

## Leeds SFA 11 3 V 2 Doncaster SFA

### CARROLL ON SONG

Leeds U 11 moved into the last 16 of the National Cup with a strong committed performance against local unbeaten rivals Doncaster, in windswept conditions at St Theresa's. Lots of early pressure with Joe Caddy and Henry Houlker totally dominant in midfield gave Zack Carroll and Charlie Elias chances to open the scoring but their efforts were well saved. The same players combined to give Leeds an early lead with Elias feeding Carroll who turned and finished smartly into the bottom corner. More chances came and were spurned as the wind increased in strength and George Fletcher made a fine save to tip over a long range free kick from Doncaster before Carroll again struck a fine shot which the keeper couldn't keep out.. It was felt that the half time score of 2-0 in Leeds's favour may not suffice.

Doncaster started to creep into the game and with the wind in their favour put Leeds back line under pressure. Skipper Riley Campbell stood strong and with Edward Flanagan and Harry Keelighan-Wright alongside Doncaster could not find a way through. Unfortunately failure to clear the lines and with the wind at gale force levels now gave Doncaster a chance which they dispatched. William Angus fed by Will Dobson raced clear of the defence and the keeper made a stunning save, and shortly afterwards Dobson shot went narrowly wide.

Blake Hallsworth and Blake Nolan were battling hard and George Prior was finding space to overlap but still Doncaster attacked and from a free kick just outside the area they found an equaliser, firing into the top corner past the despairing Fletcher. Leeds regrouped and found some energy to take the game to Doncaster in spite of the ever strengthening wind and after an attack broke down, Nolan won the ball back and fed the ebullient Carroll who steered it home for a 3-2 lead with minutes to go. A succession of Doncaster corners ramped up the pressure but Caddy seemed to continually rise the highest to head clear.

An outstanding performance and Leeds will face Sunderland in Leeds after Christmas.

