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LEEDS U11 YELLOWS v EAST RIDING

After last week's reversal by the Blues, Leeds Yellows took to the field with enthusiasm and a desire to achieve success. The opening exchanges were very even with both defences coping with attacks. Riley Wilkinson, Theo Jones and Ben Robinson had little difficulty in snuffing out sporadic East Riding attacks so all was looking rosy for a positive result. Unfortunately East Riding was awarded a free kick 20 metres out which was fired into the roof of the net even though Bobby Williams got a hand to it. This setback spurred Leeds on and following a Harry Haveron pass a fierce low drive by Zak Tate was spilled by the keeper and Ralph Rudkin managed to steer home the rebound. Oli Keddie and Jude Collings joined the fray and continued with the strong defensive line but unfortunately after a point blank save by Williams the East Riding striker was on hand for a smart finish. Leeds began to put the pressure on finding Rudkin in attack whose wonderful hold up play brought the midfield of Ethan Halliday and Tate into the game more and following a crisp passing move from Tate and Halliday the effervescent Wilkinson curled a wonderful strike into the top corner. The second half saw Leeds in the ascendency and Jones was monumental in spiking East Ridings sporadic forays being ably supported by Collings and Keddie and the fierce tackling and will to win which was on display. Tate beat the keeper with a free kick which crashed off the bar and the goalmouth scramble saw the ball twice kicked off the line. As the clock ticked down it seemed that Leeds would be denied until Rudkin played the ball wide to debutant Charlie Newbiggings whose delightful first time pass set Haveron rampaging through on goal and he produced a very smart finish to give Leeds the win 3-2. A very dogged and sporting East Riding team left with nothing to show for their efforts but overall it was a well deserved win for an on fire Leeds Yellows.