



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
12/02/2022	A 2021/22 3 2 YMCA	15:50	
DAVID FINLAY (1), JOHNNY MCKEE (1), EUGENE MAGEE (1)			

Banbridge stretched their unbeaten run in the EYHL to 10 games with a comfortable 3-2 win against Dublin YMCA at Wesley College. Head Coach Scott McCandless had a full squad to choose from and Hugh McShane was added to the ranks after last weekend's draw with Three Rock Rovers.

Bann looked dominant throughout the first quarter but failed to take the lead. Phillip Brown saw his penalty corner drag taken off the line and David Finlay deflected Johnny McKee high cross just over the bar as Bann struggled to turn possession into goals.

One minute into the second quarter Dublin YM were awarded a penalty stroke when the umpire judged that the visiting goalkeeper Luke Roleston had taken the in-rushing forward instead of playing the ball. The stroke was converted by Grant Glutz to give the home side a surprising lead. By half-time Bann had levelled the score after Peter Brown stole the ball in midfield and immediately released Luke Witherow down the left flank who slipped the ball for Finlay to slap in at the back post. Indeed a carbon copy move nearly resulted in a second for Bann but Witherow's pass was this time cut out by the YM defence.

The third quarter again saw Bann lacking in front of goal with both Phillip Brown and Alexander Tinney seeing their penalty corner efforts saved. However two minutes into the final period Johnny McKee put Banbridge deservedly ahead for the first time in the game when he spun from the by-line and slotted the ball past the home goalkeeper at his near post. From their next penalty corner the visitors increased their lead when Eugene Magee ripped a penalty corner drag high into the net to the delight of the travelling support. A series of Dublin YMCA penalty corners saw them pull a goal back on the final whistle but Bann ran out 3-2 victors.

Ulster Carpets sponsored Banbridge next play in the EYHL on Saturday 26th February away at Pembroke Wanderers.

Squad:

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

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