



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
16/02/2020	H 2019/20 4 3 MONKSTOWN	14:30	
OWEN MAGEE (1), PHILIP BROWN (2), JOSH MOFFETT (1)			

Banbridge 1s welcomed Monkstown from Dublin to a cold and windy Havelock Park on Sunday. Monkstown were sitting in 2nd position with Bann in 3rd in the EYHL All Ireland League. This was the first home game for the Mens 1s since well before the Christmas Break.

The Bann squad was Luke Rolston, Gareth Lennox, Drew Carlisle, Philip Brown, Alexander Tinney, Charlie Rowe, Luke Witherow, Jamie Wright, Bruce McCandless, Hugh McShane, Mark Cowan, Owen Magee Peter Brown, Johnny McKee, Josh Moffett, Edward Rowe, Dane Ward.

Bann were missing Eugene Magee.

Bann started at a fast pace and within 45 seconds they had the lead, a great pass through found Josh Moffett in the circle who coolly lobbed the onrushing keeper.

Bann had all the play and soon after had their first short corner which Philip Brown despatched low and hard into the visitors goal. 2 nil to Bann after a matter of minutes.

The visitors started to grow into the game and won their first short corner midway through the first quarter. The Bann Goal Keeper Luke Roleston made 4 first class saves from the initial drag flick and the 3 rebounds, then his defensive team cleared the ball.

Towards the end of the first quarter the Bann defense were guilty of not clearing their lines when they had a chance. The ball was turned over and the Monkstown forward snatched the chance to get their first goal.

From this Bann stepped up their attack again, Josh Moffett won another corner from which Philip Brown made no mistake. 3-1 to Bann after the 1st Quarter.

In the 2nd quarter Bann had to be strong in defense as the visitors pressed for a second goal. Youngster Charlie Rowe showed experience beyond his years and with Alexander Tinney, Luke Witherow and the experienced Drew Carlisle alongside him they held out any Monkstown attacks.

Bann continued to attack down the right hand channels through Bruce McCandless, Hugh McShane and Philip Brown, from one of these attacks Bruno found Dane Ward in the circle and Dane managed to get his reverse shot away but it flew just wide of the post.

3-1 to Bann at half time.

In the 3rd quarter Bann went in search of a 4th goal, Johnny McKee was creating some great chances and from one of these his cross from the right found Josh Moffett, whose deflection went just wide.

Bann had a few more chances in this quarter with Peter Brown involved in all the good attacking moves but the 3rd quarter came to a close with the score as it was.

The final quarter started at a frenetic pace with Banns front three of Moffett, McKee and Pete Brown causing all sorts of



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problems for the visitors defense. But it was Owen Magee who got Bann's all important 4th goal he cut in from the left and drilled his shot home. With only 10 minutes left surely the 3 points were safe.

Monkstown soon withdrew their goal keeper to have the extra outfield player and they pressed hard for goals. With 5 minutes left it was still Bann 3 ahead but Monkstown won a short corner which they scored. 4-2 to Bann with over 3 minutes left. Again Monkstown pushed forward as Bann sat too deep, another corner won by Monkstown and they converted it also. There was just over 2 minutes left and the momentum was all with the visitors.

Thankfully the Bann team held out and with Josh Moffett, Bruce McCandless, Pete Brown and Johnny McKee all showing cool heads and ran the clock down. A great result and sets Bann up for their trip to Three Rock Rovers next Saturday.

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