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EAST RIDING U11 v LEEDS YELLOWS

The Yellows travelled to their East Yorkshire opponents in good spirits after a successful tour of the Midlands. On an extremely large pitch the team took a little while to get going with passes being under hit or intercepted. East Riding played many long balls over the top of the Leeds defence but keeper Bobby Williams stood strong and produced an assured handling display, ably supported by Theo Jones, Oli Keddie and Ben Robinson. Zak Tate took the game by the scruff of the neck and along with captain Ethan Halliday prompted numerous Leeds incursions but unfortunately East Riding's defence stood firm. A breakaway by East Riding saw the ball crossed in from the left and hesitancy in the Leeds defence allowed the striker to flick the ball past Williams to give East Riding the lead. This setback spurred Leeds on with Tate crashing a thunderbolt effort off the crossbar. Harry Haveron produced another good effort which Ralph Rudkin just failed to turn home. Wide players Ralph Woodward and Riley Wilkinson were causing problems and two efforts from Wilkinson flashed narrowly wide, and a cross from Woodward was met by Halliday only to be stopped on the line. Eventually the pressure told and the ebullient Tate equalised with a spectacular strike to give Leeds a share of the spoils. East Riding was a difficult team to conquer but the Yellows spurned enough chances to have won the game.