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PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

All the news from Roundwood ahead of the weekend's Yorkshire derby with Leeds United at Elland Road



Leam Richardson

On latest team news and dealing with the inclement weather...

“We’ve got a few bumps and bruises from the Southampton game but I’m crossing my fingers that we’re going to be okay.

“We’ve had a challenging week, mainly down to the weather conditions, but we’ve been able to get some good work into them, so hopefully we’ll be healthy and firing for a good game against Leeds.

“We always try to do the best with what we’ve got available to us and that involves having to adapt to certain things, including the weather.

“People learn in different ways as well, whether be analytically in the classroom or out on the training pitch, so there’s always something you can do.

“Thankfully we’ve been able to adapt to the situation we were presented and I’m confident that we’re going there fully prepared.”



Leam Richardson

On his three Deadline Day signings and their availability for the weekend...

“The new lads have been here for a week now and they are very aware that they’ve had a lot of information to pick up.

“The challenges are right there in front of them to firstly integrate within the squad and get to know the environment and surroundings.

“As well as this they become accustomed to what is expected of them at the football club. They are three great people and good players too, so they’ll certainly play a large part come the end of the season.

“I think there are opportunities every time you take to the football pitch, whether that is coming in on loan or whether that be with players who are already here.

“There’s an opportunity every time you go somewhere different and work with a new manager or players because football is a small world and people talk. “

On Cohen Bramall’s injury....

“It’s a blow for us but also for Cohen, because he’s a massive part of the team and the overall balance we have. Our fingers are crossed for the best case scenario with Cohen but it is a difficult one and something that we’ll have to be mindful of.

“Hopefully we’ll be able to get through the initial period with the injections and that’ll be something that the surgeons and the medical team will take care of. “



Last Meeting

Rotherham 1 - 1 Leeds United

Friday 24th November 2023

Hakeem Odoffin struck in first half stoppage time to earn the hosts a share of the spoils, cancelling out Crysencio Summerville early goal.

Recent form

Queens Park Rangers

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Fortress Elland Road

The Whites are the only side to not yet have tasted defeat on home soil in the Sky Bet Championship in 2023/24 having won 11 and drawn four of their 15 games to date.

Leam Richardson

On growing up a Leeds fan and facing them this weekend...

“Leeds are an excellent team full of international players who are going very well in the division. They have a lot of goals in the team and are trying to gain promotion to the Premier League.

It’s a really good and strong challenge for us. Going to Elland Road for any manager, player or coach is always good and we’re looking forward to it.

“I think many of our performances of late will give us confidence and we need to build from that.

“I think the first 30 minutes against Southampton wasn’t really us, but maybe that had something to do with the fact that we hadn’t played for a couple of weeks.”

“We’ve had a week to prepare for this game and we’re now going into a good bank of fixtures, so we need everybody available and taking the information in.

“The atmosphere will be fantastic and the teams we’re playing against will be a good, healthy challenge.

“I grew up as a supporter of Leeds United and didn’t live too far away from the stadium and I’ve been there many times both as a supporter, player and coach. Thankfully as a coach I’ve been relatively successful there so fingers crossed that can continue.

“There’s obviously that little bit more motivation to go there and win from my point of view, but the day isn’t about me, it’s about the players.

“It’s three points for us at the end of the day, it’s a big game and they all are in the Championship. We want a strong performance and result tomorrow.”



Lee Peltier

On facing his high-flying former employers...

“I’m really looking forward to it. Elland Road is a great place to go and play football, it has an amazing atmosphere and Leeds are performing well at the minute so I’m sure their fans will be out in full force.

“Personally, I’m looking forward to going back and having a good game of football.

“Leeds are the favourites, they’re probably expected to win, but within our camp we’re really motivated to go there and get a result.

“We know it’s going to be tough but the boys have really put in the hard work in order to go there and achieve that.”

On whether he has a role to play in spreading his ‘will to win’ with the rest of the squad...

“I don’t think I have to - obviously we all want to win a game of football.

“I can add my experience to help some of the younger lads through the games, and there’s quite a few other experienced boys in the changing room that do that as well.

“Wanting to win a game of football should come from within. I’m sure all the

Lee Peltier

On his passion for football and what motivates him to keep playing...

“I just love playing football - it’s as simple as that.

“I haven’t lost the love for it, and I’ve always said that as soon as I start losing the love for it, I will retire.

“At the minute, despite the fact our season hasn’t been ideal so far, I’m still enjoying myself and I’m still enjoying my football. It’s simply a love of the game.

“Definitely, that’s what we’re in the game to do - win matches and achieve the most we can.

“I’ve been fortunate enough to achieve quite a lot in my career. I think, being from Liverpool, the mentality of Scousers is winning one.

“That’s just ingrained within me from being a young lad.”

