



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE		RESULT			TIME	COMPETITION
26/10/2019	H	2019/20	1	5	NEWRY 2S	13:00
NEIL WILSON (1)						

Saturday 16th October saw the opening game of the Junior 3 League for newly promoted Banbridge Fourths. Banbridge took on Newry Seconds on a beautiful autumn afternoon at Havelock.

The Banbridge team consisted of Aaron Piper in goal; Harry Farson, Kian Bingham, David Morrison and Nigel Allister in defence; Matthew Graham, Mark Clydesdale, Ryan Jones, Charlie Keery and Josh McAdam in midfield; Neil Wilson in attack. The substitutes included Dylan McCluskey and Josh Holden. A special thanks goes to Glen Marshall for umpiring.

Both teams played each other in the League Cup last weekend. Banbridge were seeking to bounce back from a heavy loss.

The opening exchanges were scrappy. Newry were awarded a short corner for a stick tackle in the Banbridge circle. The ball was stopped and moved to the right for a forward to hit it across goal, 0-1. Newry's lead only lasted a few minutes as Neil Wilson drove into the circle and hit a lovely high reverse past the Newry goalkeeper to make it 1-1. Charlie Keery and Josh McAdam made some exhilarating runs down the wings, but the Newry defence worked well and contained them in the corners. Mark Clydesdale tried on several occasions to slip the ball through to Neil and supply the two wingers. The first quarter finished 1-1.

The Bann defence had to work hard. Kian Bingham and Harry Farson sought to get forward as much as possible and link up with the midfield. Ryan Jones and Matthew Graham showed great discipline and vision in the centre of the pitch. Both players broke up several Newry attacks and tried to contain ex-Bann player Ryan Jordan. On one occasion excellent play by Ryan led to Newry scoring a fast counterattack to make it 1-2. They then scored a goal after the umpire missed an infringement against a Banbridge player to make it 1-3. The halftime score was 1-3.

Both umpires failed to spot another instance when a Newry player wasn't five metres away from a Banbridge defender under an aerial. This move led to another Newry goal, 1-4. Their fifth goal came after a short corner was awarded. The shot was hit straight at the Banbridge goalkeeper, bounced off his pads and into the goal. The third quarter finished 1-5.

Despite the score line David Morrison and Nigel Allister made some really vital interceptions and tackles. David got the better of Ryan Jordan on a few occasions. Dylan McCluskey and Josh Holden played well when on the pitch. Dylan is growing in confidence each week. The game finished 1-5. Banbridge Fourths can take a lot of encouragement from a much improved performance from last week. The team look forward to next weeks match at home to Bangor Thirds.

Banbridge Hockey Club