



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
09/11/2019	H 2019/20 5 1 GLENANNE 2S	13:00	
LUKE MCCONNELL (1), WILLIAM MALCOLMSON (4)			

Banbridge Hockey Clubs Men's 2XI, sponsored by Edina UK, got their 2019/2020 Irish Junior Cup campaign underway on Saturday playing hosts to North Dublin's Glenanne Hockey Club at Havelock Park. The Irish Junior Cup is Irish Hockey's premier knockout cup competition for second elevens so only a win would do to progress to the next round.

The 1pm match got underway in wet and windy conditions with each team initially sitting back to determine how the other would play. A number of nervy passes from the Bann defence triggered Glenanne's press affording the travelling team a number of early chances. Excellent goalkeeping from Luke Roleston ensured these early defensive errors remained unpunished. As the end of quarter one approached, Banbridge began to get into some rhythm stringing pass after pass together all over the pitch marshalled by defensive midfielders Ross Beattie and David Gallagher. One such passing manoeuvre saw Bann striker William Malcolmson enter the attacking circle from the right hand side only the pull the ball onto his favoured reverse and unleash a rocket into the bottom corner of the Glenanne goal.

With the deadlock broken, Banbridge continued to work relentlessly hard to win possession of the ball in dangerous areas of the pitch helped by excellent tackling from midfielders Mark Campbell and John McCague. Chance after chance ensued with forwards Dane Ward and Joel Reid finding space high up the pitch. However, after a goalmouth scramble, it was Malcolmson again who battled hard to ensure the ball crossed the Glenanne goal line putting the Havelock men two goals in front.

As half time beckoned, Glenanne continued to struggle with their out-letting leading to a number of chances for Banbridge including an excellent effort from Mark Cowan on the reverse stick side. Once more it was none other than Malcolmson to step up and claim his first half hat-trick finishing neatly from close range after some sublime link up play in the build up. With Bann cruising at 3-0, the home side began to take their foot off the pedal playing the rest of the half mostly in their own defensive circle. A number of Glenanne penalty corners were awarded but goalkeeper Roleston stood firm to protect his teams hard fought lead.

The second half got underway with Glenanne pushing hard to regain control of the tie. An indisciplined third quarter from the home team resulted in a number of cards being shown and Banbridge playing most of the quarter down to 10 players. Glenanne capitalised on the overload finding their way back into the game through a calm and collected finish from the travelling centre forward. The rest of the quarter was all about damage limitation for the Havelock men who managed to relinquish only one goal to the ascending opposition.

Following a reality check from coach Scott McCandless, Banbridge regrouped and regained their structure in the final quarter. Some excellent tackling and offensive play from schoolboy Charlie Rowe at right back allowed Bann to quickly transition into attack on numerous occasions. One such attack found Malcolmson once more who netted to score his fourth and final goal of the affair. A man of the match performance and one for the archives.

Despite the tie getting away from Glenanne they continued to press hard calling Roleston into action a few more times. By pushing men forward the travelling team left themselves short at the back and susceptible to the counter attack. One final counter instigated by sweeper Dylan Cowan resulted in Luke McConnell getting on the end of a crashed ball deflecting home to put the match beyond doubt. A first class performance from Banbridge 2XI in what has been a mixed season so far. They progress to the next round of the Irish Junior Cup, a trophy that has eluded the Havelock trophy cabinet since 2005.



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Final Score: Banbridge 2XI 5-1 Glenanne 2XI

Squad: Luke Roleston (GK), Adam Marshall, Thomas Sturgeon, Timmy Watt, David Gallagher, Dylan Cowan, Ross Beattie, Joel Reid, Mark Campbell, Chris Curry, Dane Ward, John McCague (C), Luke McConnell, Bill Malcomson, Charlie Rowe and Mark Cowan.

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