a good run and shot by Lewis Branton which was parried by the keeper and Owen Hindley fired the rebound over the bar. Lewis was proving to be a nuisance to the opposition and another good run through the heart of the defence ended with him shooting past the keeper - 0 - 1. This obviously gave Leeds confidence and Joe Turpin then had a shot narrowly wide. As East Riding attacked at the other end Jack Twyford had to go off with an injury to be replaced by James Shaw. Tom Casey then saved a threatening attack with a good tackle on his opposition winger.

Although being beaten on possession and territory Leeds were still proving dangerous on the break and a quick run and cross by Alistair Thompson ended with Joe finishing confidently with a low shot into the corner of the net - 0 - 2. Whether Leeds relaxed or the goal fired East Riding, they put a lot of pressure on and a corner was headed just over the bar. Harry Sykes then had to make a good tackle to prevent a shot on goal but the pressure finally told when the Riding forward was totally unmarked in the box for an easy finish - 1 - 2. Soon after more good work down the right from East Riding led to a deserved equaliser - 2 - 2. They kept the pressure on with consecutive corners ending with an effort against the bar.

Leeds seemed to respond to being bossed on the pitch and a breakaway by Harry Carney ended with a good pass to Charlie Webb who took the ball into the box and made a precise finish across the keeper to give Leeds the lead again - 2 - 3.

Half-time: East Riding 2 - 3 Leeds

2nd Half:

Leeds started the second half with a fortunate lead as East Riding had dominated the first half but excellent finishing gave them the advantage. They earned an early corner but the keeper collected safely. A couple of injuries took the sting out of the game as both teams sought supremacy. After a while of midfield stalemate good midfield play from Leeds ended with Harry supplying Charlie who again showed a cool head to finish - 2 - 4.

Leeds were much improved this half and a Lewis free-kick went straight to the keeper. Owen then did the same after working his way into the box. East Riding had their fair share of possession but Leon, in the Leeds goal, was relatively untroubled. Charlie again found himself with a chance but this time shot wide. Good work from Luke Owen earned Leeds a corner and when it came over he was only denied a goal by a point-blank save.

Harry Sykes and Jack were controlling things well at the heart of the defence as Riding tried to force their way back. They were a much bigger side but Leeds were matching them most of the time. A through ball from Riding caused Leon to fly-kick the ball clear and he was alert again to claim the ball at the edge of his area. As the game reached its final stages Leeds looked quite comfortable and Harry had a long range shot pushed round the post for a corner. Unfortunately no-one could get on the end of it and Leeds kept firm to maintain their lead.

Full-time: East Riding 2 - 4 Leeds

A strange first half with Leeds being dominated yet going in at half-time with a lead due to excellent finishing. Much improved in the second period with everyone contributing to a determined performance that brought a welcome win after two narrow defeats and a draw. Six league games to come now boys - keep it up!