

The Knights got off to the worst possible start when Milique Martelly fired the visitors ahead with just 2.27 on the clock.

But the Knights were soon level thanks to Oli Endicott scoring on the power play at 6.42, the teams stuck together until early in the second period when Brown opened his account following good work by Buesa and Endicott.

In another indication of how close these two teams are, Toms Rutkis levelled for the Lightning just under three minutes later at 25.23 before former Knights' two-way forward Harry Gulliver put his current employers ahead for the first time at 35.53.

The turning point seemed to be at the end of the second period with Leeds trailing 3-2 when there was a coming together in front of the benches with players spilling over the boards.

The net result was Leeds coming out for the third on a 5-on-3 power play, something they capitalised on when captain Kieran Brown doubled his tally to drag his team level.

Within two minutes or so, the Knights were ahead for the second time on the night when Jordan Buesa struck.

But the game could still have gone either way and it wasn't until the 51st minute that Leeds were able to put some daylight between themselves and their opponents when Matt Haywood benefitted off good work from Bailey Conger to make it 5-3.

As the Lightning chased the game - much like Leeds did the night before - it was left to Brown to wrap up the points, and a hat-trick for himself, with an empty net strike.