

## LEEDS v BARNSELY in MICHAEL DALE CUP MATCH 18/02/12

Both team started brightly with Barnsley's more direct approach causing Leeds early problems with Fletcher Paley out smartly to deny a promising Barnsley attack. Cameron Dyas was again across quickly to halt another early Barnsley foray when out came the sprinting the Barnsley forward to clear as the home side looked to establish an early foothold in the game.

Leeds were slow to start but soon started to move through the gears with Danny Edward coming close with a header half way through the first half from a Joel Hayley throw in.

Clifford Kondadu's pace was causing havoc in the Barnsley backline and his constant runs at the Barnsley centre back was unlucky not to open the scoring forcing a fine save from the keeper.

The first goal of the game arrived against the run of play when a long ball was latched onto by the Barnsley winger who finished to the keeper near post to send the reds in at half time 1-0 in the lead.

Joe Pearson sent a through ball for Cameron O'Connor to run onto and his cross was directed wide by the enterprising Rhys walker.

It was Walker again who showed quick feet to get to the byline only for his cross to rattle the Barnsley bar as Leeds searched for the equalizer.

Danny Edwards was found by Joey Thompson and with the goal beckoning Danny Edwards was tripped with the referee having no doubt in pointing to the spot awarding Leeds a penalty with 10 minutes remaining. Rhys Walker stepped up only for his spot kick to be saved by the Barnsley keeper who got down well to prevent the equalizer.

With time almost up and the Barnsley management calling for the final whistle Leeds mounted one final attack. Josh Bell won the ball in midfield and spraying the ball out wide to Cameron O'Connor who combined well with Rhys Walker to cross for Cameron Dyas to find the bottom right hand corner to send the game into extra time.

Barnsley opened the scoring in the first half of extra time when an angled ball found the Barnsley striker whose first attempt was brilliantly saved by Christopher Littlewood but the shot was too hot to handle and the rebound was dispatched smartly to again hand the advantage to Barnsley.

Then with a moment remaining in the second half of extra time Leeds were again prevented by the woodwork as a rasping Joel Hayley shot cannoned off the bar and was cleared to safety by a resilient Barnsley back line.

With Leeds looking like exiting this year's cup Danny Edwards raced forward and was brought down with the referee awarding Leeds a second penalty kick of the game with only seconds of the contest remaining..

All eyes were focused on Leeds second half substitute Frazer Branton who stepped up confidently to send the keeper the wrong way to send the game into penalties.

With each team performing well in the shoot out the scores were tied with Leeds needing to convert their final penalty to win the game. Leeds manager John Forest again turned to Frazer Branton who's right foot finish found the bottom right hand corner to send the travelling Leeds fans into ecstasy. Final score Leeds win 4-3 on penalties after extra time.

