



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	A	RESULT	3	1	CORINTHIAN	TIME	COMPETITION
09/11/2019	A	2019/20	3	1	CORINTHIAN	13:15	
JOHNNY MCKEE (2), JAMIE WRIGHT (1)							

Banbridge won their first EY Hockey League match of the season at the fourth time of asking with a comfortable 3-1 victory away to Dublin newcomers Corinthians. Coach Gordon

Cracknell was able to call on a full squad for the first time this season, with only schoolboy Edward Rowe missing out due to illness.

Corinthians set out their stall early on and lined-up in a defensive structure, with only Ulster and Ireland forward Peter Caruth providing a realistic attacking option. Bann attacked from the start and Owen Magee nearly broke through in the first few seconds. Johnny McKee and Eugene Magee both had shots just wide of the target but it was Corinthians who could have stole the lead with a re-taken penalty corner which Gareth Lennox in the Bann goal saved well.

The Banbridge attacking threat delivered their first blow in the second quarter when Ireland's McKee finished off a flowing attacking move after great work from Josh Moffett on the right wing. The visitors hoped to capitalise on their lead in the third quarter but they were pegged back after a slow start. Corinthians put together their best move of the game which left the Bann defence out of shape. The ball broke to sharp-shooter Caruth and with minimal backswing he fired the ball high into the unguarded Bann net. The Banbridge coaching staff were delighted to see that this was only a momentary slip as they were soon on the front foot again and pushing to go back in front.

The final quarter saw Bann's superior fitness and skill shine through as they easily cut through the home defence to create chance after chance. Jamie Wright slipped into the Corinthians' circle unnoticed and with the faintest of touches deflected home Bann's second goal. Indeed Banbridge defenders Alexander Tinney, Phillip Brown and Luke Witherow not only held the opposition at bay, but they all had individual chances on the counter-attack to finish off the home team only to be thwarted by the Corinthians' keeper. With two minutes left on the clock, man-of-the-match McKee went on a mazy run down the Bann left, cut across the by-line and drew out the home keeper before slipping the ball into the goal to seal the much-awaited victory.

Next for Banbridge in the EYHL is a home match against Lisburn rivals Lisnagarvey at Havelock Park next Saturday at 5pm.

Banbridge squad: Gareth Lennox, Luke Witherow, Alexander Tinney, Johnny McKee, Peter Brown, Hugh McShane, Bruce McCandless, Josh Moffett, Jamie Wright, Eugene Magee, Sam Farson, Phillip Brown, Robbie Scott, Drew Carlisle, Owen Magee, James Hutchison

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