



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
05/10/2019	H 2019/20 2 1 INST 3S	00:00	
DANE WARD (1), GARY DEAN (1)			

Banbridge thirds, sponsored by Edina, welcomed Instonians seconds for the first home fixture of the season in the second game of the junior league one cup. Bann having lost to Garvey thirds in the first fixture knew that they needed all three points with difficult games still to come in the group against Cookstown and Garvey seconds. Bann were at full strength with Luke Watt and Seb Best stepping up from junior hockey.

Inst started the game strongly probing the Bann defence with Bennington and Burns called into a few last ditch tackles. Grimes was called into action early on in the Bann goal with a couple of strong saves whilst Inst failed to take advantage of a couple of good opportunities. Bann started to get their rhythm going towards the end of the first quarter and Dean and Ward were unlucky to see efforts well saved by the Inst keeper. Bann started brightly in the second quarter and were rewarded when a ball popped up in the circle after good work from Dean and Ward was on hand to volley high into the Inst net past the Inst keeper. Bann were linking play better through midfield with Scott McCandless, Bingham and Brown impressing. Inst were unlucky not to get back into the game late into the second quarter but Grimes was on hand to clear the danger.

The game continued to ebb and flow in the second half with both teams evenly matched. Inst drew level with a strong shot that Grimes could only deflect into his net. Bann continued to push forward and a Wilson shot tested the reflexes of the Inst keeper. Bann eventually regained the lead when Scott McCandless fired the ball into the circle for Dean to deflect the ball past the Inst keeper. Ross McCandless had a fierce drag flick well saved by the impressive Inst keeper. Going into the last quarter both sides were looking for goals. Inst came close to the equaliser but their forward failed to get a touch at the back post following a flowing move. At the other end Watt broke forward from left back and found himself in acres of space as the game opened up however he failed to find Wilson who was well positioned in the Inst circle. Bann managed to see out the rest of the game to take all three points. Bann now travel to Cookstown to take on an experienced Cookstown seconds knowing they'll need at least a draw to stay in the race for a top two position in the group that will qualify them for the semi-finals.

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