



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
09/11/2019	A 2019/20 3 3 SOUTH ANTRIM 3S	13:00	
NEIL WILSON (1), JOHN SCOTT (1), LUKE WATT (1)			

Banbridge Fourths travelled to Friends School Lisburn to take on South Antrim Thirds in the Junior Three League.

The Banbridge team consisted of Aaron Pyper in goal; Kian Bingham, David Morrison, Nigel Allister and Harry Farson in defence; Charlie Keery, Ryan Jones, John Scott and Luke Watt in midfield; Neil Wilson and Mark Clydesdale in attack. The substitutes included Nathan Reid, Josh Holden, Josh McAdam, Dylan McCluskey and Ross Scott.

Banbridge started the match really well. Luke Watt and Charlie Keery worked hard attacking down the sidelines. Charlie Keery on one of his runs, drove down the right towards the circle, slipped the ball to John Scott who found himself in space at the top of the circle where he fired a hard and low shot past the keeper into the bottom left hand corner, 0-1.

Neil Wilson and Mark Clydesdale had joy up front and made life difficult for the South Antrim defence. Banbridge scored again after a John Scott pass found Neil Wilson. He collected the ball at the top of the circle and lobbed the diving South Antrim goalkeeper, 0-2.

South Antrim posed a threat, but the defence were disciplined. Ryan Jones broke up play in the middle of the pitch. He was unfairly carded on a couple of occasions by the South Antrim umpire. Nigel Allister and David Morrison made some key interceptions at the back and had to be patient against the skilful forwards. Harry Farson and Kian Bingham shadowed the opposition wide men really well and snuffed out their threat. However, South Antrim pulled a goal back after some good attacking play by them down the left. The ball was hit high left pass Aaron in goal, 1-2.

Aaron Pyper pulled off some excellent saves to keep South Antrim out. He read the game very well throughout and knew when to race off his line if needed. The second South Antrim goal came just before half time. The ball hit David Morrison's shin. Advantage was played and the South Antrim attacker hit a low shot across goal, 2-2.

Nathan Reid enjoyed attacking down the left of midfield. The South Antrim right back struggled against him. Ross Scott linked up well with the Bann forwards and posed a threat on the right. Josh Holden and Dylan McCluskey slotted in seamlessly at the back. Both players are growing in confidence as they are getting more senior games under their belt. Banbridge scored their third goal after Luke Watt weaved past a couple of South Antrim defenders on the byline and squeezed the ball between the near post and the goalkeeper, 2-3.

South Antrim were awarded a controversial penalty corner by their umpire when he adjudged Nigel Allister to have hit the ball over the byline on purpose. After some protestation Nigel was given a two minute green. South Antrim scored from the resulting penalty corner to make it 3-3.

The remainder of the game was very tense. Both teams had several opportunities to win it. Banbridge won four consecutive penalty corners, but were unable to score from them. Josh McAdam had an excellent opportunity to score from open play, but the keeper pulled off an excellent save.

The match finished 3:3 and earned Banbridge Fourths their first point of the season. This match clearly showed a strong bond is developing within the team. Each player willing to fight for one another.

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