

Match Report - Date 15/2/2014: Nottingham vs Leeds A (played at St Theresa's)

Final Score: Nottingham 1 -0 Leeds A

Leeds narrowly lost a hard fought game against Nottingham. The wet and wind conditions played their part as both teams struggled to play flowing football. For Leeds it was a case of what might have been as they had a greater share of possession and created plenty of chances but couldn't get a goal.

1st Third

Leeds started the game reasonably well and had plenty of possession. Johnny White and Ellis Wilson Gales linked up immediately and White put his shot wide. Leeds then won a free kick in their own half and Matthew Johnson put a long ball into the box and Will Holmes was unlucky that he couldn't get on the end of it. Joe Ingleson battled well and fed Wilson Gales who shot wide. Harry Barton who was playing right back won the ball well and fed Tom Woodeson who let fly from distance but the shot went over. Nottingham then had an attack and Johnson got a good foot in but the ball broke to another Nottingham striker and Haroon Bostan and Barton who were covering well put the ball out for a corner. Tom Nicholson Watton made a good save from the corner. Ingleson then showed good skill in a tight space on the line to work the ball to Wilson Gales who then passed to White but the shot went wide. Bostan then won the ball well and put in a good cross to White who shot over. Holmes then got in on the actions and won the ball well and had a shot which was well saved and Wilson-Gales couldn't quite get on the end of the rebound. The ref then blew for the end of the third.

2nd Third

The weather got wetter and windier during this third. Liam Dean and Woodeson linked up well. Oliver Brown whipped a ball in but nobody could get on the end of it. Nottingham then started to have a good period in the game and put some good attacks together. Brown got back well to clear the danger. Bostan thwarted another attack and Johnson got a header in to clear another. Tom Spence did well to win the ball and went on a twisting run which ended with a foul and free kick to Leeds. Woodeson was making some key tackles in midfield. Bostan and Brown linked up well to put Spence clear but unfortunately he was off side. Nottingham then broke quickly and the striker shot and the ball which was wet and muddy agonizingly squirted under Nicholson Wattons arm and into the back of the net to make it 1-0. Leeds worked hard to try and get a goal back, Spence battled well and then White crossed it in and Dean tried a spectacular overhead kick but the ball went wide. Just before the end of the third Nicholson Watton made a great save to keep the score at 1-0.

3rd Third

Leeds tried hard in the final third to get an equalizer and there was plenty of effort and numerous chances were created but Leeds just couldn't get the ball in the back of the net. Wilson Gales had a shot that went just wide. Ingleson fed Dean who shot just over. One attack Leeds seemed certain to score when Barton did well to win the ball and passed to Spence. The Nottingham goalie was out of the area and there was an open net Spence passed the ball into the space but White and Dean seemed to get in each others way and the ball went over the bar. It was at this point that the crowd sensed it wasn't going to be Leeds day. Leeds continued to battle hard but couldn't find the goal they needed.

