



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
06/05/2022	H 2021/22 1 0 ANNADALE	00:00	
ALEXANDER TINNEY (1)			

Another youthful Scott McCandless side fought their way to this season's Kirk Cup final with 1-0 victory over Annadale at Lisnagarvey HC last Sunday. With eight players unavailable, McCandless brought in his young guns including sixteen year olds James Evans, Matthew Spence and Ben Walker, who all excelled in this showpiece event.

In the bright sunshine, a relatively even first half saw both teams exchange penalty corners in the first half, which each keeper saved, but Bann nearly took the lead just before half time when Walker set Evans free down the left and his cross just eluded Cody Large sliding in at the back post.

A 10-minute yellow card for Annadale in the third quarter saw Bann dominate the game and they took the lead when captain Alexander Tinney ripped a penalty corner high into the Dale net. Another penalty corner effort from Tinney almost doubled the lead but the keeper's outstretched glove just kept it out. A flurry of cards for Bann saw them battle to the final whistle as Luke Roleston kept a clean sheet by saving two late penalty corner efforts from Annadale.

Banbridge are the defending champions as they won the Kirk Cup when it was last played back in 2019. The Ulster Carpets' sponsored Bann will play their great foes Lisnagarvey at Playball, Stormont next Saturday afternoon at 3:30pm after the Banbridge Ladies play Pegasus in the Denman Shield final at 1pm.

Squad:

Luke Roleston, Elliott Haw, Alexander Tinney (captain), Dylan Cowan, Ben Walker, Charlie Rowe, Luke Witherow, Owen Magee, Mark Cowan, Hugh McShane, Peter Brown, Matthew Spence, David Finlay, Matthew McKee, Ben Pollock, Christopher Curry, James Evans, Cody Large.

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