



# MATCH REPORT

## BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

### MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
07/12/2019	A 2019/20 3 2 MOSSLEY 4S	13:00	
GAVIN SHIELDS (2), ROSS SCOTT (1)			

Banbridge Fourths travelled to the Glade on Saturday Saturday 7th December to take on Mossley Fourths in the Junior Three League. Mossley sitting just above Banbridge in the table.

The Banbridge team consisted of Elliot Haw in goal; Dylan McCluskey, David Morrison, Nigel Allister and Harry Farson in defence; Mark Clydesdale, Ryan Jones, John Scott, Luke Watt in midfield; Seb Best and Gavin Shields in attack. The substitutes were Josh Holden, Ross Scott and Alex Knowles. A special thanks goes to Cheryl Holden for umpiring.

Banbridge got off to a very good start. Luke Watt enjoyed a lot of space on the left of the pitch, linking up well with Seb Best and Gavin Shields in attack.

Ryan Jones and John Scott started several attacks and allowed Mark Clydesdale and the forwards the chance to run at the Mossley defence. They found it hard to handle Banbridge attacking at pace. The first goal came from Ross Scott who scored after some excellent forward play in the circle. He created enough space to dispatch a low shot past the Mossley keeper, 0-1.

Dylan McCluskey made some excellent runs from right back, even finding himself in the circle on a number of occasions. The second goal came as Gavin Shields drove into the circle and struck the ball low and hard towards the bottom right hand corner. The goalkeeper saved the initial shot, but his kick caused the ball to spin and jump over his foot into the goal, 0-2.

Mossley pulled a goal back after David Morrison slipped whilst pressing an attacker. The forward received the ball and found a team mate in the circle who hit a low shot past a helpless Elliot Haw in nets, 1-2. Apart from this the Banbridge defence were excellent. Elliot Haw made some excellent saves. Nigel Allister read the game well. Josh Holden and Alex Knowles defended really well reducing the wide attackers space and making key interceptions. Harry Farson was as solid and reliable as ever. When in the centre of midfield he created several attacks for Bann.

Mossley were awarded a short corner. The ball was pulled out stopped and Elliot saved the initial shot well. However, the Mossley captain followed up and fired into the net to make it 2-2.

Banbridge ramped up the pressure in the fourth quarter. They pushed the team higher and higher, forcing Mossley back. Seb Best weaved past several players, but found it hard to get space in the circle to score. With minutes to go up stepped Gavin Shields to score the winner and his second of the day. The ball was hit high in the circle and Gavin managed to get a stick onto the ball and deflect it into the goal, 2-3.

Banbridge were calm for the remaining five minutes of the game. The team continued to attack and maintain possession. David Morrison and Nigel Allister commanded the defence well and ensured Banbridge left with their first win of the season.

**Banbridge Hockey Club**