

Liverpool Schools FA U11's 2 – Leeds Schools FA U11's 'A' 0

Trans Pennine League

Leeds City Boys found their Liverpool counterparts too hot to handle for the second time this season in the annual Antcliffe Shield tie in the Trans Pennine League under floodlights at the Liverpool County FA Head Quarters.

After losing 4-0 at home earlier in the season, the Leeds squad knew they were likely to be in for an even tougher test in opposition territory.

However, having watched their 'B' team squad mates put in an excellent performance to defeat Huyton Boys 4-1 with goals from Daniel Hernandez (2), Max Tarbard and Harrison Jeal earlier in the evening, hopes were raised that the 'A' team could follow suit and gain a result to be proud of.

These hopes were dashed unfortunately within 2 minutes of the start as a perfectly placed corner was met with a towering header at the far post by the Liverpool centre half and Leeds found themselves a goal down before they had even got started in the game.

Buoyed by their early breakthrough, Liverpool confidently took the game to Leeds showing lots of quality in terms of their touch and movement.

It looked like it was going to be a long evening as on 10 minutes, Liverpool doubled their lead following a flowing midfield move and it was no more than they deserved at that stage in the match.

Despite the early set-backs Leeds started to impose themselves on the game more and more as the first third wore on and Dylan Youmbi was unlucky not to grab a goal to bring Leeds back into contention.

The second and third periods of the game were much more even contests and Leeds worked very hard off the ball to ensure Liverpool did not create any more real chances in the game whilst not quite doing enough in the final third to break the Liverpool defence down. Two chances came and went however, the first when Charlie Costello fed Cole Roberts and the Liverpool keeper spread himself to save at close range and the second when Alfie Wilkinson chased down a long kick from Finlay Wade only to lob just over the bar.

Overall an improvement from the performance in the last game against Liverpool for the Leeds side but no argument with the result as the better team won the game.

Leeds can be proud of their efforts against one of the top district sides in the country despite their defeat though and all the boys from the Leeds squads (A and B) will remember a special night under floodlight on a fantastic pitch with great support from the travelling supporters (parents and squadmates).