



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

| DATE | A | RESULT | 1 | 5 | BANGOR 3S | TIME | COMPETITION |
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| 25/01/2020 | A | 2019/20 | 1 | 5 | BANGOR 3S | 00:00 | |
| JOHN SCOTT (1) | | | | | | | |

Banbridge Fourths travelled to the seaside town of Bangor to take on the Bangor Thirds on Saturday 25th January in the Junior 3 League.

The Banbridge team consisted of Ryan Creaney in goal; Harry Farson, David Morrison, Nigel Allister and Josh Holden in defence; Charlie Keery, John Scott, Ryan Jones, Mark Clydesdale and Dylan McCluskey in midfield; Gavin Shields in attack. The only substitute was Kian Bingham.

Banbridge made an excellent start to the game and within minutes scored a fast counterattack goal. Dylan McCluskey drove forwards from the centre of the pitch, passed the ball to Gavin Shields on the right. Gavin fired a low cross into the circle and John Scott got onto the end of the cross and hit the ball past the Bangor goalkeeper, 0-1.

Bangor scored after Banbridge failed to clear their circle. The ball was hit high and hard. Ryan Creaney got a stick to the ball, but it deflected into the goal, 1-1. Bangor were awarded a short corner for a foot in the circle. The ball was pulled out, stopped, carried into the circle and hit low. David Morrison was on the left post and cleared the ball off the line.

Ryan Jones was yellow carded by the Bangor umpire. The team worked hard to make sure Bangor didn't gain any advantage other than having an extra player. The first half finished 1-1.

The third quarter produced end to end attacks. Kian Bingham had a shot saved by the Bangor keeper. Mark Clydesdale produced some moments of trickery and drew several fouls by the Bangor players. Bann had several chances to score, but unfortunately it was Bangor who scored next. They scored a deflected goal, after the ball wasn't cleared out of the circle properly, 2-1. Harry Farson worked hard in defence, as did Josh Holden. Nigel Allister made some vital interceptions to ensure their attacks were broken up. The Bangor defence struggled to cope with the pace and skill of Gavin Shields. He held the ball up well and linked with the Bann attacking midfielders. Charlie Keery shielded the defence on numerous occasions and started several attacks as well.

The final quarter was all Bangor. Several of the Banbridge players struggled with the pace of the game and ran out of energy towards the end. Despite Ryan Creaney making some excellent saves in goal on his senior debut, Bann succumbed to a 5-1 loss. The game was competitive, physical and a closely fought match. The only difference was the quality of finishing.

Banbridge Hockey Club