



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	H	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
02/11/2019	H	2019/20 1 3 BANGOR 3S	00:00	
GARY DEAN (1)				

Banbridge Fourths played Bangor Thirds on Saturday 2nd November at Havelock in the Junior Three League.

The Banbridge team consisted of James Finlay in goal; Kian Bingham, Neil Madeley, John Scott and Dylan McCluskey in defence; Mark Clydesdale, Ryan Jones, Luke Watt, Gavin Shields and Josh McAdam in midfield; Gary Dean in attack. The substitutes included Nathan Reid, Matthew Graham and Ross Scott. A special thanks goes to Glen Marshall for umpiring.

The much changed Banbridge defence impressed from the very start of the match. Neil Madeley stepped in and showed his experience and composure from the outset. He linked up very well with John Scott. Both men used the ball well and sought to feed Kian Bingham and Dylan McCluskey out wide. The defence snuffed out every Bangor attack. The first quarter finished 0-0.

The opening goal came in the second quarter as Gary Dean raced into the circle, weaved around the two Bangor centre-backs and fired over the diving goalkeeper, 1-0. Luke Watt tirelessly threatened down the right hand side of the pitch. Ross Scott had a very good match when on for Josh McAdam. Ryan Jones and Mark Clydesdale broke up play in the middle of the pitch and fed Gavin Shields and Gary Dean. The second quarter finished 1-0.

Neil Madeley went off injured in the third quarter. Ryan Jones slotted in at centre back alongside John Scott. Within minutes Bangor scored the equaliser after they were awarded a short corner when a Bann player didn't retreat five metres after a foul, 1-1. Nathan Reid attacked really well down the right when he was on the pitch and was a real threat. Matthew Graham showed a great range of passing and fired several aerals to release Gary Dean. The Bangor keeper made numerous big saves to keep Banbridge out. Bann could easily have been three or four goals up.

The fourth quarter saw both teams pushing for the winner. Unfortunately it was Bangor who scored the next goal after a quick counterattack down the left, 1-2. The third and final goal was scored as Banbridge pressed for a late equaliser. Bann overcommitted men forward and this left Bangor room to attack. After a missed tackle the Bangor forward drove into the circle and fired a low shot past James Finlay to make it 1-3.

Banbridge worked extremely hard and were very unfortunate not to get something from the game. They would easily have won except for the heroics of the Bangor goalkeeper. We go again next week against South Antrim Thirds.

Banbridge Hockey Club