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Killoe's second successive appearance in the Final ended in a rather easy victory for them. Level scoring at half-time gave promise of a rousing second half which never materialised as Killoe established supremacy early on the change-over and never relaxed their grip on the game.

A Senior medal must be very welcome to the evergreen Seamus McGuire who played no small part in his sides victory, and to Davy Sheeran, Billy Morgan and Mickey Bracken who have done so much over the past years to put Killoe back on the football map again.

Killoe attacked from the start and opened the scoring with a point by S. McGoldrick and Duignan increased the lead with another point from a free. Gearty then was wide with three frees and when one of the Longford backs misjudged the ball a goal resulted from the melee which followed. I think McGoldrick gets the credit for the score although it may easily have been a defender who put it into the net.

Killoe at this stage looked all set for a runaway win but a lot of unnecessary robustness crept into their play with the result that their football suffered. Longford came back into the game with points by Baxter (three) from frees and two points from Corkery from play to put them on level terms. Just on half time, T. OBrien brought off an excellent save for Slashers when Killoe looked certain to score.

On the restart it was obvious that the Young Emmets mentors had been busy as the impetuosity was gone from their play and they were concentrating on football. A steady supply of the ball from their half-backs and midfield brought a succession of scores. Duignan had a point from a free, which went in off the upright: S. McGoldrick (2), S. Igoe (2) and when McGuire was fouled in the square Duignan with a well placed kick made no mistake from the spot.

T. N. Donlon replaced McKeever and Joe Deane came on for Long at this stage for Slashers and in one of the few Longford raids Donnolly had a goal and Donlon a point. However Killoe had their tails up at this stage and with points by Quinn, Igoe and McGuire they ran out worthy winners.

Mickey Bracken was easily the best player on view and as well as having a rousing game at left half-back took several sorties up field. John Bracken and Billy Morgan completed a very competent half-back line. Duignan and Hagan had the better of the centerfield exchanges and in the forward line D. Sheeran played a very clever game by adopting roving tactics. S. Igoe, S. McGuire and S. McGoldrick also played very well.

Slashers defence was very ragged with only T. OBrien, M. Kelly and P. Dennigan revealing their best. OBrien brought off many brilliant saves and M. Kelly always had the edge on his opposite number. Baxter tried hard all through at midfield and Donnelly and Corkery were the pick of the forwards.

Sean Murray proved capable and impartial referee, and my congratulations to the person who thought of moving the lower goalposts out of the quagmire.

Interesting Observation - On the same page of the Longford Leader of September 10th 1960 was a list of the County Juvenile squad ahead of a challenge game against Leitrim. Among those on the list were five Killoe players: B. Igoe, P. Devaney, T. Browne, M. Fenelon & B. Montgomery.