

ABOUT OUR VISITORS

HAVING already defeated Sunderland, one of last season's promoted sides, we now welcome Leeds United, the other promoted club. When we last met them—in the Second Division in 1962-63—they took three points from us, winning 2-0 at Elland Road and drawing 2-2 here.

Just how well they played last season is shown by the fact that they lost only three League matches, all away. They won 12 and drew nine of their home games, and also gained 12 away victories. The basis of their success was an extremely sound defence, which conceded only 34 goals.

Flying Start

Leeds began this season most encouragingly with victory, like ourselves, in their three opening games, including one over League champions Liverpool by 4-2 at Elland Road. Last Saturday they pulled back from two down and beat Leicester City 3-2.

Goalkeeper Gareth Sprake had a dramatic introduction to the Leeds senior side two years ago, at the age of 16. He was flown to Southampton when Scottish international Tommy Younger was taken ill. Sprake has since played for Wales in both Under-23 and full internationals. He was born in the same street at Swansea as former Arsenal and Wales 'keeper Jack Kelsey.

Although a Londoner, Paul Reaney is one of Leeds' own products, joining them shortly after leaving school and becoming a professional in 1962. He was capped by England at Under-23 level last season.

A former Scottish amateur international with Queen's Park, Willie Bell joined Leeds

in the summer of 1960, playing in both wing-half positions before switching to left-back in place of long-serving Grenville Hair.

Now in his fifth season on the Elland Road staff, Billy Bremner has played for Scotland at schoolboy and Under-23 level. Born at Stirling, he used to be an inside-forward, and also played occasionally on the wing before moving into the middle line at the start of last season.

Bobby's Brother

Brother of the Manchester United and England forward, Jack Charlton has been with Leeds for 11 years and played in over 300 League matches. He succeeded John Charles at centre-half, quickly proving a great successor to the brilliant Welshman. A native of Ashington (Northumberland), Charlton made only 25 League appearances last winter due to injuries, his lowest total in the past seven seasons.

Ever-present in the Leeds team last season was Norman Hunter, who hails from Middlesbrough and made his first senior appearance two years ago when two more experienced wing-halves were out of action. He took his chance so well he has never since been out except when injured.

An Eire international who has played for his country in three forward positions, Dublin-born John Giles, came into prominence with Manchester United, gaining a Cup winners' medal against Leicester City in 1963. Shortly after the start of last season he was transferred to Leeds at a substantial fee.

Don Weston scored a hat-trick in his first game for Leeds after joining them from Rotherham in December 1962, and has since scored consistently, if not sensationally. Although born at Mansfield, he started his career with Welsh club Wrexham in 1958, two years later moved to Birmingham City, and joined Rotherham in December 1960.

Unlucky Peacock

With Alan Peacock, who was signed from Middlesbrough in February, out of action this season with cartilage trouble,