



# MATCH REPORT

## BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

### MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
12/03/2022	H 2021/22 2 1 CORINTHIANS	14:45	
JOHNNY MCKEE (1), CHARLIE ROWE (1)			

For the first time this season Banbridge moved into the top four of the EY All-Ireland Hockey League with a comfortable 2-1 victory at Havelock Park against Dublin's Corinthians. Scott McCandless's side started the game strongly in front of a large home support with three penalty corners in the opening minutes. Eugene Magee saw his efforts well saved and from one of these corners Johnny McKee looked certain to score when the ball rebounded off the Corinthians goalkeepers' pads only for a last gasp block on the line to prevent his slap. McKee was instrumental when Bann did take the lead in the sixteenth minute after he squared for Charlie Rowe to tap in. And McKee doubled the lead a minute later when he deflected a cross high over Simon Thornton in the visitors goal.

The second quarter was a quieter affair with Bann only having a high Owen Magee shot to show for their dominance. However, against the run of play Corinthians got a goal back on the stroke of half-time when a deflection saw the ball drop to Max Neill who slotted past stranded Banbridge goalkeeper Luke Roleston.

After the break, the home side saw another set of penalty corners fail to produce reward, although they were convinced a penalty stroke should have been awarded when the ball seemed to strike a defender's body on the goal-line. Both Hugh McShane and McKee saw efforts blocked with the goal beckoning and David Finlay was just inches from touching home a Luke Witherow cross. Some late Corinthians pressure caused a few nerves for the home side but Roleston and his defence, including 16 year old debutant Aaron Baxter, held firm and Bann moved above Glenanne in the league table.

Ulster Carpets sponsored Banbridge are at home again next Saturday in the EY League when they entertain Annadale at Havelock Park at 2:45pm.

Squad:

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

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