

Match Report: Leeds Knights vs Sheffield Steeldogs – Pre-season Challenge (6th September 2024)

Leeds Knights delivered an emphatic performance in their pre-season challenge against Yorkshire rivals Sheffield Steeldogs, securing a convincing 7-1 victory at home. Leeds dominance was clear from start to finish, with Jordan Buesa stealing the show by netting four goals.

Period 1: Early Sparks but Leeds Take Control

Leeds Knights drew first blood with Jordan Buesa getting the game opener at 1:42 into the first period. Sheffield Steeldogs first goal came at 15:12 with Sam Cooper finding the back of the net. However, Leeds responded swiftly as Jordan Buesa (#9) struck back just a few minutes later at 18:07, to put Leeds ahead by the end of the period, ending the first 20 minutes with a 2-1 lead.

Period 2: Leeds Pile On the Pressure

Leeds came out even stronger in the second period, relentlessly pressing the Steeldogs. Buesa completed his hat-trick at 24:48, marking a dominant start to the middle period. As the period progressed, the Knights further extended their lead with a goal from #41, Olly Endicott, at 37:41, making it 4-1 heading into the final period. Leeds' defense stifled any hope of a comeback from the Steeldogs, with netminder providing a strong last line of defense.

Period 3: Leeds Finish Strong

The third period saw Leeds continue their dominant performance, with Buesa securing his fourth goal of the night just 4:30 into the period (44:30). Kieran Brown, not to be outdone, added two more goals to the tally—one at 47:10 and another at 51:37—bringing the final score to a resounding 7-1.

The Knights' unrelenting offensive pressure and defensive composure left Sheffield struggling to find any answers, while the home fans celebrated their team's commanding display.

Summary: A Statement Victory for Leeds

This comprehensive win showcased Leeds Knights' readiness for the season ahead, with standout performances from Jordan Buesa and Kieran Brown leading the way. The victory over their local rivals in front of a delighted home crowd highlighted the Knights' attacking flair and defensive resilience.

With such a dominant pre-season showing, Leeds will look to carry this momentum into the regular season, with their Yorkshire rivals now well aware of the challenge they face.

Final Score: Leeds Knights 7 – 1 Sheffield Steeldogs

Leeds Knights Scorers:

- Jordan Buesa (#9) – 4 Goals (18:07, 24:48, 44:30)
- Kieran Brown – 2 Goals (47:10, 51:37)
- Olly Endicott (#41) – 1 Goal (37:41)

Thermos MOM - Jordan Buesa (#9)