

Saturday 3rd December 2016 Home to Barnsley in the league.

Zach Angadi, Brad Wood, Brad Pride, Jack Clarke, Ben Littlewood, Leo Diffey, Charlie Tokarski, Jake Myers, Jamie Broadbent, Max Pearson, Russell Djitieu and Alfie Wright

For the opening period Jack, Russell and Brad P took their seats upon the bench as Leeds enjoyed a very bright opening which was capped off by an early goal from Jamie who collected a throw in before beating the Barnsley keeper at his near post for 1-0.

Barnsley tried for a quick response but Zach held solid and took a relatively easy save. Leeds were soon back into rhythm and passing well, although Barnsley at this stage were not looking like the same caliber of opponent that Leeds had faced in recent weeks, before Charlie fired a shot wide and then Jake won a corner as his shot was charged down. Max was next to drill in a shot that Brad W tried to help on with a cheeky mid-air back heel but unfortunately it only found the keeper. Barnsley then moved forward but Leo cleared the ball with ease.

Leo was called into action as his long stride just about beating the speedy Barnsley forward although seconds later the same forward earned a corner when Zach parried his shot after he'd outpaced Leo. From the corner Zach palmed the ball down into his own box before Leeds cleared their lines.

Brad W should've extended Leeds' lead but he just couldn't make Jamie's pass count before Leeds were saved by the post as Barnsley had beaten a diving Zach. Alfie and Jamie then combined to create an opportunity for Brad W but nothing was doing again. Leeds were trying to pass the ball but the length of the grass was severely hampering their progress. A further shot by Brad W was blocked and raised shouts for a penalty which were waved away by the man in black. On another day Leeds may well have been awarded this and an earlier muted claim but these decisions tend to even themselves out over the season. Barnsley then broke and Ben could only concede a free kick as the Barnsley forward displayed more pace.

Brad W was a constant threat upfront for Leeds and had another effort saved by the Barnsley keeper. Then it was Zach's turn to pull off a save, it was a good save following a positive burst from Barnsley.

A bright first period then drew to a close with Leeds leading 1-0. They had been the dominant team in midfield and had plenty of chances but no killer touch. Barnsley had been restricted to a few chances and hopefully Leeds would not rue the missed opportunities.

For the second period Jake, Brad W and Ben were replaced by Jack, Russell and Brad P. First blood almost went to Barnsley though as their pacy forward outstripped Leeds and forced a good save from Zach. Once again Barnsley went forward through the pacy forward but Leeds defended well at the expense of a corner which made its way into a congested box and the ball squirmed through Zach's grasp and trickled into the net for 1-1.

Within a minute it was 1-2 to Barnsley as the pacy lad ran through and squared for his teammate to stab home when unchallenged in the box.

Jack and Russell then combined down the right to set up the terrier that is Brad P who's shot was deflected wide. Shortly after Leeds won a free kick that Charlie fired in to the danger zone before it came back out to first Max and then Leo who both had shots from distance. Jamie was next into action as he powered past three players like a Sherman Tank. His shot was powerful and accurate and brought out an exceptional save from the Barnsley keeper who was relieved to only concede a corner.

Moments later Brad P and Max joined up well to find Jack who rifled in a shot that the Barnsley keeper couldn't hold and Jamie was on hand to poke home his and Leeds second goal to draw his team level at 2-2.

A defensive blip from Russell almost let in Barnsley but they shot wide. It wouldn't have counted though as the referee had blown for a free kick to Barnsley who had more than stepped up to the plate in this period. The free kick was driven straight at Zach but he fumbled it at the feet of the Barnsley forward and Leeds found themselves behind again. 2-3.

Uncharacteristically Leeds were now arguing with each other on the pitch as Barnsley poured forward and earned themselves a corner following a save by Zach. It was only a short respite though as Barnsley found space in the box to go 2-4 in front.

As Leeds continued with some on field in-fighting Zach was called upon to make another good save. Barnsley were playing well but Leeds needed to address some areas of their play as Barnsley certainly weren't the best opponents they had faced this season.

Barnsley had the ball in the net again but Leeds were saved by an offside decision. Zach then made a further save and one more not long after as the pace of the Barnsley forward was causing mayhem in the Leeds half.

Brad P then won a free kick on the edge of Barnsley's box but Jack couldn't beat the first man. The referees whistle then signalled the end of a terrible period for Leeds. Coach Olly would need all his nous and encouragement to turn this game around.

Brad W, Alfie and Max were the bench warmers for the final period and not long after the restart Leo made a well timed tackle in his own box and then Zach claimed the corresponding corner with confidence. Both teams were looking to go forward and Jamie was unlucky not to get his third. The encouraging thing from a Leeds point of view was that they were now getting tighter to their opposition than they had in the second period although Russell soon had to make a superb tackle on the edge of his own area. If Leeds could turn this game around we'd have to start calling Coach Olly Mr Motivator. Jake then had a shot charged down and he hit the rebound wide.

Coach Olly then changed his team around bringing on Brad W for Charlie. They needed goals. Ben then won a corner after a good forward run before Barnsley had two good surges forward but couldn't get a touch on either of the crosses across the face of Leeds' goal.

Leeds were being urged on by Coach Olly but their passing seemed to lack pace and urgency. A whipped in cross by Ben did find the head of Brad W and his header looked goal bound but for a Gordon Banks-esque save by the Barnsley goalkeeper.

A long ball from Leo sent Jamie away but his shot was cleared off the line after beating the keeper and out for a corner. Jake was unfortunate not to despatch a shot from the corner and Leeds then had a couple of half chances cleared away. Barnsley then broke forward and Zach stood tall as the Barnsley forward blazed over when you'd have expected better.

Once again Leeds were forced to defend as the pacy lad bore down on two further occasions before the final whistle brought an end to proceedings.

It had been a tale of three periods in which Barnsley had played well and Leeds seemed below par. They need to get back to winning ways after a run of defeats as the confidence of their early seasons games seems to have deserted them.

Onwards and upwards.