

CONNACHT FINAL 2010

• Roscommon v Sligo • McHale Park, Castlebar • Throw-in: 4pm



Heneghan's hopes are high



Ger Heneghan pictured during an interview with Willie Hegarty of Shannonside FM at the Roscommon press night recently. Pic: Andrew Fox.

■ Seamus Duke

When Ger Heneghan came on as a sub the last time Roscommon played in a Connacht final – in 2004 – little did he think that it would be six years before Roscommon were going to appear in another provincial decider. Not surprisingly he is determined to take his chance when Roscommon face up to Sligo on Sunday.

"I came on in 2004 and although we were beaten that day I never thought that it would take six years to get back into the final. We are delighted to be in it now and we are determined to do well."

Ger says that the win against Leitrim has given the squad great confidence. "I suppose after the league campaign everyone was down on confidence but we knew that if we could win our first two championship games, the pressure would be off and confidence would rise in the team, and that's what has happened."

"It wasn't the greatest performance in the world against Leitrim but it was a big improvement from earlier in the year, so we can build on that. It was a tricky game for us but it worked out well."

Ger says that there is a great buzz in the Roscommon camp since the team qualified for the final. "Things are going well in training. Being in the final has given the lads

a great boost. We also have several players coming back from injury and that's a great boost too."

Ger says that Sligo will be hot favourites on Sunday and deservedly so. "Sligo are a really good side. Any team that beats Mayo and Galway in the Connacht Championship deserves to go in as the favourites, so in a sense the pressure is off us. We can come in under the radar because Sligo will be expected to win it and that's an advantage too."

The Castlereagh ace is happy enough with his own form. "There was an improvement against Leitrim and the full-forward line has been doing well, but we are totally dependant on the lads further out the field getting the ball in to us, so it's a team game. Hopefully when we get the ball on Sunday we can make good use of it," he said.

Ger says that the Roscommon fans will have a big part to play on Sunday. "There will be a huge crowd from Roscommon and although we haven't too many fond memories of McHale Park, the fans will be there in force and hopefully we will give them something to shout about. It's a Connacht final and it doesn't come about too often for Roscommon players so we are determined to do well on Sunday. I must say that I can't wait for the day to come around," he concluded.

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