



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
08/02/2020	A 2019/20 7 4 GLENANNE	14:45	
EUGENE MAGEE (1), PETER BROWN (1), JAMIE WRIGHT (2), JOHNNY MCKEE (1), JOSH MOFFETT (1), ROBBIE SCOTT (1)			

For the second week running, Banbridge were involved in a high-scoring match in Dublin. While they returned home again with a victory, this time they had to share the goals with their opposition. Bann travelled to St. Andrews College without the injured Sam Farson and Dane Ward but forward Robbie Scott returned to the squad for the first time since November.

The first quarter got off to a flier with five goals and the lead changing hands several times. Glenanne took the lead with their first penalty corner in the fourth minute only for Bann to immediately equalise through Peter Brown's lucky deflection. Two minutes later the hosts restored their advantage after sloppy Bann tackling. A high Glenanne cross from inside the circle hit Drew Carlisle on the thigh and deflected into the net. As Bann were waiting for the free hit for dangerous play, the umpire awarded a goal much to the visitors disbelief. Eugene Magee then saw his first penalty corner saved by the keeper's glove as he went for the top corner. A swift counterattack saw Josh Moffett pull the visitors level and with seconds to go Robbie Scott kept his composure to sweep the ball over a stranded keeper to give Bann the lead for the first time.

Banbridge dominated the second quarter without hitting top form. They capitalised on soft defending from the home side and created multiple chances. Magee eventually got his goal from a penalty corner, despite seeing a previous corner not stopped properly. Jamie Wright swept in a minute later to get his first goal and on the stroke of half-time Johnny McKee cut in from the right and slotted the ball past the keeper to give Bann a commanding half-time 6-2 lead.

The third quarter seemed to suggest that Bann would continue to blast their hosts away when Jamie Wright scored his second goal of the game in the 43rd minute. But Bann started to lose their way and made unrecognisable mistakes as the strong winds seemed to disrupt their play. Glenanne pulled one goal back when a penalty corner drag deceived the Banbridge defence.

If it wasn't for the goals blowing over in the wind, the final quarter would have been a fairly dull affair. Frustration at dubious umpiring decisions saw both Bruce McCandless and Johnny McKee on the naughty step for 5 minutes each. With the game crawling towards the final whistle, a Glenanne shot hit a visiting defender on the line and the resulting penalty stroke was competently put away as Bann were ready for the showers.

Coach Gordon Cracknell was delighted with the 7-4 scoreline as Banbridge remain unbeaten in Dublin this season, but the lacklustre play in the second half was disappointing after last week's demolition of Dublin YMCA.

Banbridge face a tough encounter next week when they entertain second-placed Monkstown at Havelock Park on Sunday at 2:45pm.



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

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