



# MATCH REPORT

## BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

### MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
27/03/2022	H 2021/22 4 4 LISNAGARVEY	14:45	
JOHNNY MCKEE (1), DAVID FINLAY (1), JOSH MOFFETT (1), PHILIP BROWN (1)			

The final game of this seasons EY Hockey League took place at Havelock Park last Saturday and what a game it turned out to be. Any Bann v Lisnagarvey match is a keenly contested affair and this was no different. Bann were looking to secure third place in the league and with it a home quarter final on 9th April while Garvey required at least a point to win the league title.

Played in front of the largest crowd of the season the game was a superb advert for the league. The early exchanges set the tempo for the remainder of the game with both sides attacking at pace causing the defences numerous nervous moments.

It was Garvey who took the lead midway through the first quarter when they scored direct from a penalty corner. The lead was short lived however as Bann equalised when a shot from Johnny McKee evaded the visiting keeper and was deflected home by Josh Moffett.

Parity was maintained until early in the second quarter when Garvey retook the lead but once again the home teams response was almost immediate when Philip Brown powered home a penalty corner low to the keepers right hand side.

Halftime: Bann 2 Lisnagarvey 2

Bann started the second half in the ascendancy looking to take the lead for the first time in the match. Despite a couple of dangerous crosses the Garvey defence held firm until Johnny McKee picked the ball up on the left side of the circle. With mesmeric skills he left three defenders trailing and found a pass across goal which David Finlay knocked home from a metre.

Typical of any Garvey team they upped their game and forced a penalty corner which they converted with another direct flick. Shortly after this Garvey took the lead for the third time in the game when they scored a cleverly worked goal from a flowing attack.

It is a sign of the growing belief within this Bann side that they immediately pressed for another equaliser. They were awarded a penalty corner five minutes from the end of the game and when the first take was lifted dangerously by the visitors Philip Brown powered in a low flick which was kept of the net illegally by the defender. Up stepped Johnny McKee to send the keeper the wrong way from the stroke spot.

The final whistle sounded with no addition to the scoreline. A result that suited both sides!!

Full Time: Bann 4 Lisnagarvey 4

Bann now have a home quarter final on 9th April against Dublin YMCA at 2:45pm. A win in this match will see the locals progress to the EY Champions Weekend at Havelock Park on 23rd & 24th April.

**Banbridge Hockey Club**