



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
12/10/2019	H 2019/20 2 2 BANGOR 3S	00:00	
NIALL BURNS (1), KIAN BINGHAM (1)			

Banbridge Fourths took on Bangor Thirds at Havelock Park on Saturday 12th October in the penultimate group match of the Junior League 3 Cup.

The Banbridge team consisted of James Finlay in goal; Harry Farson, Kian Bingham, David Morrison and Nigel Allister in defence; Josh McAdam, Mark Clydesdale, Ryan Jones and Charlie Keery in midfield; Niall Burns and Gavin Shields in attack. The substitutes included Ross Scott, Evan Calvert, Dylan McCluskey, Douglas Anderson and Nathan Reid. A special thanks goes to Glen Marshall for umpiring.

The opening exchanges tested both defences. Niall Burns and Gavin Shields linked up well with Josh McAdam and Charlie Keery on the wings. At the other end of the pitch Nigel Allister and David Morrison made important tackles and sought to start attacks using Harry Farson and Kian Bingham. Charlie Keery enjoyed running at the Bangor left back and one of his attacking runs led to the first goal. The ball was fired in from the right of the circle by Charlie Keery, past the Bangor keeper and onto the stick of Kian Bingham. Kian then calmly slotted the ball into the back of the net for his first senior goal, 1-0.

Mark Clydesdale and Ryan Jones were very disciplined in the centre of the pitch. Both interlinked well with one another and showed off some of their skills. Banbridge had chances to extend the lead. Josh McAdam had a glorious opportunity to score, but fired his shot high above the crossbar.

The Banbridge substitutes worked hard when they were in the pitch. Ross Scott held the ball up well. Nathan Reid, making his Senior debut, made some good attacking runs with the ball. Dylan McCluskey and Evan Calvert were resolute in defence. Douglas Anderson showed great leadership when on in midfield and spearheaded many of the Bann attacks.

Bangor were awarded a short corner in the third quarter for a push on a player outside the circle. The ball was carried in and fired across goal and into the far corner, 1-1.

Banbridge pushed up for another goal, but left themselves open to the counterattack. The ball was hit through the Bann midfield and onto the stick of the Bangor forward who fluffed his shot and the ball somehow crept past the diving Goalkeeper, 1-2.

Banbridge were awarded a short corner with three and a half minutes to go. The ball was pulled out by Ryan Jones, stopped by Douglas Anderson and hit by Gavin Shields. The Bangor keeper saved the shot, but the rebound fell to Niall Burns who swept the ball past the keeper to make it 2-2.

Banbridge smelling a potential victory ramped up the pressure and pushed Bangor further back. However, the team ran out of



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time and the match finished with a draw. It was a very competitive and fair match.

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