Match Report - Date 21/12/2013: Leeds A vs Liverpool - TPL

Final Score: Leeds A 0- 5 Liverpool

Leeds lost a challenging game to a very good Liverpool side. A 5 -0 score line was harsh on Leeds who worked hard and played good football in periods but Liverpool were clinical in their finishing.

<u>1st Third</u>

Leeds started the game well and took the game to Liverpool putting them under pressure in the Liverpool half. Leeds battled hard with Tom Woodeson was tackling well in midfield to break down the Liverpool play and create attacking moves. Jonny White made a good run down the right and then put a cross shot across the box. Liverpool then broke and Tom pulled off a great save to keep the scores level. Leeds were playing some good football but were struggling to create any clear cut chances. White and Liam Dean were linking up and Dean had a cross shot that went wide. Tom Spence and Haroon Bostan also put a good move together down the left and Spence had a shot from distance that went wide. Dean then beat some Liverpool players with some good skill down the line and linked up with White. Will Holmes was battling hard in midfield and played in Dean who put in a good cross shot but it drifted wide.

Liverpool started to get into the game more and one attack set their small nippy striker free and Matt Johnson sped back to try and get a tackle in and brought the Liverpool striker down and the referee gave a penalty. A harsh decision as it seemed six of one and half a dozen of the other. Tom pulled off a great save from the penalty but unfortunately the rebound went straight back to the striker who put the ball in the net to make it 1-0. Liverpool then started to get the upper hand and Oliver Brown had to be sharp to clear the danger. Liverpool then broke again in numbers and a Liverpool striker put the ball in the net to make it 2-0.

2nd Third

Liverpool started this third on the attack and Johnson made a couple of good interceptions to clear the danger. Joe Ingleson, Ellis Wilson Gales and Bostan did some good passing down the left and Bostan had a chance on goal but it was saved. Brown was battling hard and made a timely tackle before surging down the wing on the right to try and set up another attack. White and Holmes were putting some neat passes together in midfield. Leeds held their own this third, battled hard and defended well but Liverpool were strong as well and it was difficult to create any clear cut chances. Holmes won the ball well in midfield and fed Brown who then linked up with Wilson Gales who shot wide from distance. Harry Barton in the center of midfield was battling hard for possession, he won the ball and passed it to White who in turn moved the ball to Bostan whose shot was well saved. Wilson Gales then won a free kick which White took and was unlucky when it was headed off the line. From the goal kick Liverpool broke quickly and Tom had to run off his line quickly to clear the danger.

3rd Third

Leeds started this third attacking and Spence made a mazy run twisting and turning and was unlucky not to get a shot away as he was tackled. Liverpool then had a period when they were on top and put together some good passing moves. On move saw Liverpool break quickly and Tom had to pull off a great save to stop what looked a certain goal. Liverpool then had another attack and Ingleson got back to clear off the line. Liverpool then broke again and scored to make it 3-0. Liverpool then had another attack and made it 4-0. Wilson- Gales and Spence were working hard from the front and chasing players down. Brown and Barton got good tackles in to stop other attacks. Woodeson in the middle was also battling hard. Dean was tracking back and won the ball. Brown got another good tackle in and broke down the right. Wilson Gales won a corner but it was blocked. White came on for Holmes. Liverpool broke quickly again to make it 5-0. Near the end Spence was unlucky as his shot hit the bar. There was ultimately no way through for Leeds who lost