

31st January 2025. Leeds Schools FA U11 Girls Vs Doncaster U11 Girls. Final Score 14-0

1st Half

The Leeds schoolgirls played Doncaster at home on Friday evening at the Cockburn Academy ground in Beeston. Leeds were on the front foot from the start but the Doncaster defenders were energetic and disciplined. For the first ten minutes, the visitors put numbers behind the ball and closed off any opportunities with well-timed tackles and some exceptional saves. Finally, after 14 minutes, striker Rebecca Clayton broke the deadlock after getting on the end of threaded pass by Isabella Toney. Three minutes later Emily Alderson doubled the lead with a smooth run into the box and shot to the keepers left. Leeds were dominant, and with 22 minutes gone Isla Hardbottle's energy and intense pressing from the wing paid off with a well-earned goal. Amelia Gilmore strode forwards from defence with the ball and her cross picked out Clayton perfectly for Leeds' fourth. Two minutes later as the Doncaster defence tried to clear their goal, the ball fell to Jemima Pierce on the edge of the box and she didn't hesitate to fire a rocket that went in off the crossbar. With some clever footwork, Clayton once again netted, completing her first half hat trick. Moments later, at the stroke of half time Paisley Gipson made it 7-0 to the home side with a crisp finish from inside the penalty area.

Half Time 7-0.

2nd Half

At the start of the second half Leeds made changes but still dominated. Gilmore's and Darcy Sunderland's brilliant shots being saved by some good goalkeeping. On the 34' minute, from Gilmore's short corner, Alderson slotted home her second and the eighth for the home side. Gipson stepped up next to score a brace in quick succession, completing her impressive hat trick. To Doncaster's credit, they did not give up and entered the best phase of their game, forcing a goal line clearance from Brooke Dawson and an essential save from goalkeeper Poppy Robinson. Leeds however, were back in control when Clayton provided a timed through ball for Maisie Chandler to blast past the Doncaster keeper into the back of the net. Jorgi Atkin was distributing the ball masterfully in midfield and the away side struggled to gain the ball. Towards the end of the game, Hardbottle shone, scoring an incredible three goals in three minutes and cement the victory for Leeds. Unbeaten at home, the Leeds team once again demonstrated their quality and strength in depth.

Full Time 14-0.

Goals: Clayton 14', 23', 27'

Pierce 25'

Alderson 20', 34'

Gipson 30', 39, 40

Hardbottle 22', 53', 54', 56'

Chandler 48'

Coaches' player of the game: Jemima Pierce

Leeds U11 girls full team: Mia Coughlan, Poppy Robinson, Emily Alderson, Jorgi Atkin, Maisie Chandler, Rebecca Clayton, Brooke Dawson, Cora Gacquin, Amelia Gilmore, Paisley Gipson, Isla Hardbottle, Jemima Pierce, Lilah Standish, Darcy Sunderland, Isabella Toney.