



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE		RESULT			TIME	COMPETITION
01/04/2022	H	2021/22	4	2	DUBLIN YMCA	15:00
MATTHEW MCKEE (1), JOHNNY MCKEE (1), CHARLIE ROWE (1), PETER BROWN (1)						

Banbridge are safely through to the end of season EY Champions Trophy after a two goal victory over Dublin's YMCA. Head coach Scott McCandless named the same squad who last week drew with league winners Lisnagarvey as he tried to ensure Bann were able to perform at their own party as hosts of the Champions Trophy at Havelock Park on 23rd and 24th April.

A nervy first quarter saw the home side's best chance fall to Phillip Brown whose penalty corner drag was well saved by Bernsden in the YM goal. Against the run of play, the visitors took the lead from their first penalty corner. Luke Roleston saved the initial effort but the defence failed to clear their lines and Grant Glutz smashed the ball home. Bann were back on terms when another of Brown's penalty corner efforts was saved but younger brother Peter was on hand to slide in the equaliser.

Irish international Johnny McKee had Bann ahead five minutes into the second half after great work by Charlie Rowe on the right flank. And Rowe got number three for Ulster Carpet's sponsored Banbridge when he slapped in from the edge of the circle. As YMCA pushed hard to get back into the game, they scored from a penalty corner to make the final quarter a tight affair. But with minutes to go J McKee won the ball in defence and released Ben Pollock who drove hard down the right wing before slipping in Matthew McKee. With just the goalkeeper to beat, schoolboy McKee showed the coolness of a seasoned player as he rolled the keeper before picking his spot and firing the ball high into the goal to the delight of the Havelock faithful.

Banbridge will play Three Rock Rovers at Havelock Park in the EY Champions Trophy semi-final at 5pm on Saturday 23rd April, after Lisnagarvey play Monkstown at 3pm.

Squad:

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

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