



# MATCH REPORT

## BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

### MATCH DETAILS

DATE		RESULT			TIME	COMPETITION
05/10/2019	H	2019/20	1	4	RAPHOE 2S	00:00
NIALL BURNS (1)						

Banbridge fours faced an experienced Raphoe second eleven in their first home fixture of the season. There were a lot of new faces in the Bann squad with several junior players stepping up to senior hockey. Both teams faced some horrific weather conditions especially towards the end of the game.

Both sides failed to find their rhythm in the first quarter with a lot of turnovers in midfield. Graham was linking up well with Wilson and Burns upfront but the forward pair failed to test the Raphoe keeper. Towards the end of the first quarter Raphoe opened the scoring after a good move down the right hand side of the pitch found a Raphoe forward in the circle who gave Haw, the Bann keeper, no chance from close range. The game continued to be evenly contested in the second quarter with both sides exchanging short corners. Bann failed to capitalise on their attempt after the ball broke down at the top of the circle whilst Raphoe doubled their lead with a strong routine after a Bann player was sent back to the half way line after breaking the line. The young Bann side continued to push forward and Scott was unlucky to see an effort just go past the Raphoe post.

Bann got back into the game in the third quarter when a ball a cross the circle was tapped in from close range by Burns at the back post. As the game entered the final quarter Bann pressed for the equaliser and were thwarted by a superb save off the line by a Raphoe defender from a Wilson drag flick that was going top corner. Going into the last five minutes Raphoe caught Bann on the counter attack scoring two quick goals, one from the penalty spot. Bann were also awarded a last minute penalty but Burns failed to convert. The fours having stepped up a league are still finding their feet but with some promising youngsters are sure to improve as the season progresses. Bann now face a home fixture against Bangor thirds in the third game of the junior three league cup.

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