

Both the Leeds A and B teams travelled to Sheffield for the Green 'Un Cup full of expectation after strong recent performances.

Leeds B started Group B against top seeds and hosts Sheffield, with Toby Barker-Smith, James Gregory and Bruno Fernandez in command at the back Leeds dominated the game and looked menacing going forward, after James Waters sent Charlie Eastwood free down the left the ball found its way back out to Jake Kilbride who hammered an unstoppable shot into the top corner. Leeds controlled the rest of the game with Alex Macintyre in goal only forced into one save late on, finishing the game 1-0 winners.

Second up was Eastwood, and a reshuffle saw Ben Ratcliffe Mike Walker and Kyle Astill come into the attacking positions. The game was end to end with both keepers making good saves, but despite late Leeds pressure Eastwood held out for a 0-0 draw.

Needing a positive result in the final group game against Derby Leeds started slowly and were shocked when the Derby number 9 fired into the roof of the net from the edge of the box. Denelle Godfrey and George Brown gradually took hold of the midfield and Leeds drew level with a confident finish from Waters who rounded the keeper before firing into an empty net. In the closing stages Leeds did everything they could to force a winner including a great effort from Astil but the 1-1 draw still saw them qualify for the semi-finals as Group runners up.

Facing Group A winners Scarborough Leeds were big underdogs but started the game in dominant fashion forcing Scarborough back. Wave after wave of attack eventually paid dividends when Ratcliffe got in down the right nutmegged the defender before being pulled down from behind in the box. Waters stepped up and struck the penalty confidently into the top right corner. Leeds continued to dominate the game, with Walker looking good on the right, but a lightening fast break from Scarborough saw them equalise against the run of play. The second half followed the same pattern until Ratcliffe got away down the left, cut in and beat two defenders before unleashing a fierce shot past the Scarborough keeper. Shortly afterwards the game was made safe when Fernandez broke forward down the right beat a couple of defenders and with strikers queueing up in the middle he angled a shot high into the roof of the net from an acute angle.

A final with Sheffield awaited, Leeds confident after their group stage victory. The first half was midfield battle with Brown, Godfrey and Kilbride prominent for Leeds, and captain Barker-Smith and Gregory snuffing out Sheffield's attacks. Astall looked a threat down the left for Leeds and Eastwood's pace was always an outlet.

Sheffield took the lead early in the second half through a free kick evaded everyone and sailed into the top corner. Fatigue was now setting in for Leeds and bodies were thrown in front of shots as Sheffield took control, Macintyre excelling in goal.

With the clock almost at full time Leeds managed one final attack through Eastwood down the left, he centred for Ratcliffe who finished sweetly on the half volley past the despairing dive of the keeper.

Sheffield scored two quick goals early in extra time, but Leeds, now out on their feet, never gave in and scored again, Eastwood finishing a great move started by Fernandez with Ratcliffe crossing.

The last 2 minutes were frantic but Sheffield held on to take victory and lift the trophy.