



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
11/12/2021	H 2021/22 3 2 MONKSTOWN	16:00	
CHRIS CURRY (1), OWEN MAGEE (1), JOHNNY MCKEE (1)			

Banbridge left above Dublin side Monkstown in the EYHL league table after a thrilling comeback at Havelock Park. Head Coach Scott McCandless was delighted to see his young side continue their great recent run of results as they moved into the top four for the first time this season.

The Ulster Carpets sponsored County Down team started the game poorly and went behind in the first minute as Davy Carson capitalised on some loose defending to slot past Luke Roleston. Charlie Rowe thought he had equalised for the home team but his sweet strike was ruled out as the umpire deemed the ball had hit a Bann foot. At the start of the second quarter, a David Finlay deflection from a trademark Owen Magee reverse cross went just wide as Bann pushed on but Monkstown doubled their lead when Stephen Cole deflected the ball over Roleston. The Dubliners' only penalty corners of the match came just before half time when their first effort was charged down before Roleston easily saved the retake.

McCandless fired up his troops at half-time and immediately Finlay celebrated pulling Bann level only for his shot past David Fitzgerald to be ruled out for dangerous play. Bann had several chances to score from penalty corners before Christopher Curry slotted home for the third week in a row. With 10 minutes to go, Banbridge were still behind but a rousing final push saw them take all 3 points. Owen Magee put the home team in front with a fantastic reverse stick effort from a penalty corner, and Charlie Rowe then picked a high ball on the run allowing Matthew McKee to feed Finlay who flew down the right wing to set up Johnny McKee to tap in the winner to the delight of the home faithful.

Banbridge's EYHL campaign returns in February after a winter break. Their focus now turns to the Kirk Cup as they face North Down at home on Tuesday night at 7:45pm before travelling to Raphoe on Thursday for an 8pm start.

Squad:

Luke Roleston, Alexander Tinney (captain), Phillip Brown, Sam Farson, Eugene Magee, Charlie Rowe, Luke Witherow, Owen Magee, Mark Cowan, Hugh McShane, Johnny McKee, David Finlay, Louis Rowe, Christopher Curry, Matthew McKee, Ben Pollock.

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