

Sefton girls U12s v Leeds Girls U12s

National Cup fixture

Leeds School Girls u12's travelled to North Merseyside to play Sefton Girls in what was the opening fixture for both teams in their ESFA National Cup group stage.

Both teams started at a frenetic pace in search of the opening goal and the Leeds midfield were working hard to establish a foothold in the game. Ruby Burrow was in imperious form and was ably supported by Seren Colenutt and Maisie Smith who all made timely interventions to cancel out the Sefton attacks.

However, it was Sefton who went ahead with a long range strike catching goalkeeper Emily Hall by surprise.

Leeds responded positively and began to improve their passing game. Leila Button latched on to a through ball only to be denied by a superb save by the impressive Sefton keeper.

Half-time

Sefton 1

Leeds 0

Leeds started the second half with improved urgency. Ava Buchan and Ivy Morley began to dominate their duels and it was the Ivy who drew Leeds level with a stunning debut goal. Ivy took on the Sefton full back and unleashed an unstoppable drive that went in off the bar.

Leeds were now in the ascendancy and continued to dominate all over the pitch. The impressive, energetic Morley created the second Leeds goal as her cross caused panic in the Sefton box leaving Heidi Partington to put Leeds 2-1 up.

However, Leeds were to be denied victory. Sefton were awarded a free kick in the final seconds. The Sefton midfielder struck the ball well and agonisingly the ball struck both posts and nestled in the corner of the goal.

Sefton 2

Leeds 2