

Saturday 13/4/24

Leeds Blues 2- 9 Bradford

Separated by only one point in the league table, Leeds Blues vs Bradford was a game that could have gone either way. As it turned out the game only went one way with Leeds suffering a harsh but heavy defeat.

Despite the 9-2 result, this was a much more competitive contest than the scoreline would suggest with Leeds battling well all over the pitch and creating several chances to score in the first half. William Reynolds provided quality on the wing with his corners and crosses troubling the Bradford defence and Noah Stainforth drew a great save from the Bradford 'keeper before hitting the crossbar minutes later. Bradford had chances of their own though and did manage to find the back of the net with a quick double to lead 2-0 at half time.

In the second half Bradford continued to push forward and create chances with Thomas Casey, Arthur Alton and Ben Hayes all working hard to keep their attackers at bay and goalkeeper Luca Darling was kept busy throughout. Billy Rochford and Zac Richardson showed great determination to win possession for Leeds and Harry Cullen was a thorn in the Bradford defence's side but the away side's quality in the final third began to shine through and they were soon 4-0 up.

It wasn't all one way traffic though and Oli Firth pulled a goal back for Leeds from the penalty spot and Jamie Moore finished off a quality Firth through ball for the Blues' second for 4-2. These were merely consolation goals though with Bradford adding five more goals to complete the scoring and run out 9-2 winners.

This was a slightly flattering scoreline for Bradford but they finished their chances well and ultimately deserved the win, climbing above Leeds Blues in the league table in the process.