

Manchester United 4-4 Aston Villa: Dorguâ??s 96th-Minute Header Rescues a Point

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Manchester United 4-4 Aston Villa was the sort of Premier League match that leaves everyone breathless. Villa led 2-0 inside four minutes and 4-2 in the second half, yet Joshua Zirkzee and Patrick Dorgu struck in stoppage time on Sunday 8 November 2026 to steal a draw at Old Trafford.


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Source: Aston Villa FC official website (avfc.co.uk)

Manchester United 4-4 Aston Villa: a first-half whirlwind

Villa could not have scripted a better start. With a minute on the clock, Nicolas Jackson shifted the ball to John McGinn, who found Alysson. The Brazilian nutmegged Senne Lammens with a first-time finish for his first goal for the club.

Less than three minutes later it was 2-0. Lammens could only block Alyssonâ??s effort into the path of Jackson, who beat the offside trap to tap into an empty net for his ninth of the season.

United hit back

The hosts looked shellshocked, but they regrouped. On 13 minutes Boubacar Kamara brought down Matheus Cunha and referee Chris Kavanagh pointed to the spot. Bruno Fernandes sent Zion Suzuki the wrong way to halve the deficit.

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From there United dominated. Suzuki clawed out a curling Cunha effort, then denied Amad. Fernandes and Kobbie Mainoo also tested the Japanese goalkeeper with deflected shots. The equaliser finally arrived on the stroke of half-time, when Noussair Mazraoui pulled the ball back for Youri Tielemans to steer home. It was 2-2 at the break.

Villaâ??s second-half surge

The visitors needed only three minutes of the second half to regain the lead. Diogo Dalot brought down Alysson inside the area, and McGinn sent Lammens the wrong way from the penalty spot.

Five minutes later it was 4-2. McGinn swung a free-kick to the back post, Leny Yoro headed it against his own crossbar, and Jackson was first to the rebound. He guided it to Leon Goretzka, who hammered home his first goal for the club.



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Michael Carrickâ??s side kept pushing. Cunhaâ??s deflected effort bobbled wide, Bryan Mbeumo drilled into the side-netting, and Mason Mount rattled the crossbar late on. Villa looked set to hold on, and Unai Emery was heading for a victory in his 200th Premier League game as manager.

Zirkzee and Dorgu stun Villa

Then came the chaos. Zirkzee steered home in stoppage time to set up a grandstand finish. Six minutes into added time, Dorgu nodded in a corner in the 96th minute to break Villa hearts and rescue a point.

What the draw means

For Villa, it was a point that felt like a defeat. They had held a two-goal cushion twice and still left empty-handed, a result Emery called difficult to accept. The visitors remain unbeaten in six league games and move to tenth heading into the November international break. Harwood-Bellis made his first Premier League start in claret and blue at right-back, in place of the suspended Matty Cash, and Maatsen made his 100th Villa appearance.

United, meanwhile, showed the spirit that Carrick wants. The defending at both ends of each half was loose, but the response was impressive. It follows a difficult spell, which we described in our piece on Manchester Unitedâ??s one win in nine, and they now travel to Anfield to face Liverpool in a fortnight, as we noted in our Crystal Palace 1-3 Liverpool report.

Villaâ??s next game is at home to Sunderland on Saturday 21 November at 3pm, when Emery will hope for a calmer ninety minutes.

Key performers

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Alyssonâ??s goal and the penalty he won gave him a strong debut contribution, while Jackson was involved in three of the four Villa goals, scoring one and setting up the rebound for another. McGinnâ??s free-kick and penalty underlined his set-piece quality. For United, Fernandes scored from the spot and kept probing, while Tielemans scored his sideâ??s first open-play goal and Mazraouiâ??s pull-back was crisp.

Suzuki, meanwhile, made several fine saves before the late collapse, and it will be a harsh lesson for a defence that had done so much right for long stretches of the match.

The verdict

This was a game of two halves, each with the same script: a fast Villa start, a late United response. Alysson and Jackson were sharp, McGinn and Goretzka were decisive, and Fernandes, Tielemans, Zirkzee and Dorgu kept United alive. The game was chaotic and unforgettable.

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