

Leeds v Birmingham

Keeper Jones saves the day for Leeds at the death

Leeds took on a strong Birmingham side in the final game of their Midlands tour and came out with a fine 2-1 victory. An evenly contested first half saw Leeds take the lead through big central defender Roschan Singh-Morgan who powered in a header from a fine corner from Jacob Little. Birmingham came back strongly with only fine saves from keeper Harrison Jones and a goal line block from Mason Sheridan-Hawley keeping Leeds ahead.

Substitute striker Seth Hartley doubled the advantage for Leeds early in the second half with a close range finish after good pressure from fellow striker Little enabled the ball to break free close to the goal. The goal seemed to inspire Leeds who then dominated the hosts for the next 20 minutes without adding to their lead despite fine efforts from Hartley and Little and some great runs from wingers Jake Wright and Theo Bailey. After fantastic defensive play Leeds then switched off for a moment and Birmingham got back into the game with a fine solo effort. This led to a frenetic last 5 minutes with Leeds having what would have been the goal of the match disallowed for offside and Jones making a fantastic save in injury time from a controversial Birmingham free kick given after defender Robert White was judged to have fouled the Birmingham centre forward as he broke free of the defence. On the balance of play a draw would have been a travesty but it was oh so close at the end.