



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
02/11/2019	H 2019/20 6 2 BANGOR 2S	14:30	
EDWARD ROWE (2), ROBBIE SCOTT (1), WILLIAM MALCOLMSON (1), MARK CAMPBELL (1), JOEL REID (1)			

After a disappointing opening league defeat last week at home, Banbridge Hockey Clubs Men's 2XI, sponsored by Edina UK, played hosts on Saturday to an experienced Bangor 2XI at Havelock Park. The last fixture between the two saw Bangor come away with the spoils in the Junior 1 League Cup.

The 2:30pm match hit off at high tempo with both teams vying for control of the ball. A scrappy first quarter ensued with neither team commanding possession. The deadlock was eventually broken after a number of attacking penalty corners in tandem gave drag flicker Edward Rowe an opportunity to get his eye in. After a few attempts, Rowe despatched the ball low and hard into the bottom corner leaving the Bangor goalkeeper with very little he could have done.

Bangor responded strongly moments later after some suspect Bann defending left a travelling forward free at the back post who finished calmly from a tight angle past goalkeeper Elliot Haw to even matters going into quarter two.

Following some minor tweaks by returning coach Scott McCandless, quarter two saw the Havelock men score two unanswered goals including the pick of the bunch from forward Mark Campbell on his trademark reverse stick side. Half time beckoned with the reds firmly in the driving seat at 3-1.

The second half continued with Bann in the ascension winning a penalty corner after 18 seconds of the restart. Up stepped Rowe once more to grab a brace and put the game beyond Bangor's control. At 4-1 and the points seemingly secure, Banbridge took their foot off the accelerator and afforded the Seasiders a foothold back into the match. A defensive mistake created a Bangor overload leaving their centre forward with little to do but to score their second and final goal of the match.

After conceding for the second time, Banbridge piled pressure on Bangor for the remainder of the match through central midfielders Ross Beattie and Mark Cowan. The final quarter saw two more goals from the home side including a high tariff sliding deflection into the roof of the net from returning Banbridge midfielder Robert Scott.

A solid performance from Bann leads them nicely into their Irish Junior Cup first round bout versus north Dublin's Glennane next week in what will be their toughest test to date. All support encouraged to help Bann progress in Ireland's premier hockey competition for second elevens.

Banbridge Hockey Club