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1999 Junior B Championship Finals

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### **Game 3: Killoe finally capture Kevin Hughes Cup**

Killoe 1-09  
Mostrim 0-06

In their quest to win the Junior 'B' Championship title for a magnificent seventh time in nine years, Killoe finally overcame the challenge of Mostrim at the third attempt in Shroid Park on Sunday last and on this occasion the Young Emmets had the comfortable margin of six points to spare at the final whistle.

In their previous triumphs in this competition, the prize at stake was the Paddy Hourican Memorial Cup but that trophy was replaced this season by the Kevin Hughes Memorial Cup, in honour of the late Mostrim and Longford footballer.

Killoe (forced to field without injured defenders John Toher and Paul Bracken) got off to a great start in the second replay of the Junior 'B' decider when David Casey fired home a goal in the opening minute - the end result of a good move which also involved Justin Quinn, Pat Masterson, Thomas Brady and Sean Maguire with the latter supplying the vital final pass.

Masterson then tacked on a point from play a minute later before Mostrim notched their opening score of the game when Sean Logan punched the ball over the bar in the 5th minute and they then reduced the leeway further when Mickey O'Hara converted a free.

Points were then exchanged between Sean Maguire and Mark Cassidy (the latter landing a good long range effort) but in between Mostrim had a lucky escape when a well struck shot by John Kiernan hit the crossbar.

Another point followed from Sean Maguire and then David Casey squandered an opportune goal chance for Killoe before Mostrim hit back with a brace of scores (play and free) from Mickey O'Hara.

O'Hara was then denied a goal when he shot against the post but the Young Emmets finished strongly with points from Pat Masterson and James Walsh (two frees) to hold a fairly commanding 1-6 to 0-5 lead at the break.

#### Clarke's Crucial Saves

Having played against the stiff breeze in the first half, Killoe were now in a very strong position but it was Mostrim who had the better of the exchanges in the early stages of the second half and had two good goal chances saved by opposing keeper Sean Clarke.

The winners then extended their advantage when great high fielding by Joe Quinn saw him land a glorious long range point from about 50 yards out but Mostrim replied with another fisted effort from Sean Logan in the 42nd minute - their only score in the second half.

Moments later, first half substitute Hugh Devine (who replaced the injured Tony Garvey with just ten minutes gone in the first half) missed a goal chance for Mostrim and another

point for Killoe followed in the 48th minute when wing back Justin Quinn shot over the bar.

Whatever hopes the Edgeworthstown side had of staging a dramatic late comeback were dashed when another goal attempt was brilliantly saved by Killoe keeper Sean Clarke when the ball seemed destined for the top corner of the net.

The Young Emmets brought the scoring to a close in the 57th minute when corner-back Victor Connell joined the attack to land a fine point as the marathon Junior 'B' Final finally came to a conclusion.

While forward Sean Maguire won the 'Man of the Match' award, Pat Masterson was also outstanding for the deserving winners and received solid support at centrefield from Joe Quinn.

Others to impress were John Kiernan, Thomas Brady and goalkeeper Sean Clarke, who did so well to keep his net intact, but overall it was a fine team performance by the Young Emmets.

Best for the gallant losers (whose best chance of success came in the first replay) were Owen Heavey, Damien Doherty, Mickey O'Hara and Mark Cassidy - the latter back in action after suspension.

**KILLOE:** Sean Clarke; Damien Brady, Mark Mimmagh, Victor Connell (0-1); Thomas Brady, Peter Maguire, Justin Quinn (0-1); Joe Quinn (0-1), Pat Masterson (0-2); John Kiernan, Sean Maguire (0-2), John Fitzpatrick; James Walsh (0-2, frees), David Casey (1-0), Jimmy McCormack.

**MOSTRIM:** Paul Reilly; John Skelly, Joe McEnroe, Michael Doyle; Owen Heavey, Damien Doherty, Peter Flood; John McGlynn, Philip Donoghue; Tony Garvey, Terry Casey, Mark Cassidy (0-1); Sean Logan (0-2), Christy Kennedy, Mickey O'Hara (0-3, two frees). Subs:- Hugh Devine for T. Garvey (injured, 10 mins); Michael Hussey for T. Casey and Thomas Reilly for S. Logan (both in second half).

