

League Match Bradford Schools 1 – 3 Leeds A Schools FA

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Leeds went into the match against Bradford high on confidence after an excellent string of results in the league over recent weeks, even though the squad was slightly depleted for this game. The match started evenly with both defences standing strong with Stevie Cochrane and Rafael Burton both making some strong challenges to keep Bradford's lively forwards at bay.

Leeds then grew into the game on what was a worn bumpy surface making it difficult to play. Their domination then started to turn in chances with Charlie Eteen's snapshot hitting the post.

A moment of quality then broke the deadlock when Charlie Eteen's clever through ball sliced the Bradford defence open for Blazej Staszkiwicz to coolly slot home 1-0 Leeds. Leeds dominance continued and after some good work by Kian Windsor down the left wing, the ball fell to Billy Marsden on the edge of the box who finished it emphatically giving the goalie no chance to make it 2-0.

Unfortunately, Leeds were unable to maintain their two goal advantage going into halftime, giving away a penalty just before the break. The penalty was struck low and hard leaving Spencer Grand no chance.

Leeds then made the dream start to the 2nd half as Abdullah Abdulrahma's unstoppable shot from a tight angle smashed in off the goalkeeper to re-establish Leeds' two goal cushion. Flynn Pryde then started to dominate the right wing from Spencer's superb distribution from goal, delivering crosses that unfortunately were not converted by his team mates.

The remainder of the second half was more balanced although Leeds always looked dangerous on the counter-attack as the Bradford defence struggled to cope with Billy Marsden's physicality, who was unlucky not to convert a few half chances. Jacob O'Flaherty who was energetic throughout the game then put in another dangerous corner, this time hitting the crossbar.

The robust performance helped Leeds to continue to climb to the upper reaches of the table stringing together some impressive results. A great result for a team clearly high on confidence and that winning mentality.