



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
11/01/2020	A 2019/20 2 4 NEWRY 2S	13:00	
GARY DEAN (1), NEIL WILSON (1)			

Banbridge Fourths travelled southward on the A1 to take on local rivals Newry Seconds on Saturday 11th January in the Junior Three League.

The Banbridge team consisted of Aaron Pyper in goal; Alex Knowles, David Morrison, Nigel Allister and Mark Clydesdale in defence; Shane Warren, John Scott, Ryan Jones and Douglas Anderson in midfield; Gary Dean and Neil Wilson in attack. The substitute were Charlie Keery, Seb Best, Dylan McCluskey, Ross Scott and Josh Holden. A special thanks goes to Glen Marshall for umpiring the match.

Bann got off to an excellent start and were 1-0 up within minutes of the start. Douglas Anderson played an exquisite through ball for Gary Dean to collect as he ran towards the circle. Gary drove in and dispatched a fearsome shot across goal to give Bann the lead. John Scott and Neil Wilson worked well together on the right. Mark Clydesdale provided some excellent balls forward. Douglas Anderson protected the centre of the pitch brilliantly. Alex Knowles made some very important tackles to break up the play. However, Newry scored after driving down their right. The forward carried the ball into the circle, passed the ball to an unmarked team mate who hit a low shot into the goal, 1-1. Newry's main threat was their centre back throwing arials forwards. One aerial went over the stick of David Morrison and was picked up by their centre forward. With Nigel Allister pressing in on him he managed to squeeze a shot past the goalkeeper. The ball was then deflected off a Bann foot and into the goal to make it 2-1. Newry were awarded another short corner which would have been a goal except for David Morrison clearing it from the line.

Newry controlled the second quarter of the match completely. They were stronger in the tackle and Bann struggled to cope with them. The third goal was scored after Newry were awarded a short corner. The ball was hit into the left hand corner to make it 3-1.

The third quarter was all Banbridge. Bann had the majority of possession and created loads of chances. Dylan McCluskey and Ryan Jones found space out wide. When the ball was played forward quickly Neil Wilson and Gary Dean had the better of the Newry defence. They were awarded a short corner after a foot in the Newry circle. Neil Wilson received the ball from Ryan Jones and fired a low hit into the bottom left corner, 3-2. Nigel Allister and David Morrison controlled the defence well. Nigel displayed some excellent range of passing and David dealt with all of the arials in the second half. Josh Holden carried the ball well and made some very good tackles. Aaron Pyper was excellent in goal making some great saves and clearances as well.

Newry scored in the opening minute of the fourth quarter as they squeezed a close range shot under Aaron to make it 4-2.

Bann didn't let this discourage them. They continued to attack and forced the goalkeeper into several saves. Ross Scott found himself in some excellent positions to threaten. Seb Best had the better of their right back. Newry were pushed further and further back as the game drew to a close. Alas, Newry won in a strongly competitive yet enjoyable match.

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