



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
30/11/2019	H 2019/20 9 0 ANNADALE	14:45	
JOHNNY MCKEE (4), EUGENE MAGEE (1), OWEN MAGEE (1), JAMIE WRIGHT (1), DANE WARD (1), PHILIP BROWN (1)			

Banbridge go into the EYHL winter break on a high after a thumping 9-0 victory over Annadale in an Ulster derby at Havelock Park.

Despite their utter domination of the game, surprisingly Bann were only 1-0 in front at half-time through a retaken penalty corner which Eugene Magee ripped past the post-man in the seventh minute. Josh Moffett, Peter Brown, Hugh McShane and Johnny McKee all had great chances to increase the lead but Sam Hamill in the Annadale goal was rarely troubled as the forwards found it difficult to hit the target. Strong words from coach Gordon Cracknell at half-time encouraged the team to keep playing at a high tempo so they could reap their rewards – and he was proved right throughout the second half. Eight unanswered open play goals saw Annadale taken apart and totally outplayed, as Bann played with the free-flowing hockey they have been building towards in recent weeks.

Two minutes after the interval Owen Magee doubled the lead with a brilliant run and reverse stick finish to settle the nerves and give the home team some breathing space.

Johnny McKee didn't hang around as he then put the ball through Hamill's legs to score his first and he got his second with a great run and finish just before the end of the third quarter to make it 4-0.

While the scoreline was now more satisfactory for the home faithful, no-one predicted the rush of goals in the final quarter. Annadale were very much down and out and Bann didn't

miss their chance to leave them firmly rooted to the bottom of the table. Phillip Brown scored his first of the season when he deflected in a Eugene Magee effort at the back post

and McKee then completed his hat-trick a minute later. Jamie Wright scored the perfect midfielders' goal when he arrived at the back post to tap in a flowing move. Johnny McKee

wasn't done yet, as great play in midfield from Bruce McCandless set him up for his fourth.

And with one minute to go Dane Ward scored his first league goal of the season with a sweet finish.

This win moves Banbridge into the top four in the EYHL table for the first time this season and bodes well for the rest season when the league recommences in February.

The next game for Banbridge will be on Boxing Day when they battle Lisnagarvey in the Kirk Cup final.

Banbridge squad: Gareth Lennox, Edward Rowe, Luke Witherowe, Alexander Tinney, Johnny McKee, Peter Brown, Hugh McShane, Bruce McCandless, Josh Moffett, Jamie Wright, Eugene Magee, Mark Cowan, Phillip Brown, Dane Ward, Drew Carlisle, Owen Magee

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