

## **Leeds Schools FA U13 Boys 4-0 Gateshead U13**

Leeds Schools FA U13 Boys returned to ESFA Cup action this weekend hoping to maintain their 100% start in the group stage of the competition.

After a scrappy opening 15 mins, Leeds broke the deadlock. Full back Rafa Burton worked hard on the overlap, got to the byline and cut back his cross. Midfielder Jack Swift arriving late from deep, struck the ball well and buried it into the Gateshead goal.

Leeds continued to press and play the ball forward into dangerous areas but didn't manage to create many more clear cut chances. As the half drew to a close, Gateshead grew into the game. The visitors were unlucky not to go in level at the break after an excellent volleyed effort rattled the crossbar on the stroke of half time.

Leeds came out stronger in the second half and began to enjoy more possession. Two goals in quick succession from set pieces put the home side firmly in the driving seat. Billy Marsden got on the end of Jack Swift's free kick and drilled a low shot into the left corner and centre back Sam Sharp headed home one a Swift's corners moments later.

Although Gateshead still looked dangerous on the counter, Leeds' defence held firm as the game slipped away from their grasp. After Joe Secker's effort went just wide, Leeds put the final gloss on the win when Marsden headed in their fourth, and his second, this time Harry Durbin delivering an in-swinging from the left corner flag. Leeds nearly made it five at the death but for an epic goal line clearance, which prevented Jonah Reed from finishing into an empty net after he skilfully rounded the keeper.

Today's 4-0 win makes it three from three in the ESFA Cup and eight wins from nine this season.