

Leeds B Vs East Riding – League – 16 Feb 2019

On the back of two draws, Leeds B will have hoped for a better result against East Riding, who now move above them in the table. The final score was 3-2 to a home team who never looked like they were going to give up a hard worked lead and despite a last flourish from Leeds in the final 10 minutes, did enough to secure all 3 points.

Unusually for Leeds B, all the early pressure was with them. A solo run from Zack Finn early in the game put East Riding immediately on the back foot followed in quick succession by a shot from Carmelo Brandao pushed aside for a corner by the keeper. Leeds maintained the pressure and the positive start with a couple of attacking corners that all found Leeds heads in the box.

It was East Riding who scored first though, counterattacking and sending numbers against the Leeds defence. Their first shot hitting the post and falling kindly for an easy finish. 1-0 at the end of the first third.

The home side started more positively in the second third with all the possession and opportunity to extend their lead, only Goalie Ethan Riley keeping Leeds in it with brave stops and a heartstopping run out of the box to clear. It took a moment of inspiration from Carmelo Brandao to level the match as he broke away in the East Riding half, found himself without any option and took the ball round the keeper and two defenders to finish from a tight angle. Second third finished 1-1 with both teams confident that they could sneak it in the final 20.

East Riding made sure of the victory in the first 5 minutes of the final third. A superb long range strike found the top corner and then a frantic goal mouth scramble with Leeds unable to clear to anywhere but another attacking player. Inevitably the ball crossed the line for a third and two goal lead that took any chance of an away win from Leeds.

The Leeds team tried to salvage a draw and upped the intensity in the final 10 minutes with their best passage of play rewarded by a score from James Wilson, the ball falling to him in the ideal position in front of goal. 3-2 and minutes left. Sadly, it wasn't long enough and the East Riding side did enough to hold the advantage all the way to the final whistle.