



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	H	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
26/10/2019	H	2019/20 2 3 LISNAGARVEY	16:00	
OWEN MAGEE (1), JOSH MOFFETT (1)				

Banbridge bowed out of the Irish Senior Cup to old rivals Lisnagarvey after surrendering a two goal lead in a game of two halves at Havelock Park. Both sides were playing without their Irish Senior internationals who were in Vancouver trying to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics.

The home side took the lead in the fourth minute. Lisnagarvey's first choice goalkeeper got a late call up to join the international squad in Canada and his replacement James Ritchie was beaten when the ball broke to Owen Magee who smashed a blistering drive past the stand-in keeper. Josh Moffett doubled the Banbridge lead three minutes later when he scored across the keeper from a narrow angle.

The second quarter saw no change in scoreline but the game became fraught with sloppy tackles and numerous cards given by the umpires. Bann had chances to increase their lead but poor finishing and good saves from Ritchie kept them at bay.

In the third quarter Lisnagarvey got themselves back on level terms from two penalty corners. James Lorimer's low drag into the bottom corner beat Gareth Lennox in the Bann goal, and four minutes later from their next penalty corner Andy Williamson's effort deflected off a defender high into the Bann net. A yellow card for Luke Witherowe saw Banbridge digging deep for the rest of the quarter to keep the scoreline all square.

As both teams pushed for a winner in the final period, it looked like one goal to either side would be enough to steal the victory. From a missed attempt to clear the ball, Garvey scored when Ben Nelson slipped the ball past Lennox with 7 minutes to go. A string of late Bann corners couldn't produce an equaliser as the home team's bad run of form continues.

Next for Banbridge is an away trip to Corinthians in Dublin when the EYHL restarts on 9th November.

Banbridge squad: Gareth Lennox, Luke Roleston, Dylan Cowan, Luke Witherowe, Alexander Tinney, Peter Brown, Hugh McShane, Bruce McCandless(c), Josh Moffett, Jamie Wright, John McCague, Sam Farson, Phillip Brown, Robbie Scott, Drew Carlisle, Dane Ward, Mark Campbell, Owen Magee

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