



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	A	RESULT	0	5	TIME	COMPETITION
21/12/2019	A	2019/20	0	5	HARLEQUINS 2S	00:00

Banbridge Fourths charted their way through the Christmas shopping traffic to take on league leaders Harlequins Seconds at Deramore Park on Saturday 21st December.

The Banbridge team consisted of James Finlay in goal; Evan Calvert, Alex Knowles, Nigel Allister and Mark Clydesdale in defence; Charlie Keery, Ryan Jones, John Scott and Peter McKnight in midfield; Seb Best and Josh McAdam in attack. The substitutes were Josh Holden, Dylan McCluskey, David Morrison and Harry Farson.

The first quarter was end to end. John Scott and Peter McKnight linked up well in the middle of the pitch. Alex Knowles and Nigel Allister controlled the centre of defence well and made some important last minute tackles. Harlequins showed exactly why they are league leaders with some very fast paced attacking play. One of the attacks came down the right hand side. The attacker hit the ball across goal, it took a deflection and lifted into the air. A Harlequins attacker managed to get his stick onto the end of it and fire it into the back of the net, 1-0.

Seb Best and Charlie Keery linked up well on the right hand side of the pitch. They displayed some very good ball control and passing on occasions throughout the game. Both Josh McAdam and Seb had good chances in the circle forcing the keeper to pull off a few good saves. Ryan Jones had an excellent chance to score in the second quarter. Peter McKnight found himself in space all over the pitch and drew many fouls throughout the game.

The third quarter was competitive. Quins grew frustrated as James Finlay made some excellent saves. David Morrison marshalled their biggest attacking threat well and snuffed out several dangerous attacks. Harry Farson provided some good attacks on the left of midfield when on. Dylan McCluskey drove down the right posing a real threat. Josh Holden marked the Harlequins attackers well when on the pitch. The second goal came after Quins were awarded a short corner for a foul by David Morrison outside the circle. He was subsequently yellow carded. The resulting short led to a hard and low hit into the back of the net, 2-0.

Banbridge pushed hard to get a goal back in the final quarter, unfortunately this gave Quins the opportunity to counterattack at speed. They scored two quick goals when they overloaded the attack and Bann left an attacker unmarked. The final goal was scored when a midfielder noticed an attacker unmarked in the Bann circle. Route one hockey. The ball was hit up, the attacker received the ball and fortuitously lifted the ball over a diving James Finlay in nets to make it 5-0. The score in no way reflected the overall game. Bann frustrated this strong Harlequins team for long periods of the game.

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