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Senior Football Championship Final

*(Replay Report - 1919)*

## 1919 Championship Final Replay – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1919

Clonbroney Camlin Rovers 1-3

Killoe Young Emmets 0-3

### THE FINAL (RE-PLAY).

On Sunday last before a very large crowd in the Longford Park the re-play for the final of the Co. Longford championship took place. As it was a splendid day spectators travelled from the furthest ends of the county to witness the game and returned well satisfied with it.

### THE PLAY.

On the ball being thrown in J. Duffy immediately broke away, slipped ~~away~~ to P. Kane, but J. Smith intercepted and caught the ball and kicked well in the direction of the Killoe goals, where it was met by the "Rabbit" and returned with interest. J. Igoe got possession and sent into the Clonbroney goal mouth but Callaghan meeting sent to Jim Donohoe. This player, with a splendid long kick, put the ball into Joe Donohoe's arms, who in turn slipped to T. Connolly, but M. Murtagh intercepted and transferred to Gilnagh. This player sent into touch. Jim Donohoe threw in and Miner caught and sent to J. Donohoe, who transferred to O'Connor, but M. Heslin knocked him off the ball and a foul was given. Donohoe took the kick but it went wide. M. Heslin kicked off, and the "Rabbit" got possession and passed nicely to Jim Igoe, who shot a neat point. Johnny Connolly kicked off and Jim Donohoe caught and centered to "Pinch," who in turn transferred to McDowell, and after a very determined piece of play, in which Connolly, John and Joe Donohoe were very prominent a goal was scored. Mick Heslin kicked off and P. Kane caught and after a fine run slipped across to Thady Sheeran, who centered in well, and after a scrimmage round the goals B. Duffy scored an neat point. J. Connolly kicked out and Donohoe caught and boxed to O'Connor, who out-witted Gilnagh and the "Rabbit" and then passed out to Joe Donohoe, who sent in a splendid shot which was well stopped by Boles, who boxed it out, where a Clonbroney forward got possession and then a fierce tussle round the goals took place, which resulted in a goal being scored. This score was not allowed as it was alleged that the Clonbroney player was inside the five yards mark, and after some very heated words between some members of the opposing teams play was resumed. M. Murtagh kicked off and just then the half time whistle went, the score being Clonbroney, 1 goal; Killoe, two points.

### THE SECOND HALF.

On play being resumed Jimmy Donohoe got possession and kicked well down the field, where it was met by the "Rabbit" and returned in good style. Johnny Smith caught and after a tussle with P. Kane kicked to Joe Donohoe, who had hard luck for a point. Murtagh kicked off and P. Kane caught and sent across to F. Beirne who, well helped by Bishop, sent to the Duffy brothers, and another point was scored for Killoe. Callaghan kicked off and T. Connolly getting possession passed F. Beirne and then sent to Smith. Smith transferred to 'Pinch,' who slapped the ball to O'Connor, and this player shot a nice point. Mick Heslin kicked off and Beirne getting possession was shouldered off by Smith. After this the play became rather rough. Smith sent to John Donohoe, who was fouled. A free was given and Donohoe shot a point which was almost at right angles. Murtagh kicked out and O'Connor got possession, but was knocked down and in a scrummage for the ball a foul took place in exactly the same spot again. Johnny Donohoe took the free, and again shot a magnificent point. Heslin kicked off and "big" Jimmy Donohoe got possession easily and returned well. After this the play became ding-dong, and mostly confined to Killoe territory until the long whistle went leaving Clonbroney 1 goal 3 points; Killoe, 3 points. Mr. Laurence Kiernan (Mullinsaghta) refereed and considering the difficult task he had he did it in a very able and impartial manner, which satisfied both teams fully.

### COMMENTS ON THE GAME.

Last Sunday's final was one if not finest displays of Gaelic football in Co. Longford since the old days. The game was full of excitement and interest from the very throw in and could not be said to be in any way one-sided. It must be said for once that the better team won, and also that Killoe played one of the pluckiest and most gamey matches ever played in the Longford Park, considering that after the first twenty minutes Killoe was beaten, and therefore fighting a losing battle. What lost the day for Killoe was lack of training and want of combination, and also some big men with good kicks like Jimmy Donohoe and O'Connor in mid-field. Clonbroney's best men were James Donohoe, Tommy Connolly, John and Joe Donohoe and J. Smith, whilst Killoe was best represented by James Morgan, Mick Heslin, Jas Igoe, T Gilnagh and Bishop.