



Central Lancashire JFL
Under 14's A Division

Euxton Villa v Gillibrand Warriors

EUXTON VILLA	3 - 1	GILLIBRAND WARRIORS
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Danny	29	H.T. (1-0)	60
Asa	63, 71		

Kick-off: 11am.

Euxton ground out a good victory for the first game of the year against tough opposition. Gillibrand saw a lot of the play and put Villa under a lot of pressure but Euxton defended well despite having a changed back three and took their chances well to win.

Both teams started well creating good attacking football. Gillibrand looked dangerous attacking down the left and tested the Villa defence. Danny was playing strongly up front for Villa, closing down quickly and challenging for the ball. 9 minutes in and Lou started a good move, knocking the ball over the defensive line for Asa to run onto. Asa crossed to Danny, but Gillibrand managed to clear the ball.

Villa were getting into the game more and started to push up-field pressurising Gillibrand. David played a good ball through to Danny who shot just wide (12). Gillibrand continued to threaten on the left. James was working hard to hold off the Gillibrand threat. Bazza was dealing well with the ball through the middle.

Gillibrand came close to opening the scoring on 25 minutes from a corner but Chris made a great save with his legs and Villa managed to scramble the ball clear. 4 minutes later and Villa broke the deadlock – David played another good ball through the defence for Asa to run onto. His shot was blocked but Danny was first to the rebound to score. 1-0.

Villa continued to defend strongly, Bazza covering well. Scott was playing and tackling well despite playing in an unfamiliar position. Villa nearly made it two before the break. Asa held the ball up well before feeding it to Dalian who shot from outside the box; the keeper caught the shot well. The half finished 1-0 to Euxton.

Second half: Gillibrand came out strongly in the second half attacking down the slope. Villa had to defend strongly, with Jon falling back to help the defence. Chris was keeping well, stopping anything that came his way. Villa absorbed the pressure and went on the attack. Asa knocked a ball over to Dalian to chase but Gillibrand defended well (44). Dalian played a good cross-field ball to Lou, who broke down the wing and crossed into the box; the keeper came out well to claim the ball and prevent a goal. At the other end Gillibrand attacked on the left and struck the post with a strong shot on goal.

Play continued to swing both ways. Villa won a free kick on 46 minutes – Dalian played a great ball into the box and Danny headed just wide. Jon was playing some good balls forward from deep; Baz was closing down well and winning ball in the midfield.

All of Gillibrand's hard work paid off as they equalised on 60 minutes, breaking down the left and crossing into the box to score. This goal galvanised Villa who worked hard to regain their lead. David won the ball in midfield and pushed it through to Danny. Danny knocked the ball to Asa who resisted the challenge of the Gillibrand defence and slipped the ball past the keeper. 2-1 (63).

Villa sealed the victory just before the final whistle. Again David was the provider of the through ball, which was collected by Danny who knocked the ball over the defence to Asa to score. Euxton 3 – Gillibrand 1.

Thanks to the substitutes, Mat and Mgwazo and the parents for their support.

Result last season: 1-2
Result this season away: 4-5

Team: Chris, James, Bazza, Scott, Jon, Lou, Baz, David, Dalian, Asa, Danny, Mgwazo (sub), Mat (sub)

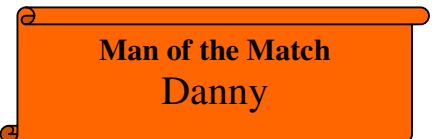
MATCH STATISTICS	EUXTON VILLA	GILLIBRAND WARRIORS
Goals	3	1
Corners	1	5
Free Kicks (including off sides)	7	11
Players Sent Off	0	0
Players Cautioned	0	1
Off-sides	4	3
Penalties	0	0

Fixtures:

Sun 13th Jan – TBC

Sun 20th Jan – 3rd Round Cup
Gillibrand Warriors
11 am – (H) EVFC

Sun 27th Jan – Hesketh Bank
2 pm – (A) Shore Rd, Hesketh Bank.



Under 14 "A"			
Pos	Team	P	Pts
1	Ribbleton Juniors	13	33
2	Gillibrand Warriors	15	31
3	Euxton Villa	13	27