

## U11 Boys Leeds Schools FA v Bradford Schools FA 28/09/2024

A fierce end to end opening to this West Yorkshire Derby between Leeds Schools FA v Bradford Schools FA Under11's. The Leeds defense of George Prior, Edward Flanagan and Riley Campbell nullified Bradford's early attack. Leeds had the first chances of the game, a superb through ball from the tenacious Alfie McBride, but the shot went wide. Bradford responded quickly, forcing goal keeper George Fletcher into making a great save . The Deadlock was finally broken when Jeremiah Mattis beat his man on the wing to assist William Dobson, who chipped the keeper to score. The lead was short lived as Bradford's high press forced an error in the Leeds box and they equalized.

The game entered a scrappy period with neither team having the upper hand until attacking Midfielder Blake Nolan received the ball on his right, beat two men and crossed the ball for Zach Carrol to shoot, the keeper paraded the ball into the welcoming feet of Mattis who slotted it home to restore the lead. Bradford leveled the matter minutes later . Henry Houlker restored the lead for Leeds , breaking from the mid and slotting the ball into the bottom corner. However just before the break, Bradford leveled the game and it went into Half Time 3-3.

Bradford came out stronger in the second half with Leeds keeper Alfie Mason making a couple of great saves. Leeds battled hard to regain control of the game with Blake Hallsworth and Charles Elias leading the attack. They began to have the better of the game but Bradford managed to go ahead against the run of play. Leeds showed a great deal of grit in the mid, creating numerous chances before Dobson pounced on a loose ball in the Bradford box to level the game 4-4.