

Saturday 17/2/23

Rotherham 6 vs Leeds Blues 0

After the highs of last week's impressive victory over Barnsley, Leeds Blues came back down to earth with a heavy defeat away at Rotherham.

Both teams began the game well with neither side allowing the other to assert their authority, but after 15 minutes Rotherham were gifted the opening goal, making the most of confusion in the Leeds defence for 1-0. Although Leeds had chances of their own, they couldn't find the all important equaliser with both William Reynolds and Noah Stainforth failing to convert from close range.

Leeds would rue those missed chances when Rotherham extended their lead soon after. The Blues' frailty from corner kicks was exposed and Rotherham took full advantage for their second and third goals to lead 3-0 at half time.

The second half continued in a similar vein to the first with Leeds failing to match Rotherham's physicality and although Leeds had a late Noah Stainforth goal ruled out for offside, the home team added three more goals without reply to win the game 6-0.

Overall, the scoreline didn't completely reflect the balance of the game but Rotherham showed more aggression and desire to win the ball than Leeds throughout the game. They were also more clinical and finished their chances well.

Leeds Blues will see the reverse fixture at home next week as an opportunity to put things right but will need to improve dramatically on this performance if they're to get anything from the match.