

#### **14.10.23 LSFA UNDER 11 YELLOWS v YORK SFA U 11**

The Yellows entered this game looking to build on the previous week's creditable draw with Rotherham and the team was on the front foot straight away with Joshua Papworth and Riley Wilkinson causing havoc down the flanks and Ralph Rudkin a constant threat up front. I seemed to be only a matter of time before Leeds would go in front and a diagonal pass from Ethan Halliday was chased down by Wilkinson who pressured the York full back into an ill thought out back pass and Papworth seized the moment to intercept and fire Leeds in front. Halliday and Harry Havoron were energetically dominating the midfield area and supplying Rudkin with some threatening passes and indeed Rudkin gathered the ball strode forward and fired a shot into the top corner from just outside the box. Leeds should have built on this lead but instead received a setback when giving a needless free kick thirty yards out which was hoisted into the area and somehow found its way past keeper Bobby Williams to make the scoreline close.

This sporadic foray by York and the Leeds defence of Jude Collings, Ben Robinson and Theo Jones , which had been untroubled so far became under threat. The team was freshened up by the arrival of full backs Oli Keddie and Ralph Woodward but York had their tails up and never allowed Leeds to dominate again. Papworth moved into defence to stiffen resistance and Jones made a few match winning tackles to stop the York renaissance, leaving Rudkin to battle alone as a strike force. The York attacks however were not able to threaten the safe handling of Williams and Leeds saw out a close run but scrappy affair 2-1.