



Kirsty Hanson

Aston Villa vs Brighton

Player Details

Team : Aston Villa

Position: ST

Height: 5'4

DOB (Age): 17/04/1998(27)

Strong Foot: Left

Nationality: English
(Plays for Scotland)

Strengths

Composed
Uses both feet well
Intelligent
Off the ball
Movement/Runs
Hardworking
End Product

Weaknesses

Looked frustrated at times

Ball control was loose
(only on 1 occasion)

Technical & Tactical

Offensive:

- Works well in a front 2 strikeforce, linking up play well with good 1st time passes being made out wide, into space and to feet.
- Good with both feet
- Very direct when up against players in wide areas and in 1v1 situations.
- Off the ball movement and runs were good as Hanson would peel away into space to receive the ball/create space for teammates to run into
- End product is good as crosses into the box were delivered with pace and good direction
- Composed when in the final 3rd
- Passing combinations are good as would give and go, then make runs into the box
- Took goal well by getting the ball out of her feet then setting herself before hitting a shot from outside the box

Defensively:

- Presses well, applying pressure while having a quick tempo, closing space down with intent and purpose
- Tracks back well staying with markers
- Stays within the team's shape when defending

Physical

- Quick over a short distance both with and without the ball
- Athletic, has good balance and a low centre of gravity so turns players well
- Acceleration and sprint speed from a standing start is good, allowing her to quickly get away from markers/move into space
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Mental

- Hard working as never stops running for the team
- Shows signs of frustration
- Is very composed when in the final 3rd / in and around the box and under pressure
- Brave and confident in taking players on
- Aggressive in putting her body between players when making runs into the box
- Would encourage players throughout the game

Set Plays

Corners

Attacking- On the GK, looking to apply pressure

Free Kicks

Attacking- Took a position between markers, looking to attack the ball.

Conclusion

A very good performance from Hanson, she is technically capable of playing at a higher level as she was often 1 step ahead of her teammates. She showed signs of being versatile as i could see her playing as a winger if needed, as she has the attributes needed for that position, such as good dribbling, pace, end product and is direct in her attacks. I can see her playing for a team higher up the WSL league in the near future.

| Senior career | | 📅 | 👤 | 👉 |
|--------------------------------|---|----|---|----|
| Aston Villa 2025/2026 | ▼ | 20 | 9 | 1 |
| Aston Villa 2024/2025 | ▼ | 24 | 5 | 5 |
| Aston Villa 2023/2024 | ▼ | 22 | 1 | 3 |
| Aston Villa 2022/2023 | ▼ | 28 | 8 | 10 |
| Manchester United 2021/2022 | ▼ | 23 | 1 | 2 |
| Manchester United 2020/2021 | ▼ | 23 | 5 | 2 |

Transfers

| DATE | FROM | TYPE | TO |
|------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 30.09.2023 | Man Utd W | → FREE AGENT | Aston Villa W |
| 30.06.2023 | Aston Villa W | → RETURN FROM LOAN | Man Utd W |
| 08.09.2022 | Man Utd W | → LOAN | Aston Villa W |
| 01.07.2018 | Doncaster W | → TRANSFER | Man Utd W |
| 26.04.2017 | Sheffield W | → TRANSFER | Doncaster W |
| 29.06.2016 | Liverpool W | → TRANSFER | Sheffield W |