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Close shave on Sunday?

Well-known Roscommon GAA supporter Paddy Joe Burke and equally well-known Leitrim fan Michael Oates were in jocular mood on Wednesday morning as they prepared for Sunday's local derby between the two counties in Hyde Park! Michael, a native of Leitrim who is a long established businessman in Roscommon town, contributes an article in the Roscommon People's preview of the Connacht semi-final (pages 44-48).

Seamus Duke writes: Meanwhile Roscommon manager Fergal O'Donnell has named his team (see page 48). The experienced David Casey from Boyle will replace the injured Mark O'Carroll in the Roscommon team.
Photo: Andrew Fox.

'The hardest decision I have ever had to make'



■ Paul Healy

Local Fine Gael TD Denis Naughten is a central figure this week in the party's dramatic and divisive leadership battle. In an interview with the Roscommon People this week (see page 16), Deputy Naughten admits that he has taken a huge gamble in withdrawing support for his party leader, Enda Kenny – but he says he has acted according to his conscience and in the best interests of the country.

Local Fine Gael Cllr. Michael McGreal says the party has stabbed Enda Kenny in the back, while Labour Councillor John Kelly has accused Deputy Naughten of letting down the West of Ireland. Deputy Frank Feighan is staying loyal to the party leader. The Fine Gael Parliamentary Party will vote on Enda Kenny's leadership today (Thursday).
See pages 4, 6, 16 & 17.

<<– Fine Gael Leader, Enda Kenny, and Deputy Denis Naughten pictured in Roscommon town on the Lisbon Treaty canvass trail last year.

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