## U12 LEEDS SCHOOLS F.A. 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024 VICTORIOUS AT HOME TO WAKEFIELD

After recently being on a great run of form, Leeds wanted to start strong against a game Wakefield side, but that didn't go as planned. The away team put the early pressure on the Leeds defence, but a quick breakaway from the visitors caught Leeds out to make it 0-1.

Although Leeds fell behind, they kept their heads and battled hard to get back into the game with a couple of long-range efforts from Frost and Cochrane almost bringing them level. With the last play of the first half, right-back Chalk plays out from the back to Secker, who drives down the line and plays it to Marsden 1-1 with only the referee to blow for halftime straight from the restart. H.T. 1-1.

After receiving a few words from the Leeds coaches at halftime, they came flying out the blocks with some top-class distribution from keeper Grand, sending Marsden through 1 on 1, who calmly slotted it home 2-1. Leeds continued to play the ball on a tough surface and got rewarded when Marsden became creator and set Frost up to make it 3-1.

Another long-range strike saw the ball land to Marsden, who smashed it in for his second Hat Trick in two games for Leeds 4-1. However, a long-range Wakefield strike hitting the underside of the bar made it 4-2 to give the visitors a glimmer of hope. Leeds continued to push for more goals, with Ethan Alam playing it to Horne, who majestically flicked it around the corner to Frost, who made it 5-2.

A high-pressing Leeds continued to give Wakefield no time on the ball, with Ethan Alam stealing it in a dangerous area and sliding it to Reed, who made it 6-2 with a nice finish off the post.

As the game was coming to an end, the lively Ethan Alam pulled out a great bit of skill to leave the Wakefield defender behind and made it 7-2. An overall excellent second-half performance saw Leeds take all 3 points.