



# MATCH REPORT

## BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

### MATCH DETAILS

DATE	H	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
19/10/2019	H	2019/20 3 3 LISNAGARVEY 2S	13:00	
PETER BENNINGTON (1), MARK MCCOY (1), OG (1)				

Banbridge thirds, sponsored by Edina, faced Lisnagarvey seconds in the last junior one league cup game knowing only a win would give them a chance of making the semi-finals. Bann were without Ross McCandless but welcomed back Andrew Dickson and Mark McCoy the latter having returned from Canada.

Both sides started brightly with Garvey retaining more of the ball. Grimes made a couple of early saves with the young Garvey side testing the Bann defence. Dickson and McCandless started to get more of the ball in midfield and were linking well with Dean and Wilson. From Bann's first short corner Wilson's low flick was well saved but Bennington was on hand to sweep the rebound past the Garvey keeper. Garvey weren't able to capitalise on a couple of their own short corners with Grimes in fine form. As the first quarter came to a close Garvey reacted quickly in the Bann circle to find the equaliser. The game continued to flow in the second quarter and with his first touch Mark McCoy gave Bann the lead after great work from McCandless. Both sides created further chances and Garvey found the equaliser with a clinical finish.

As the second half began the game appeared to open up with both teams stretching the pitch. The Bann defence repelled several Garvey attacks with Bennington and Watt in great form together with a couple of great saves from Grimes. Brown and Ferguson were making a difference in the Bann midfield and after a flowing move Wilson found himself well placed in the Garvey circle. His cross was turned into the Garvey net by a Garvey defender to give Bann the lead once again. Garvey continued to press forward on every opportunity and scored with a low shot past Grimes after a scramble in the Bann circle. Bann were lucky to retain the lead after Bennington cleared a shot off the goal line. Going into the last quarter both sides had chances to win the game. Dean's first time effort just went past the post whilst Grimes continued to defy the Garvey forwards.

A point wasn't enough to keep Bann in the hunt for a semi-final place however the result will give them real encouragement going into the league.

**Banbridge Hockey Club**