

Barnsley v Leeds 16th Dec 2023

Leeds travelled to table topping Barnsley and were expecting a hostile reception given the recent pre-season friendly, and they weren't disappointed.

From the off, the pace was intense, with both sides going at it from the off. Leeds struck 1st, with the ever-reliable Marsden latching onto a loose ball to round the keeper and make it 1 nil to Leeds.

Barnsley looked to respond immediately and it didn't take long, a routine long ball wasn't picked up, 1 each.

Both sides continued to go toe to toe, the midfield battle was intense, then another breakthrough, Horne won the ball out of the left, fed Secker and with one touch, released Swift who fed Marsden, superb team goal, 2-1 Leeds. Again, the hosts struck back, with the half ending 2-2.

Leeds made a number of changes at half time as they looked to maintain momentum and it paid off, the impressive Swift latched onto a poor clearance to fire home from the edge of the box, 3-2 Leeds.

The game continued at 100 miles an hour and the hosts yet again struck twice in quick succession to make it 5-3.

Leeds continued to press and Marsden yet again struck, 5-4, unfortunately the host's saw the remaining time out with Leeds unlucky not to come away with a point.

As the 1st half of the season comes to a close, Leeds have made superb progress as a unit and are well placed in the national cup having topped their group.

Credit to the coaching team of Postle and Grayston.