

Willam Rees - Match Report on Ben Broggio

FIXTURE: Aston Villa U19 vs Bologna U19

COMPETITION: UEFA Youth League

SCORE: 3-1

DATE: October 22nd 2024

PLAYER: Ben Broggio

CLUB: Aston Villa

AGE: 18 (January 29th 2007)

HEIGHT: 5'9

NATIONALITY: England

POSITION(S) & FORMATION PLAYED IN: LM/LW in a 4-4-2

CONTRACT EXP: June 30th 2030

LEADING FOOT: Right

LINE UPS



TECHNICAL: 7/10

- Very comfortable on the ball, showing close control, quick feet, and the ability to drive directly at defenders. Frequently using body feints and his quick changes of direction to create separation.

- Passing quality stood out: both short combinations and longer, more ambitious balls (including several well-weighted outside-of-the-foot through balls). His passing repeatedly led to opportunities in the final third.
- Two-footed ability was a major asset. Took set-pieces with both feet, delivered inswinging corners and some dangerous free-kicks, and looked just as comfortable striking with his left as with his right.
- Scored twice: the first came from clever positioning and movement in the box (a deflected but deserved finish), while the second was taken brilliantly, creating space and placing a composed finish into the corner.
- Showed real composure in possession, slowing the game down when needed and dictating tempo. Rarely looked rushed even in tight spaces, where he excelled in

TACTICAL: 6/10

- Consistently drifted inside from the left, finding pockets of space between the lines and operating effectively in half-spaces. This movement created problems for the opposition, as he was left unmarked multiple times and was able to receive the ball with lots of time and space
- Showed excellent spatial awareness, timing late runs into the box and positioning himself well for goal-scoring chances, including his first one where he was very unlucky not to score after clever movement.
- Adapted well to Villa's 4-4-2 shape, working as a LM out of possession but tucking inside intelligently when on the ball, giving them an extra option centrally.
- Pressed aggressively and with intent, committing to his pressing actions.

MENTAL: 7/10

- Played with real confidence and personality, constantly looking for the ball and taking the game into his hands in key moments.
- Demonstrated resilience after missed chances, continuing to get into dangerous areas and ultimately rewarded with two goals.
- Showed bravery in possession, willing to take risks on the ball, attempt difficult passes, and drive at opponents.
- Carried himself with the presence of a player who can influence games, the attack often revolved around him when he was involved.

PHYSICAL 5/10

- Not especially quick or imposing physically, but still effective. Quick with the ball at his feet, not gonna beat defenders with blistering runs in behind. Average pace and height, yet able to compete aerially, winning a few notable duels against bigger defenders. Can take contact and ride challenges, hard to knock off the ball.
- Relied more on his agility and quick feet than raw athleticism. His sharp changes of direction made him difficult to defend 1v1.

CONCLUSION COMMENTS

Broggio was one of the standout players, displaying an excellent technical ability, close control, and bits of flair to evade opponents in tight spaces. He combined well with teammates through one-twos and clever positioning, frequently finding pockets of space centrally or in half-spaces to receive and progress the ball. His passing, with both feet and especially the outside of his foot, was consistently well weighted and creative, and he delivered multiple dangerous set pieces. In attack, he made intelligent runs in behind the defense, scored with good technique, and influenced play effectively from wider and central positions. Defensively, he pressed aggressively and worked hard to recover possession. Areas to refine include exploiting space with more decisive runs, maximizing 1v1 opportunities, and improving consistency on some of his set-piece deliveries. Overall, his technical quality, spatial awareness, and decision-making make him a highly effective player with potential to impact games at a higher level.

PERFORMANCE GRADE: 7/10

SUITABILITY: Broggio is best suited as a left winger or left forward in a 4-4-2 or 4-2-3-1, where he can drift centrally and exploit half-space pockets. He would thrive in possession-based systems with lots of freedom for off-the-ball movement.

CURRENT LEVEL: Performing well at his current level, possibly capable of playing a year or two above due to his technical prowess. Has already debuted for the first team, so will realistically be looking at a loan soon, I would guess League One level.

LEAGUE POTENTIAL: Top Championship with further development, would like to see him loaned and play consistent first team minutes, to see how he manages the step up physically, technically he would slot in unnoticed in my opinion.