



# MATCH REPORT

## BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

### MATCH DETAILS

DATE	A	RESULT	5	0	PORTADOWN 2S	TIME	COMPETITION
29/02/2020	A	2019/20	5	0	PORTADOWN 2S	20:00	
SCOTT MCCANDLESS (1), GARY DEAN (1), NEIL WILSON (1), DOUGLAS ANDERSON (1), SIMON MAGOWAN (1)							

Banbridge thirds, sponsored by Edina, entered the first stages of the McClements cup with a tricky trip away to Portadown seconds, the same team which put them out of the cup last season. Bann were without their school boys as they had their Burney cup game the next day but welcomed back Simon Magowan and James Brown.

Bann stated the game at a fast tempo using the ball to good effect with the front three of Dean, Magowan and Wilson probing the Portadown defence. Magowan and Wilson both tested the Portadown keeper who made a couple of great saves. Dickson was pulling the strings in the midfield with a lot of success down the right hand side of the pitch linking well with Brown and McCandless. The young Conor Part was called into action in the Bann goal on a couple of occasions as Portadown grew into the game and prevented Portadown taking the lead with an excellent save. As the game entered the second quarter Dickson released Dean who found himself racing into the circle. Dean rounded the keeper before being upended with a penalty stroke being awarded. McCandless stepped up to slot the ball into the bottom corner. Bann were playing some excellent hockey now and after James Anderson found Wilson in the circle, Wilson squared the ball across the goal and Magowan deflected the ball past the Portadown keeper. In the last period of the half both teams won short corners with Douglas Anderson finding the bottom corner of the Portadown goal to extend Bann's lead.

Bann failed to find their fluency of the first half in the third quarter of the game with several players holding onto the ball rather than passing. Portadown won another couple of short corners but couldn't capitalise. Bann eventually started to get a hold of the game again and were unlucky not to increase their lead with Dean and Wilson missing good chances whilst a short corner effort from Douglas Anderson was cleared off the line. Entering the final quarter Bann found a fourth goal after a quick turn and shot from Wilson found the bottom corner of the Portadown goal. Bann continued to press forward and Dean rounded the keeper and slotted home to give Bann their fifth goal. Portadown continued to battle but couldn't breach the Bann defence with Bennington and James Anderson in great form for Bann. Bann now face Kilkeel seconds in the semi final scheduled from 21st March at Havelock Park.

### Banbridge Hockey Club