



Match Performance Report

Match Information

Competition:	League
Season:	2025/26
Match Date:	05/08/2025
Venue:	City Arena
Home Team:	Manchester United
Away Team:	Chelsea
Final Score:	5 - 2

Team & Player Setup

Home Team Formation:	4-2-3-1
Home Team Lineup Notes:	Started with the preferred front three. Key midfielder returning from a minor injury, played 60 minutes as planned.
Away Team Formation:	4-3-3
Away Team Lineup Notes:	Deployed a defensive midfield pairing to counter our attack. Relied on long balls to their target forward.

Tactical Analysis

Home Team - Attacking Phase:	Focused on high pressing and quick ball recovery. Utilized overlapping full-backs to create width and stretch the opposition's defense.
Home Team - Defensive Phase:	Maintained a high defensive line, successfully catching the opponent offside multiple times. Showed some vulnerability to quick counters down the flanks.



Home Team - Transitional Play:	Very effective in the transition from defense to attack, with the midfield turning over possession and initiating attacks quickly.
Away Team - Attacking Phase:	Sat in a low block, absorbing pressure and looking to counter-attack. Played very direct, bypassing the midfield.
Away Team - Defensive Phase:	Well-organized and difficult to break down in the central areas. Showed weakness in defending crosses from wide positions.
Away Team - Transitional Play:	Transition from attack to defense was slow, leaving them exposed after losing possession in our half.

Match Summary & Insights

Overall Match Summary:	A hard-fought victory dominated by our possession and attacking intent. While the opponent's defense was stubborn, our persistence in wide areas eventually paid off. We controlled the tempo for most of the match and deserved the win.
Key Turning Point(s):	The substitution in the 65th minute introduced more speed on the right wing, leading directly to the go-ahead goal.
Man of the Match:	Alex Johnson (Man United)
Final Notes:	The team's ability to execute the high-press game plan was impressive. Continued work on defending counter-attacks is necessary for future matches against similar opponents.