

LEEDS U11 YELLOWS 2 – 2 ROTHERHAM

On an unexpectedly balmy October day a depleted Leeds Under 11 side took to the field good spirits. Leeds was on the front foot immediately with Harry Haveron and Ethan Halliday fierce combatants in midfield ably supported by the industrious Zak Tate and the spirited Riley Wilkinson on the flanks. Ralph Rudkin ploughed a lone furrow in attack but with the Leeds midfield breaking quickly into attack the threat was obvious. Leeds took the lead when Rudkin laid the ball back to the captain Josh Papworth whose looping cross was skilfully controlled by Halliday who drove the ball home. Rotherham's threat was restricted, in the main to long balls, free kicks and corners but with the towering Ben Robinson in the centre and Papworth and Jude Collings either side, Leeds coped comfortably with goalkeeper Bobby Williams rarely troubled.

It wasn't long before Leeds added a second when Wilkinson won the ball centrally and fed Rudkin whose cross shot was parried into the path of Tate who snapped up the chance. The second half saw a tiring Leeds side with no substitutes begin to concede possession and two crosses from the right were converted to bring the scores level. In between a magnificent penalty save by Williams kept Leeds in the hunt of the spoils. The never say die spirit of the Leeds side was evident and in the last few minutes both Tate and Rudkin had good efforts go close to sealing victory for Leeds, but probably overall a draw was a fair result.