



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	A	RESULT	1	3	THREE ROCK ROVERS	TIME	COMPETITION
18/09/2021	A	2021/22	1	3	THREE ROCK ROVERS	14:45	
JOHNNY MCKEE (1)							

Banbridge Hockey Club Mens' 1st XI travelled to Dublin for the second consecutive Saturday in their EYHL campaign to face Three Rock Rovers at Grange Road. Scott McCandless was delighted to see Sam Farson and Christopher Curry return to his squad as Bann aimed for their first win of the season.

The visitors started the game well and almost took the lead in the second minute when Johnny McKee's rasping shot hit the post with the Three Rock keeper stranded. Peter Brown was pulling the strings in midfield and Bann deservedly took the lead in the fourteenth minute when McKee touched in Owen Magee's reverse stick cross. On the stroke of quarter time Three Rock were awarded a controversial penalty corner. The umpire allowed a quick free hit to enter the circle, which Bann debated had not moved the required five metres, but the corner was awarded for an infringement and Ben Johnston fired the ball past Luke Roleston to level the scores.

The second quarter was dominated by a nasty head injury to influential Banbridge defender Phillip Brown. He was struck off the ball from behind which left him dazed and ruled him out of the rest of the game. The injury upset the Bann rhythm and minutes later Ben Parsley put the home side in front from a slick open play move. Banbridge tried to get back on level terms before half time with two penalty corners but both were cleared by the Three Rock defence, with captain Alexander Tinney's effort being taken off the line.

In the third quarter, Josh Moffett saw his deflection go just wide before Three Rock extended their lead when Ross Canning capitalised on some slack Bann defending. Eugene Magee's penalty corner effort was just over the crossbar as Bann entered the final quarter dominating possession and piling the pressure on the Three Rock goal. Tinney again went close from a penalty corner when he hit the post and Moffett saw his flying shot well saved by Quinn in the home net. Louis Rowe's first time effort from the edge of the circle was inches wide and Bann saw two further penalty corners go without reward. David Finlay thought he had pulled a goal back after Charlie Rowe's quick free hit but the umpire ruled the free was taken inside the 22 metre line and so had not moved the requisite five metres, much to the disdain of Rowe who insisted he had originally touched the ball outside the 22 metre line.

After eight penalty corners throughout the game resulting in no conversions, Bann will be disappointed to have lost 3-1 to a team who had far fewer chances. Next Saturday they play their first home game of the season when they entertain Dublin YMCA at Havelock Park at 2:45pm.

Squad:

Luke Roleston, Alexander Tinney (captain), Eugene Magee, Phillip Brown, Sam Farson, Bruce McCandless, Charlie Rowe, Peter Brown, Owen Magee, Mark Cowan, Hugh McShane, Johnny McKee, Josh Moffett, David Finlay, Louis Rowe, Christopher Curry.

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