

14/11/15 Derby 2 V Leeds 4

Leeds made the long journey South, down the M1 road works to take on a Derby side who's tackling was as strong as the recent high gales, fortunately the rain held off until just after the final whistle.

Goal Leeds up 0:1 Despite the tough tackling and high pressing from the Derby team it was Leeds who created the first real openings of the game, as the one Leeds player Bradley Wood who wasn't being outmuscled in the early stages rounded off a strong run to finish low past the keeper.

A series of good Derby play and strong tackling followed but they lacked the final killer ball or finish to trouble the Leeds goal.

Goal Leeds 0 : 2 Leeds double their lead as Kron Abidu did to Derby what they had been doing to Leeds by not allowing the goal kick to reach the opposition, a neat finish followed hi cool control.

Goal Derby 1:2 Derby back in it as despite the narrow set up of the Leeds team and plenty numbers back defending deep the Derby front man was allowed to wales through the middle and finish neatly.

Period 2

The changes in personnel at the break allowed for the introduction of fresh legs but still Leeds still seemed unable to match the tenacity of the Derby boys. Following an early half chance for Leeds Harvey pulled off a flying save after the Leeds defence failed to clear their lines. The game was starting to spread out allowing Sam Appleyard to shoot just wide following a break down the Derby right hand side, something that would be exploited more and more throughout the remaining game time.

Goal Derby 2:2 A long range effort from Max was straight at the keeper was followed quickly by a long range hopeful ball down the middle was latched onto by the lively Derby number 9 who dispatched his effort to make it all square. The look on some of the Leeds parents suggested that they would take a draw if it was offered as Leeds struggled to come to terms with the two teams having one win a piece from recent encounters.

The Derby number 9 was in again and despite being a yard off side was allowed to get his shot off fortunately for Leeds his effort went harmlessly wide.

This seemed to rally the Leeds boys and Max Pearson had a looping effort come back off the top of crossbar with the Derby keeper rooted to the spot.

Period 3

Goal Leeds 2:3 As Ben Redshaw and Ben Moss took the game by the scruff of the neck with the latter picking up a ball following a break down the right from the former to bulldoze his way through a crowded penalty area and finish at the second time of asking.

Goal Leeds 2:4 Kron then a long range effort from wide on the left that narrowly went wide of the far post, this acted only as an aperitif as he found himself on the edge of the 18 yard D with the ball at his feet which he smacked it past the keeper into the net off the underside of the bar.

Derby's never say die attitude meant they came back into the game again and had a long range effort over the bar, Harvey then saved another long range effort that bounced just in front of him. Harvey still had time to bravely save at the feet of the number 9 and Leo Diffy was unlucky not to get on the score sheet following a delightful chip from a nice Leeds short corner. The Leeds boys played out the rest of the game to record a very good away win in their first competitive outing of the season.