



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
15/02/2020	A 2019/20 1 3 NORTH DOWN 4S	14:30	
ROSS SCOTT (1)			

Banbridge Mens Fourths travelled to Comber to play North Down Fourths on Saturday 15th February in the Junior 3 League.

The Banbridge team consisted of Ryan Creaney in goal; Mark Clydesdale, David Morrison, Nigel Allister and Harry Farson in defence; Luke Watt, John Scott, Ryan Jones and Kian Bingham in midfield; Ross Scott and Josh McAdam in attack. The substitutes were Josh Holden and Dylan McCluskey. A special thanks goes to Roger Martin for umpiring.

The match was delayed as the North Down team waited on several of their 'other' players arriving. Once the game got underway Banbridge endured a testing opening half of the game. North Down were fast on the break. Ryan Jones and John Scott broke up the attack in the centre of the pitch. Harry Farson was excellent at left back and gave their wide player very little room to manoeuvre. Harry stepped in front on several occasions and sought to intercept the ball and link up with Kian Bingham on the left. Mark Clydesdale found himself in some excellent positions.

Unfortunately North Down scored two goals in quick succession, both came as a result of Bann failing to clear the ball away from the circle. The first goal came as the ball was hit into the circle and an attacker deflected the ball into the middle of the goal. The second was scored after North Down attacked down the left hand side of the pitch. The ball was struck and deflected off Ryan Creaney's pads, 2-0. Ryan made a couple of very good saves to keep North Down out.

The later stages of the half saw Luke Watt stretch the North Down defence. Ross Scott and Josh McAdam had chances to score, but the North Down centre backs defended well.

The second half was all Banbridge. Dylan McCluskey and Josh Holden worked hard when on the pitch. Dylan added numbers to the attack when possible. Nigel Allister and David Morrison snuffed out any threats. David fired the ball down the left hand side of the pitch where John Scott received it and drove into the circle. He dispatched a shot which was deflected high towards the flick spot. Ross Scott was there to lash the ball home, 2-1. Bann ramped up the pressure more and had several shots on target which the keeper saved. The best chance after that came as Josh McAdam ran along the byline. John Scott was left unmarked at the top of the circle, but Josh didn't see him and instead fired at an acute angle.

The closing moments were frustrating as North Down fouled to break up the play. Bann were awarded a late short corner, but failed to make it count. In the dying seconds as Bann pushed hard for the equaliser North Down scored a quick counterattack goal to make it 3-1 and end what was a fiercely competitive match.

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