**REFEREE:** Tommy Donohoe (Rathcline).

## **Game 2: Killoe and Mostrim in another draw**

Killoe 2-13  
Mostrim 1-16

(After Extra-Time)

After completely dominating the first half exchanges to hold a commanding 1-8 to 0-3 lead at the break, Killoe appeared to be coasting to victory in the Junior 'B' Championship Final replay at Shroid Park on Sunday last.

The Young Emmets 'man of the match' Pat Masterson then stretched his sides advantage when landing his fourth point of the game in the opening minute of the second half and while Sean Logan replied immediately for Mostrim, there appeared to be no way back for the Edgeworthstown side when they conceded a further score in the 34th minute.

However, that very well-taken point by David Casey proved to be Killoe's last score in normal time and it was all Mostrim from there until the end of the bare hour as they staged a tremendous comeback - inspired by the outstanding Mickey O'Hara who fired over five points in the second half, including the equaliser from a free in the 58th minute.

The 'red and green' notched a total of 0-10 on the changeover with John McGlynn (who made a big difference when switched to midfield), Philip Donoghue, Christy Kennedy and Peter Flood also getting their names on the scoresheet.

Killoe, who must still be wondering how they let victory slip from their grasp, were very much the dominant force in the first half and brilliant in defence was Paul Bracken, who broke a bone in his leg later in the game and will thus miss the second replay on Sunday week.

Corner-forward John Kiernan scored the Young Emmets goal in the 9th minute while the points came from Pat Masterson (3), Sean Maguire (3), Thomas Brady and John Fitzpatrick.

Mickey O'Hara (2) and very impressive right-half-back Owen Heavey replied for Mostrim, whose tremendous second half performance kept them in contention to win the Kevin Hughes Memorial Cup - a trophy they would dearly love to win for obvious reasons. The score at the end of normal time was Killoe 1-10; Mostrim 0-13.

30 minutes of extra-time also failed to decide this cracking contest with both sides adding 1-3 apiece to their tally. Jimmy McCormack notched the Killoe goal, with the points coming from James Walsh, Sean Maguire and David Casey, while Hugh Devine fired home the Mostrim goal with Mickey O'Hara, Philip Donoghue and Peter Flood registering the points.

KILLOE: Sean Clarke; Paul Bracken, Mark Mimmagh, Victor Connell; Justin Quinn, Peter Maguire, Damien Brady; Joe Quinn, Pat Masterson (0-4, one free); Thomas Brady (0-1), Jimmy McCormack (1-0), David Casey (0-2); John Kiernan (1-0), John Fitzpatrick (0-1),

Sean Maguire (0-4). Sub: (normal time) - James Walsh (0-1, free) for D. Casey (51 mins).

MOSTRIM: Paul Reilly; Stephen Hynes, Joe McEnroe, John Skelly; Owen Heavey (0-1), Damien Doherty, Michael Doyle; Christy Kennedy (0-1), Peter Flood (0-2); Philip Donoghue (0-2), Tony Garvey, Thomas Reilly; Sean Logan (0-1), John McGlynn (0-1), Mickey O'Hara (0-8, five frees). Subs: (normal time)- Hugh Devine (1-0) for S. Hynes (18 mins); Terry Casey for T. Reilly (44 mins); Michael Hussey for S. Logan (50 mins).

REFEREE: Tommy Donohoe (Rathcline).

### **Game 1: Killoe and Mostrim must meet again**

Killoe 1-07  
Mostrim 1-07

Killoe and Mostrim must meet again to determine the destination of the Junior 'B' Championship crown as the sides finished all square in the County Final at Pearse Park on Sunday last with a point by Mark Mimmagh in the 53rd minute earning the competition specialists Young Emmets a second chance.

In bidding to win this title for a remarkable seventh time in nine years, Killoe looked to have done all the hard work when playing against the very strong wind in the first half and ended up trailing by just a solitary point, 0-7 to 1-3, at the break.

Sean Maguire scored the decisive goal and with eight minutes gone in the second half, the Young Emmets had added a further three points to their tally to lead by 1-6 to 0-7 and should have been further ahead as they failed to convert three handy frees.

