

Match Report - Date 21/12/2013: Leeds A vs Hull - WYL

Final Score: Leeds A 0- 1 Hull

Leeds narrowly lost a hard fought and competitive game against a strong Hull team.

1st Third

The first five minutes of the game was quite even with both teams battling hard and there was no quarter given with a few clear-cut chances and the ball pinging around the midfield. Hull then gradually started to get the upper hand and were pressurising the Leeds team from the very front and forcing Leeds to rush their passes. This put pressure on the Leeds defence and created chances for Hull and there were some good tackles from Johnson and Backhouse in this early stage of the game to keep the Hull attackers out.

After about seven minutes Hull opened the scoring a long ball into central midfield and the Hull striker took the ball well, ran into the space and slotted it home to make it 1 -0.

The goal gave Hull more confidence and they continued to pressurise and for the remainder of this first third Leeds were on the back foot. They dug in well and battled hard in midfield with Holmes and Woodson getting tackles in to try and get control of the game. The defence of Ingleson, Backhouse and Johnson were working hard to stem the Hull attacks. The opportunities for Spence, Dean and Wilson Gales were limited as Leeds struggled to get the ball forward into attack.

2nd Third

Leeds started this third better. They were pressing higher up the pitch and had a couple of early chances. One early attack saw Johnny White win the ball and he was running strongly through on goal and he seemed to have the Hull defence beaten but as he was about to get a clear run on goal he was brought down by tackle from behind which robbed Leeds of a good goal scoring opportunity. The referee viewed the incident as a coming together of the players and a free kick was awarded to Leeds. Unfortunately White was injured and played no further part in the game and Dean replaced him. Dean took the resulting free kick, which was well saved by the keeper.

This third was more even although there were no real clear-cut chances. Brown was making runs down the right to try and create openings. Holmes and Barton were battling in midfield. Barton broke from midfield and had a shot that was saved. On another attack Bostan laid the ball back to Holmes who had a shot that went just wide. Wilson Gales was working hard upfront and had a couple of half chances that went wide. Hull had fewer attacks this third but from one attack the striker broke through and Nicholson Watton made a fine save to keep the score at 1-0.

3rd Third

Leeds continued in this third as they had in the second. They were committed and battled hard but it was difficult to create many clear-cut chances against a resolute Hull team. Bostan had moved back into defence and got back well to thwart a Hull attack and then broke with the ball down the wing and put a shot just wide.

Leeds were putting more pressure on the ball and Brown intercepted the on the halfway line and fed the ball to Spence who just shot wide. There was some good interplay between Holmes and Spence, which resulted in a corner which was cleared by the Hull defence.

Barton and Woodeson were breaking down Hull attacks and trying to feed the front players but Hull were defending well. Dean had a speculative shot from one attack but it went wide. The game continued in a similar committed fashion to the end and Leeds just couldn't find the opening or that bit of extra quality to force the equaliser.