



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	A	RESULT	5	2	INST 2S	TIME	COMPETITION
25/01/2020	A	2019/20	5	2	INST 2S	00:00	
EDWARD ROWE (4), MARK CAMPBELL (1)							

Banbridge 2XI, sponsored by Edina UK, travelled to Shaws Bridge on Saturday to face familiar foes Instonians in Ulster Hockey's Junior League One. The last time both sides met Inst came out on top to force Banbridge's only defeat in their 2019/2020 campaign so far. The men from Banbridge travelled to Inst knowing three points would be a tough ask, especially after two postponed matches in a row due to frozen pitches.

The match got underway with Inst dictating a ferocious pace despite having only a few substitutes on the bench. Bann struggled to click into first gear with a number of wayward passes and found themselves vulnerable on a number of occasions to an Inst counter attack. One such attack found no one at home except Bann keeper Luke Roleston who was bypassed by a square pass leaving the Inst forward with little to do but to slot home to open his team's account.

Following a stern reality check from travelling coach John Clarke and experienced player Ross Beattie, quarter two saw somewhat of a Bann resurgence with most of the possession residing with the men from Havelock Park. Excellent movement up front from Chris Curry opened up space for midfielders Edward Rowe and John McCague to attack resulting in the first penalty corner of the tie. Up stepped Rowe to dispatch a stellar drag flick into the bottom left hand corner to make honours even heading into half-time.

Half-Time: Instonians 2XI 1-1 Banbridge 2XI

The second half got underway with Bann still in the ascendancy aided by the calming influence of defensive midfielder Hugh McShane. A number of attacking circle entries for Banbridge resulted in penalty corners with drag flicker Rowe scoring twice more in quarter 3 to turn the game on its head. Despite a dominant performance in the second half by the league title holders, Inst remained very dangerous on the counter attack calling Bann keeper Roleston into action a number of times.

The final quarter saw Bann take their foot off the pedal at 3-1 to concede a scrappy goal line scramble bringing the home team very much back into the match. However, with concentration back on track, a well won penalty corner by skipper McCague resulted in a fourth drag flick goal for in-form Rowe to thwart the Inst fightback. With Inst disheartened, the remainder of the fixture belonged to Banbridge with forwards Joel Reid and Chris Curry enjoying plenty of the ball. A final goal for the Banbridge men came from Mark Campbell after excellent build up play from wingback Adam Marshall making it 5-2 on the day.

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