



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
28/09/2019	A 2019/20 3 8 HARLEQUINS 2S	00:00	
GARY DEAN (2), NIALL BURNS (1)			

Banbridge Fourths played Belfast Harlequins Seconds at Deramore Park on Saturday the 28th September in the Junior 3 League Cup.

The Banbridge team consisted of Eliot Haw in nets; David Morrison, Evan Calvert, Charlie Keery and Harry Farson in defence; Mark Clydesdale, John Scott, Ryan Jones and Matthew Graham in midfield; Niall Burns and Gary Dean in attack. The substitutes included Dylan McCluskey, Ross Scott and three senior debutants for the club – Kian Bingham, Ben Johnston and Luke Watt.

Banbridge scored the first goal of the game after a poor pass from the Quins centre back. Niall Burns intercepted the ball and charged towards the circle. His initial shot was well saved by the goalkeeper, but Niall collected the deflection and fired into the open net, 0-1. Harlequins responded with two quick wide counterattacks to make it 2-1.

The third quarter was all Harlequins. Banbridge struggled to keep hold of the ball, particularly in midfield and despite the defence and goalkeeper putting in a big shift, the quarter finished 5-1. This led to the interval team discussion about not letting our heads drop. That the team must fight until the end.

The fourth quarter started badly and before Bann knew it the scoreline was 8-1. Bann kept fighting and pulled a goal back after some excellent play down there right by Dylan McCluskey and Charlie Keery. The ball was crossed in and Gary Dean was on hand to slot past the diving Quins’ keeper, 8-2. Within a couple of minutes Gary scored again with a lobbed shot across goal, 8-3. This was the final score. Banbridge Fourths had their first introduction to Junior 3 teams. It was a tough match, but the game certainly showed that this team have a fighting spirit. We look forward to playing Raphoe next weekend at Havelock Park.

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