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Charity football match scores for Barnardo's

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The two sides battle it out

YORKSHIRE'S business community raised more than £22,000 for children's charity Barnardo's after a star-studded charity match followed by a dinner last night.

In a closely fought encounter at Leeds United's Elland Road ground, a team of Yorkshire property agents were narrowly beaten by their opponents of clients and former professionals.

Leading 2-1 in the latter stages, the property agents couldn't hold onto their lead and the clients team, led by recently retired former Bradford City and Hull City star, Dean Windass, came back to snatch a winner in the final minute.

Organisers of the event, which included a fundraising dinner at Elland Road attended by 500 senior business figures, said they were delighted with the generous support of the professional community.

Money was raised on the night through a raffle, Spot the Ball, and other games, while lots in a charity auction, led by Rupert Visick of [Gent Visick](#), raised around £10,000.

The audience was entertained by Leeds United legend Norman Hunter, who recounted stories from his playing days, and the evening was compered by Yorkshire Radio's Ben Fry.



The agents squad included players from company's including [Gent Visick](#), [Carter Towler](#), CB Richard Ellis, [DTZ](#), [Sanderson Weatherall](#), [Dove Haigh Phillips](#), [GVA Grimley](#), Jones Land LaSalle, Ryden, [King Sturge](#), [Knight Frank](#), [Lambert Smith Hampton](#) and McNeill and Associates.

As well as Dean Windass, former professionals who turned out for the clients team included Craig Hignett, Andy Couzens and Leeds United manager Simon Grayson.

The clients squad was led by captain Ian Elsworth, of Stirling Investments, and also included figures from Bruntwood, [Walker Morris](#), Wilton Developments, Flats in Leeds, Bracken Developments, Caddick Developments, Jack Lunn, Commercial Estates, Tamsland, DP Auton Property, Scarborough Group and Barratt Homes.

The game, which was watched by around 150 people, was refereed by Premier League official Martin Atkinson who, on Tuesday, officiated Inter Milan's Champions League clash with Dynamo Kiev.



Mr Elsworth, property director at Stirling Investments and one of the principal organisers of the match, said he had been delighted with the amount raised for Barnardo's and was especially thankful for the business community supporting the event so strongly during the downturn.