



MATCH REPORT

BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

MATCH DETAILS

DATE		RESULT			TIME	COMPETITION
09/10/2021	A	2021/22	1	3	GLENANNE	15:00
CHRIS CURRY (1)						

Not for the first time this season, Ulster Carpets sponsored Banbridge returned from Dublin rueing their missed opportunities to score. Facing league leaders Glenanne was never going to be an easy task especially as they boasted a 100% record so far in the league. Head Coach Scott McCandless was without Ireland star Johnny McKee who was injured on international duty midweek. Owen Magee and Josh Moffett were also missing due to injury but key defender Eugene Magee came through a late fitness test to line up at St. Andrew's School in Booterstown.

The visitors got off to the worst possible start when Glenanne won a penalty corner in the second minute which Shannon Boucher dispatched low past Luke Roleston in the Banbridge goal. However the scores were level only a few minutes later when Christopher Curry finished off a flowing Bann move down their left flank. The rest of the first half passed off relatively quietly with only another penalty corner to Glenanne to note in the second quarter which Roleston dealt with easily.

While Banbridge came out all guns blazing in the second half, they were dealt a cruel blow when a misjudged Shane O'Donoghue aerial pass struck schoolboy Louis Rowe in the face ending his match. Luckily after medical attention it was confirmed post-match that he had not broken his cheek bone. Rowe had been looking the most dangerous of the Bann forwards but an early chance in the third quarter fell to the other Rowe twin Charlie who shot just over the crossbar. The home side's threat from penalty corners continued when Irish international O'Donoghue fired just wide before Glenanne did retake the lead just before the end of the quarter. A lucky deflection saw the ball drop to Gavin Gibney and he slotted home much to the frustration of the wrong footed visiting defence.

Banbridge pushed hard in the final quarter for an equaliser and David Finlay found himself one-on-one with Glens keeper David Lawless who did well to force Finlay to shoot past the post from a wide angle. Glenanne increased their lead when O'Donoghue slotted home a penalty corner and Bann saw their only penalty corner of the match easily dealt with by the home defence.

So Bann's woes on the road continue this season but their attentions turn to the Irish Senior Cup next week when they are at home to Monkstown at Havelock Park at 3:30pm.

Squad:

Luke Roleston, Alexander Tinney (captain), Eugene Magee, Phillip Brown, Sam Farson, Bruce McCandless, Charlie Rowe, Peter Brown, Luke Witherow, Mark Cowan, Hugh McShane, Oliver Berry, Dane Ward, David Finlay, Louis Rowe, Christopher Curry.

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