



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
02/10/2021	H 2021/22 4 4	14:45	PEMBROKE WANDERERS
JOHNNY MCKEE (1), LOUIS ROWE (1), SAM FARSON (1), MARK COWAN (1)			

Banbridge mens XI sponsored by Ulster Carpets entertained Pembroke Wanderers for their second successive home game of the season. Banbridge welcomed back Luke Witherow from a long term shoulder injury while Philip Brown and David Finlay returned after missing last weeks game. Unfortunately Eugene Magee and Josh Moffett missed the game after picking up injuries the previous week.

Both teams started tentatively with neither side able to grab control of the game in the early stages. Pembroke created the first opportunity of the game through a short corner, however, Luke Roleston in the Banbridge nets did well to clear from the rebound. Banbridge created several chances late in the first quarter with Dane Ward unlucky not to finish from close range. End of quarter one finished all square at 0-0.

Pembroke again threatened at the start of the second quarter, this time their corner routine was successful with Julian Dale rifling a drag flick high into the net to put Pembroke one up. Banbridge responded well with Luke Witherow and Louis Rowe causing problems on the right hand side. Johnny McKee then took matters into his own hands driving into the Pembroke circle, there he was fouled and a penalty stroke was award. McKee stepped up and sent the keeper the wrong way to level the scores at 1 a piece. However, Pembroke were soon gifted the lead after Banbridge were not able to clear their lines, Isaac Johnston punished the Bann side to put Pembroke 2-1 up. With time running out in the second quarter, Peter Brown produced a fantastic ball to find McKee in the Pembroke circle, his ball across the goal found Louis Rowe who made no mistake to pull Bann level.

The third quarter, continued where the second had left off with both teams creating opportunities to score. Banbridge began to take control of the game mid way through the third quarter controlling possession and territory. Mark Cowan put Bann 3-2 up after some great skill along the baseline from Peter Brown. However, Pembroke weren't rolling over and again Julian Dale punished Bann from another short corner routine to make the game all square are the end of the Third quarter.

The goal fest continued into the fourth quarter with Banbridge scoring from a brilliantly worked short corner routine. Sam Farson converting to make the game 4-3. There was to be a sting in the tail for Banbridge though as once again Pembroke won a short corner and that man Dale again stepped up to convert to level the game 4 a piece. The game ended 4-4 as Banbridge failed to convert several opportunities at the end of the game and will feel it was two points lost in their league campaign.

Next week sees Banbridge travel to Glenanne the early league leaders in another tough test for the Lurgan road men.

Banbridge Hockey Club