



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE		RESULT			TIME	COMPETITION
13/12/2019	H	2019/20	1	4	KILKEEL 3S	20:00
GARY DEAN (1)						

Banbridge Fourths took on Kilkeel Thirds under the Friday night lights at Havelock in the Junior Three League.

The Banbridge team consisted of David Morrison in goal; Dylan McCluskey, Douglas Anderson, John Scott and Mark Clydesdale in defence; Charlie Keery, Ryan Jones, Gavin Shields, Luke Watt in midfield; Seb Best and Gary Dean in attack. The substitutes were Josh Holden and Alex Knowles. A special thanks goes to 4s legend Corey Large for umpiring.

Banbridge got off to an amazing start as the ball was pushed back by Seb Best to Douglas Anderson, who proceeded to throw an aerial up the pitch. Gary Dean collected the ball, ran into the circle and fired home past a shell shocked Kilkeel defence, 1-0.

Banbridge linked up really well in the first quarter. Seb Best and Gary Dean attacked the Kilkeel defence at pace and were very difficult to handle. Kilkeel responded well and attacked several times towards the Bann circle. Ryan Jones and Gavin Shields did really well at breaking up the play and slowing the game down. Douglas Anderson and John Scott moved the ball well and started Banbridge on the attack. However, Kilkeel were awarded a short corner for a foot in the circle. The ball was dragged past David Morrison into the top left hand corner, 1-1.

Douglas Anderson had to go off with a hamstring injury. Alex Knowles slotted in at centre back seamlessly and made some very important interceptions. Mark Clydesdale displayed his usual quick thinking and trickery in the circle when defending. Kilkeel scored their second as the ball was hit low into the bottom left hand corner, 1-2.

After half time, Kilkeel pressed forward again. David Morrison made some good saves and was quick of his line on a number of occasions. Josh Knowles defended really well in defence. Dylan McCluskey drove forward expertly as Bann had an increasing number of opportunities to counterattack. Charlie Keery caused real problems for the Kilkeel defence. Luke Watt on the left found lots of space to make his driving runs, linking up with Gary and Seb. Alas, Kilkeel scored the next goal as the ball was fired across goal and into the right of the goal, 1-3.

Banbridge kept attacking and trying to play their own game. Gary Dean and Charlie Keery had excellent chances to score, but just couldn't find a way past the goalkeeper. Even a blatant foot on the line wasn't enough for them to be awarded a penalty stroke. The final goal came as one of the Kilkeel attackers drove into the circle and passed the ball towards the centre where a team mate was found unmarked. He had the time and composure to knock it past the goalkeeper to make it 1-4.

Despite the result the team performance was very good. The team played well despite the reshuffling and last minute stand in goalkeeper. We look forward to the last game of 2019 next week.

Banbridge Hockey Club