



Central Lancashire JFL
U 15's Premier Division

EUXTON VILLA V APPLEY BRIDGE



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Date: Wednesday, 3 Sep 2008

H.T. (0-1)

Venue: Home

Kick-off: 6:30 pm

Euxton Villa started their premiership campaign with a strong performance against a good Appley Bridge team, coming away with a deserved draw. Both teams had chances to win the game, with Appley dominating much of the first half. Euxton lost their first game nerves in the second half, playing some useful football, putting Appley under a lot of pressure and coming close to snatching the win.

Euxton kicked off, but it was Appley that made the first dangerous attack, driving down the right wing and crossing into the box. Chris collected the ball well. Lou and Asa combined well on the right; Lou crossed the ball but the Appley keeper was untroubled. Villa were closing down well, but Appley are a solid outfit and soon they had an early chance on 5 minutes as the ball found its way past the Villa defence. The shot was wide. Villa looked to get straight back at Appley. Asa crossed from the right but the ball was too high for Dalian. Appley attacked again but Villa defended well; Dalian took up the play and knocked the ball through the defence for the strikers to run onto. The Appley keeper reacted quicker and came out well to meet the ball (7).

The play swung both ways – Chris caught a right-side cross from Appley; Ste covered well at the back to break down another Appley attack. Villa built up another attack on 12 minutes but were caught offside; Appley responded, pushing forward and looking threatening. Villa were defending well, with the midfield tidying up, but recognising how dangerous Appley were they changed to a 4-4-2 formation.

Appley won a free-kick on 16 minutes. They smartly took the free-kick quickly catching Villa napping. The ball was knocked over the defence and the Appley striker scored a good goal. 0-1. After the goal the match evened out somewhat. Danny was chasing the ball down well and keeping Appley under pressure. Dalian had a shot that was blocked by the keeper – Jon followed in but the keeper gathered in time (26). Villa were pressuring Appley well and making them hurry. 39 minutes in and Euxton cleared an Appley Bridge corner and broke quickly; Bazza pushed the ball out to Lou who played a one-two with Asa and then crossed to Dalian. Unfortunately Dalian didn't quite strike the ball cleanly and the keeper had a comfortable save.

Appley started the second half and immediately got into Villa. Chris made a couple of good saves early on. Appley were clearly looking to close out the game. At the other end Asa had a half chance but shot over the bar. For the first ten minutes of the half Villa soaked up a lot of pressure. Rob and James contributed to a strong defence, holding a good line with Ste and Bazza. In their eagerness to finish off the game the Appley Bridge strikers were getting caught offside and some frustration was starting to show. Villa began to get back into the game, winning more ball and playing some good football. Chris's long kicks from goal were troubling the Appley back four a little. Villa were starting to create chances. Asa shot wide on 50 minutes. David played a good ball to Jon, who knocked it forward to Danny but the keeper was out well to punch the ball clear. On 53 minutes Villa broke quickly from defence. Jon took up the ball in mid-field and placed it over the Appley defence for Asa to run onto and score. 1-1.

Appley attacked from the restart and drew a good save from Chris to keep the score level. Villa began to win more of the ball and see more of the play. Bazza knocked a free-kick down the wing to Danny who laded the ball off to Lou. Lou's cross found David who headed over (55). Jon was finding more space and began to make a number of penetrating runs into the Appley box. Villa were keeping the Appley Bridge goal keeper busy and continued to frustrate their forwards. Lou nearly scored on 67 minutes, cutting in from the right but the keeper saved well. David shot just wide a minute later. Appley Bridge always looked dangerous and this was demonstrated when they hit the post just before the final whistle.

Villa gave as good as they got in a highly competitive game with the whole team working hard. Their effort was rewarded with the equaliser and they could have come away with a win as they dominated towards the end. The substitutes gave great support to their team mates.

Result last season: N/A.

LINE UP
3-1-4-2

Team Line Up :

Chris
Rob, Bazza, James
Jon
Lou, Ste, David, Dalian
Asa, Danny

Substitutes :

Steve, Scott, Mgwazo, Jamie, Baz

MATCH STATISTICS

Euxton Villa Scorers:		
Asa	53	
	EUXTON VILLA	APPLEY BRIDGE
Goals	1	1
Corners	5	6
Free Kicks (including off sides)	19	7
Players Sent Off	0	0
Players Cautioned	0	0
Off-sides	2	13
Penalties	0	0

Man of the Match

Lou

