

Leeds U12 v Doncaster A (venue reversed) – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Magical Marsden sores high for Leeds

Leeds welcomed local rivals Doncaster on Saturday with Leeds keen to build on the momentum from the previous week.

On a heavy pitch both sides looked to move the ball, Leeds had the better of the opening exchanges with Swift and Wellman gaining control in the middle, Secker produced a fine save from the Doncaster keeper before the irrepressible Horne played the ball through to Marsden who beat the Doncaster centre back in a foot race and slotted home, one nil Leeds. Leeds continued to press and from a corner delivered by the impressive Swift, Marsden rose to head in his second of the game.

Doncaster fought back and levelled, Leeds went into half time with a slim lead.

The second half began with Doncaster pushing for an equaliser and they didn't have to wait long, Leeds failed to deal with a routine long ball and Doncaster took advantage to level. In a frantic second half marred by some controversial refereeing decisions, Leeds once again took the lead, after some fine work from Marsden, he went through only to be denied by the keeper, but Swift was on hand to pick up the loose ball, 3 -2.

Doncaster, relentless, continued to push Leeds all the way, and from a defensive mix up, they levelled, despite the protests at a clear offside, the goal was given. Leeds made a number of changes and the impact was felt, Allam and Chalk were causing all sorts of problems on the left, then, after some impressive work from Reed, who won and delivered a perfect cross, Marsden rose with a bullet header, 4-3 Leeds.

Leeds saw out the last ten mins and recorded a well deserved 3 points.

Next week they travel to Wakefield.