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2000 U:14 League Final

Impressive Killoe coast to landslide victory

Killoe 10-14
Clonguish 1-07

A most impressive Killoe side coasted to a landslide victory over Clonguish in the Under-14 League Division One Final at Pearse Park on Friday evening last and it was all over as a contest at half-time, at which stage the rampant winners had built up a runaway 5-9 to 0-2 lead.

Playing with the advantage of the breeze in the first half, Killoe played some delightful football and fired home their first goal with just six minutes gone on the clock when Sean McCormack put Andrew Thompson through for a cracking score.

Thompson also scored the second, three minutes later, when his shot was fumbled over the line by Clonguish keeper Michael McGuinness and following a further brace of goals from ever dangerous full-forward Sean McCormack in the 20th and 22nd minutes respectively, it was Eugene Clarke's turn to find the back of the net just before the break.

The Killoe points in a completely one-sided first half were registered by Andrew Thompson, Darren Lennon (2), Sean McCormack, Eugene Clarke (3), Emmet Toher and Joe McCormack while Ciaran Williams (in the 15th minute) and Thomas Prunty replied for Clonguish.

The second half was just 20 seconds old when a well struck point by Sean McCormack extended the Killoe advantage and while the losers hit back with three scores on the trot through Williams (2) and Brian Mahon, the winners quickly regained the upper hand in adding a further 2-1 to their tally.

The goals were struck by Sean McCormack and Emmet Toher while Darren Lennon notched the point and while Declan Dalton grabbed a consolation goal for Clonguish in the 45th minute - followed by a brace of points from Ciaran Williams - the floodgates opened again for the remainder of the match as Killoe finished with a real flourish to score 3-2 without reply.

Sean McCormack registered two goals and a point; his first cousin Joe shot over the bar while substitute Michael McKeon found the back of the net with virtually his first touch of the ball in the 57th minute and that proved to be the last score of the game.

Particularly outstanding for this highly talented Killoe team (who also won the County Feile title) were Sean and Joe McCormack and Eugene Clarke (the latter duo ruling the roost at centrefield) while others to figure prominently were Frank Kiernan, Shane Dowd, Cathal Doris, Patrick Doherty, Darren Lennon, Andrew Thompson and Emmet Toher.

KILLOE: Killian Burns; Dermot O'Hara, Patrick Doherty, Brian Brady; Shane Dowd, Frank Kiernan, Cathal Doris; Joe McCormack (0-2), Eugene Clarke (2-3, two points from frees); Francis Brady, Darren Lennon (0-4), Andrew Murphy; Andrew Thompson (2-1), Sean McCormack (4-3), Emmet Toher (1-1). Subs: Michael McKeon (1-0), David Prunty and Diarmuid Harte (all in the closing stages of the game).

CLONGUISH: Michael McGuinness; Neil Casey, Ciaran Maguire, Paul McGrath; Anthony Corcoran, Thomas Prunty (0-1), Stephen Connolly; Brian Mahon (0-1), Sean Macken; Stephen Brennan, Ciaran Williams (0-5, one from free), Declan Dalton (1-0); James Fallon, Kevin Burke, Ronan Clarke. Subs: Dermot Kiernan, Colm McManus and Damien Lee (all in the closing stages of the game).

REFEREE: Hughie Reilly (Ballymore).