



# MATCH REPORT

## BANBRIDGE HOCKEY CLUB

### MATCH DETAILS

DATE	RESULT	TIME	COMPETITION
29/10/2021	A 2021/22 4 3 CORINTHIAN	15:15	
CHARLIE ROWE (2), PHILIP BROWN (1), ALEX TINNEY (1)			

Banbridge mens XI sponsored by Ulster Carpets made the journey to St Columba's school in Dublin to face a strong Corinthians side in what was Banbridge's first EYHL game in over two weeks. Bann were bolstered by the return of Eugene Magee, Bruce McCandless and Owen Magee from injury, as well as Johnny McKee returning from international duty. The team unfortunately missed the experience of Peter Brown through injury and Louis Rowe through illness.

Banbridge started superbly with the bann forward line terrorising the Corinthians defence with constant pressure and a few early chances on goal. The pressure paid off with Bann winning an early penalty corner in the first quarter. Phillip Brown stepped up and sent the ball low and hard into the Corinthians goal to make it 1-0. Not long after Banbridge opening the score line, they added another with Charlie Rowe getting his first of the season. Rowe didn't stop there and soon added to his, and Banbridge's tally making it 3-0 early in first half with Banbridge looking comfortable in the lead. Banbridge went in to half time 4-0 up with another goal, but this time coming from Alex Tinney. After his first attempt on goal was blocked the ball fortunately fell to him again and he made no mistake in slotting the ball home at the second attempt. Banbridge looked comfortable and fully in control going into the half time break with a win seemingly secured.

However, the Dublin side had other ideas. Corinthians came out a different side in the third quarter putting the bann side under immense pressure to try and claw something back in the scoreline. Their efforts paid off and banbridges attempt to keep a clean sheet were dashed.

Banbridge were also weakened after Bruce McCandless picked up an injury in the third quarter. The Dublin side didn't stop there and the sustained pressure on the Banbridge defence resulted in another goal bringing the score to 4-2. With a third quarter to forget the bann side came out in the last quarter determined to see the result through. A tightly fought last quarter, which seemed to last a lifetime for the bann side, swung again in favour of the Dublin team with Corinthians grabbing a third goal within the last 10 mins of the game .

As the clock ticked down Banbridge managed to thwart Corinthians continued attacking threat and were able to hold Corinthians to only the three second half goals and take all three vital points with the final score 4-3 to the bann side.

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