



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
29/02/2020	H 2019/20 0 2 SOUTH ANTRIM	16:00	

Banbridge Fourths took on South Antrim Fourths on Saturday 29th February in the first round of the Junior Shield. The two teams had already played one another twice in the Junior 3 League this season with Bann drawing away and winning at home.

The Banbridge team consisted of James Finlay in goal; Mark Clydesdale, David Morrison, Ryan Jones and Alex Knowles in defence; Charlie Keery, John Scott, Gavin Shields and Ben McConnell in midfield; Ross Scott and Gary Dean in attack. The substitutes were Josh Holden, Dylan McCluskey, Kian Bingham, Harry Farson and Josh McAdam. A special thanks goes to Glen Marshall for umpiring.

Despite the cold and wet conditions both teams were up for this knockout Shield match. John Scott and Gavin Shields worked hard in the centre of the pitch to receive the ball in space and set the forwards and wide men attacking. Gary Dean troubled the South Antrim centre backs with his blistering pace. Ross Scott held the ball up well and drew fouls in the final twenty-five. Charlie Keery and Ben McConnell ghosted past the full backs on numerous occasions. The first quarter finished 0-0.

South Antrim were a real threat in the first half. They were awarded several penalty corners and forced James Finlay into making some excellent saves. Particularly a shot that was going into the bottom left corner. Alex Knowles defended well on the left and made some very important interceptions. Mark Clydesdale was as calm as ever at right back and sought to attack when possible. Throughout the match he found himself in the opposition final third. Dylan McCluskey was exceptional when on the pitch making some excellent tackles and linking up with the midfielders. The second quarter finished 0-0.

Harry Farson and Kian Bingham slotted seamlessly into the centre of midfield. They marked South Antrim expertly and supported several attacks. Ryan Jones played really well at centre back partnering David Morrison. Together they snuffed out most threats and got the ball moving up the pitch to start many quick counterattacks. The first goal of the match came as the ball was crashed in from a South Antrim wide player. The ball made its way to the back post for a simple tap in by the forward, 0-1.

The final quarter was all Banbridge. Josh McAdam attacked the South Antrim defence at pace. Gary Dean had several chances to score. South Antrim rarely threatened at all. Josh Holden marshalled his man out of the game and made some good tackles. Completely against the run of play one of the South Antrim forwards found himself in space in the circle. He received the ball and fired straight at James in goal. Unfortunately the rebounded ball landed at his stick for him to have a second attempt, which he scored from, 0-2. Banbridge pushed hard in attack again, but ran out of time. A disappointing end to a competitive game. We wish South Antrim all the best in the next round of the competition.

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