However, Mostrim were then thrown a lifeline when a dipping shot by midfielder Peter Flood dropped over the head of Killoe keeper Sean Clarke into the back of the net and this crucial goal proved to be their only score in the second half.

Three wides on the trot followed as Mostrim, now leading by the minimum of margins (1-7 to 1-6), failed to finish Killoe off and when Mark Mimmagh eventually put the Young Emmets back on level terms with a well struck point seven points from time, they then squandered a couple of clear-cut chances of winning the game as goal attempts by Sean Maguire and John Kiernan were saved by ever alert opposing keeper Paul Reilly.

However, with virtually the last kick of the game the Kevin Hughes Memorial Cup was almost on its way home to Edgeworthstown when substitute Hugh Devine shot narrowly wide but a draw was probably the fairest result to a keenly contested game played in very difficult conditions.

Killoe will feel that they let victory slip when leading by two points and playing with the strong wind, although their cause was certainly not helped when towering midfielder Joe Quinn - who made a big impact on the game - was forced to retire injured with 13 minutes of the game remaining.

Over the bare hour played by referee Tommy Donohoe, the vastly experienced John Toher had a fine game at full-back while Justin Quinn (who scored two fine points from play) and Peter Maguire were also much to the fore in the Young Emmets defence.

In attack, Mark Mimmagh was always a threat at full-forward while younger players John Kiernan, Sean Maguire and Thomas Brady all enjoyed some good spells in the first half but faded out of the picture on the changeover.

Mickey O'Hara Outstanding

However, the outstanding player on the pitch and the man who would have received the 'Man of the Match' award (sponsored by the family of the late Mostrim and Longford footballer Kevin Hughes) was Mickey O'Hara, who was forever in the thick of the action in operating a most effective roving role in the Mostrim attack.

Others to figure most prominently for Edgeworthstown (who would obviously treasure winning the Kevin Hughes Cup) were Owen Heavey and Damien Doherty, who rarely put a foot wrong in the half-back-line while Tony Garvey (when switched to the defence), Christy Kennedy, Thomas Reilly and goalkeeper Paul Reilly also performed well for the 'green and red'.

While Mark Mimmagh opened the scoring for Killoe, Mostrim then took over completely to fire over four points on the trot through Mickey O'Hara (2), Christy Kennedy and Tony Garvey before Sean Maguire pulled one back for the Young Emmets when racing through to land a very well-taken effort.

The Edgeworthstown side regained the upper hand with further points from O'Hara and Damien Doherty but suffered a severe setback in the 22nd minute when a dipping shot by Sean Maguire ended up in the back of the net in completely deceiving Mostrim keeper Paul Reilly.

An excellent point by overlapping half-back Justin Quinn then put Killoe back on level terms but Mostrim regained the lead with a point from a free converted by Mickey O'Hara in the 28th minute.

Trailing by 0-7 to 1-3 at the interval, the Young Emmets made a great start to the second half with scores from David Casey (free) and Justin Quinn and another fine point from Thomas Brady in the 38th minute put them firmly in the driving seat.

However, that opportunist goal by Peter Flood in the 41st minute changed the trend of the game yet again until Mark Mimmagh popped over the equaliser in the 53rd minute and that was the way it remained until the final whistle.

**KILLOE:** Sean Clarke; Paul Bracken, John Toher, Victor Connell; Justin Quinn (0-2), Peter Maguire, Damien Brady; Joe Quinn, Terry McCormack; Thomas Brady (0-1), Pat Masterson, David Casey (0-1, free); John Kiernan, Mark Mimmagh (0-2), Sean Maguire (1-1). Subs:- Jimmy McCormack for Joe Quinn (injured, 47 mins); James Walsh for D. Casey (50 mins); Gerry Conlon for P. Bracken (55 mins).

**MOSTRIM:** Paul Reilly; Stephen Hynes, Joe McEnroe, John Skelly; Owen Heavey, Damien Doherty, Michael Doyle; Christy Kennedy (0-1), Peter Flood (1-0); Thomas Reilly, Tony Garvey (0-1), Philip Donoghue; Sean Logan, John McGlynn, Mickey O'Hara (0-4, three frees). Subs:- Terry Casey for S. Hynes (32 mins); Hugh Devine for S. Logan (50 mins).

**REFEREE:** Tommy Donohoe (Rathcline).