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## Western Sydney Wanderers - Leeds United 1-2

**Leeds United will leave Australia with a victory after a scrappy 2-1 win against A-League club Western Sydney Wanderers at Bankwest Stadium on Saturday.**

**The Championship** side lost 4-0 on Wednesday night to Manchester United in Perth, and only just secured a win in Sydney after an eleventh-hour goal from Pablo Hernandez. **In what** was the Wanderers' first pre-season fixture, they were gritty in their performance against a Leeds side that went close to a return to the English Premier League for the upcoming season.

**The visitors** took an early advantage in front of a boisterous and packed crowd, as space opened up for Jack Harrison on the left before he cut it back in to 17-year old Mateusz Bogusz, who finished brilliantly in the ninth minute.

**Leeds dominated** the opening 45 minutes, creating plenty of chances but failed to capitalise on the majority of them meaning they would head to the break with just a one-goal buffer.

**The hosts** restored parity only three minutes after halftime as a pin-point ball from Keanu Baccus found Kwame Yeboah, who finished off a lovely counter attack with ease.

**Some brilliant** saves from Wanderers keeper Daniel Lopar kept them in the hunt for an upset victory, but the 95th minute winner from the Spaniard ensured the better side came away with the result.

**After the** game Wanderers striker Mitch Duke said he was



Leeds Manager Marcelo Bielsa watches on from the sideline during the Western Sydney Wanderers and Leeds match at Bankwest Stadium.



Kemar Roope of Leeds United competes for the ball against Keanu Baccus of the Wanderers.

"It's tough to see a goal like that at the end but but I'm very happy with the boys," he said.

"I loved the atmosphere; it was unbelievable for both sides and it really speaks to the fans.

"It's still early doors but it's definitely an exciting time to be a part of the club."

hugely impressed with the result as his side kicked off their preparation for the 2019/20 season.



Patrick Bamford of Leeds reacts after missing a shot at goal during the Western Sydney Wanderers and Leeds match at Bankwest Stadium in Sydney.

## Adelaide Olympic have announced a partnership with reigning Greek Super League Champions PAOK.

**THE PARTNERSHIP WILL SEE AN EXCHANGE OF COACHES BETWEEN THE NPL SOUTH AUSTRALIA OUTFIT AND THE THESSALONIKI-BASED GIANTS.**

It will also offer an opportunity for Adelaide youth to participate in future PAOK youth tournaments. "The objective of the cooperation is to build a sustainable, mutually beneficial long-term relationship with a focus on the development of football player and coaches as well," reads a written agreement sent by PAOK Academy General Director, Evangelos Pourliotopoulos.

"With acceptance and further communication, we intend to seek an exchange of coaches prior to extending an invitation for a team of your youth academy to participate in our youth tournaments that host teams not only from Greece but all corners of the world."

Olympic, who face NPL WA Floreat Athena in the FFA Cup 2019 Round of 32, thanked former PAOK and West Adelaide midfielder Pavli Vangjeli for his role in striking an arrangement between the two clubs.

Vangjeli's brother Kristi, who is a 35-cap Albanian international, currently plays for Olympic and once marked Juventus and Portugal star Cristiano Ronaldo in a FIFA World Cup qualifier in October 2008. PAOK beat Olympiacos to the Greek Super League title last year. They are the former club of ex-Hyundai A-League star Ante Covic and current Melbourne Victory midfielder Terry Antonis.

