

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Nottingham City Boys v Leeds Schools FA U11s 'A'

Leeds 'A' first away game of the season brought a fantastic result against Nottingham Schoolboys.

Leeds started very brightly and quickly stormed into the lead. The first goal came direct from a corner taken by Barone who whipped the ball into crowded box and found the back of the net. 2 minutes later, Leeds broke again with Hernandez providing a great cross into the box from the left wing which found Barone's head for his and Leeds 2<sup>nd</sup>. Barone was heavily involved in the 3rd goal soon after, this time sending Hernandez through on goal to make it 3 – 0 Leeds.

Leeds were dominating this first third with some great play from Hale and Westerman down the channels to Moorby.

Some superb team play for the fourth goal saw Westerman taking a throw into Moorby who crossed the ball into the middle for Warren to strike, only to see his effort blocked by the Nottingham defence. But Moyles was quickest to the rebound and he made it 4-0 Leeds after just 6 minutes. But Leeds couldn't afford to be complacent as Nottingham began to find a foothold in game only for Paynter to battle well and break down the Nottingham attack. Westerman then cleared the ball up field for another Leeds attack with the excellent Barone taking the ball down the right wing again, setting Hernandez up for another opportunity only to be given offside by the referee.

Barone with a great long range shot to be equally matched by the heroic save from the Nottingham keeper Nottingham eventually found a way through for their first real chance of the game with a promising break down the left wing which resulted in a powerful effort on goal which the Leeds keeper Emery bravely saved and cleared. But Leeds continued to push forward with Hale sending the ball down the channel to Barone who skipped past the Nottingham defenders and crossed the ball in to find Hernandez for his 2<sup>nd</sup> and Leeds fifth.

Leeds finished as strongly as they started as they created more chances. Paynter, Warren, Moorby and Moyles combining well for Westerman to set up Barone for a shot which was bravely cleared off the line by the Nottingham defence. Leeds break again with some fantastic football from Barone, Moyles and Hernandez testing the keeping once again.

At the beginning of the second third of the match, Leeds made four substitutions bringing on Fernandes, Vasey, Barrett and Hirst for Hernandez, Warren, Hale & Moorby. Vasey, Fernandes and Barrett soon combined well with Barrett's effort going narrowly wide of the post. Nottingham were next to break, moving the ball quickly down the wing only to be met by Hirst who stood strong and won the ball well. Hirst then played it into Westerman who, with a sublime first time touch, set up Barone who cheekily chipped the keeper only to be ruled offside. Emery was called into action for only the 2<sup>nd</sup> time to bravely save at the Nottingham attackers feet and smother the ball. Vasey then received Emery's kick and in turn found Fernandes who twisted and turned to pass the ball to Barrett who called the Nottingham keeper into another save. No goals in the 2<sup>nd</sup> third with Nottingham battling well and Leeds just not being able to get the ball into the back of the net.

At the start of the final third of the game, Leeds rang the changes again with Barone, Paynter, Moyles and Westerman replaced by Hale, Warren, Moorby and Hernandez. Leeds started brightly with a quick shot from Warren, blocked by the Nottingham defence. Vasey and Moorby linked up well to send Barrett on the attack, his shot fizzing narrowly wide. Fernandes was first to the goal kick, setting up Hernandez to superbly lob the keeper for his hat trick and Leeds sixth. Nottingham tried to respond with a long ball downfield which Emery rushed out of his area to clear the ball up to Fernandez who turns and shoots narrowly over. With 10 minutes remaining, Leeds still pushed forward, looking for more goals. Vasey ran with the ball and had a shot on goal which the Nottingham

keeper saved well. The resulting rebound came to out on the left wing who cut inside and let fly with a stunning effort into the top right hand corner of the goal, giving the keeper no chance whatsoever. 7 – 0 Leeds.

Despite their continuing efforts, Nottingham just couldn't seem to get passed Hirst or Warren. But their persistence finally pays off as Nottingham managed to pull one back with a fine headed finish. 7-1 Leeds. However, straight from the kick off, normality was resumed as Hernandez got his fourth and Leeds eighth. Leeds continued to have the majority of possession for the remainder of the match with the excellent Moorby down racing down the channel and setting up Barrett who was unlucky to see his shot go just wide of the post. With just a few minutes remaining Fernandes intercepted a pass, turned the defender and slipped the ball into the feet of Hernandez, the Leeds strike putting despatching the ball for his fifth goal of the game.

An excellent performance from Leeds producing a final score of Leeds 9 Nottingham 1.