



# MATCH REPORT

## BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

### MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
16/12/2021	A 2021/22 5 0 RAPHOE	20:00	
JAMES EVANS (1), ALEX TINNEY (2), LUKE WITHEROW (1), LOUIS ROWE (1)			

A youthful Banbridge side safely negotiated their final Kirk Cup group match with a comfortable away win in Donegal. Former Raphoe players Alexander Tinney and Luke Witherow stole the show for Banbridge as they scored three of the goals on their first return to play against their boyhood club. Tinney had Bann two goals ahead at half time from two penalty corners – the first a rasping drive off the backboards and the second high into the net over the home goalkeepers' out-stretched stick.

Witherow made it 3-0 to the visitors early in the second half when he stole the ball in midfield and counterattacked at speed to roll the ball past the keepers' foot into the bottom corner. Indeed Witherow should have scored a second after a penalty stroke was awarded when the ball struck a body on the goal-line, but Witherow's low effort was brilliantly saved by the Raphoe keeper.

Louis Rowe scored the fourth goal for Bann when he won the ball in midfield before releasing James Evans who drove into the circle before returning the ball to Rowe to slap past the stranded keeper. And Evans rounded off the scoring in the final minutes when Christopher Curry set him up to tap in for 5-0.

After Tuesday night's 9-0 win against North Down, coach Scott McCandless was delighted with two solid victories for Banbridge this week and being able to give competitive debuts to Elliott Haw, Cody Large, Seb Best, James Evans, Ben Walker and Matthew Spence.

The Ulster Carpets sponsored Banbridge side now look forward to a Kirk Cup semi-final against Annadale on Monday 27th December at 3:30pm at Lisnagarvey.

Squad:

Elliott Haw (GK), Alexander Tinney (captain), David Gallagher, Ben Walker, Sam Farson, Seb Best, Matthew Spence, Charlie Rowe, Luke Witherow, Hugh McShane, Joel Reid, Matthew McKee, Christopher Curry, Louis Rowe, Dane Ward, Cody Large, James Evans, Gareth Lennox.

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