

## 2010 All-Ireland SFC Quarter-Final



# Last time they met (2003)

■ Shane Reynolds

### Roscommon 0-14 Cork 1-10

The last time these teams met in the championship was in a tension-filled qualifier played in Dr. Hyde Park on the 8th June 2003. Roscommon emerged victorious on that occasion thanks to a one-point win, but were pushed every step of the way by a Cork side that had two men dismissed in the latter stages.

Roscommon led the contest by five points at half-time after an inspiring first-half performance handed them a healthy advantage, 0-10 to 0-5. Scores arrived through Frankie Dolan (0-3, all frees), Gary Cox (0-2), Karol Mannion, Seamus O'Neill, Gerry Lohan (0-2, one '45) and Jonathan Dunning during the opening period.

The second half was an action-filled affair throughout. Gerry and Stephen Lohan

maintained the home side's advantage early on and at 0-12 to 0-7 with ten minutes remaining, the Rossies looked home and dry.

Frankie Dolan tagged on another brace of points but Cork managed to cut the lead down to a single point with a goal from Eoin Sexton as the game entered its dying moments.

However any chance of the rebels securing a draw were well and truly dashed once Colin Corkery and Brenden Jer O'Sullivan were sent off for off-the-ball incidents in injury-time.

It was a fantastic result for Tommy Carr's men and one which laid the foundations for a successful run in the subsequent qualifier rounds which yielded impressive wins over Leitrim, Offaly and Kildare before Kerry defeated Roscommon by five points in the All-Ireland quarter-final in Croke Park.

Roscommon: S. Curran, J. Nolan, D. Casey, J. Whyte, M. Beirne, F. Grehan, P. Noone; S. O'Neill (0-1), S. Lohan (0-1); G. Cox (0-2), G. Lohan (0-2, one '45), D. Connellan; J. Dunning (0-1), K. Mannion (0-1), F. Dolan (0-6, four frees). Subs: E. Towey for Beirne (23 mins), E. Ryan for Nolan (half-time), M. Beirne for Grehan (half-time), J. Tiernan for Connellan (60 mins).  
Cork: K. O'Dwyer; S. O'Brien, N. Geary, A. Lynch; S. Levis, G. Canty, E. Sexton (1-0); N. Murphy, M. McCarthy; B. J. O'Sullivan (0-1), M. Cronin, A. Cronin; C. Crowley (0-1), C. Corkery (0-4, all frees), M. O'Crain (0-1). Subs: D. Kavanagh (0-1) for McCarthy (half-time), J. O'Shea (0-1, a free) for Cronin (48 mins), J. O'Donoghue for Crowley (49 mins), B. Collins for O'Crain (60 mins), J. Miskella for Murphy (61 mins).

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Action from the recent Connacht Senior Football Final in which Roscommon defeated Sligo. Picture: Andrew Fox.

# STAT ATTACK!

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### Shining star

Full-forward Donie Shine is Roscommon's top scorer to date in the Championship, having score 28 points more than his nearest rivals on the top scorers' board.

The Clann na nGael club man has scored 1-28 to date, while his nearest rivals are Cathal Cregg, Ger Heneghan and Karol Mannion, all on three points. In third place is Boyle man David Casey with two points.

### Cork's impressive record in quarter-finals

Cork are back in the quarter-finals for the sixth successive year and for the seventh time in all, while Roscommon are in the quarters for the third time.

Cork have a 100 percent record, winning all six previous quarter-finals in 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009, while Roscommon lost their two appearances, against Galway in 2001 and Kerry in 2003. This will be only the third championship clash between the counties, the



last being in 2003 when Roscommon won a first round qualifier by a point in Dr. Hyde Park. Cork won the first championship meeting (in the 1990 All-Ireland semi-final) where they had seven points (0-17 to 0-10) to spare.

### Cork average 17 points

Cork teams have an average of 17 points per game in the championship to date, with an average concession of 12 points.

Their first day out was against Kerry in the Munster semi-final, which ended in a draw on 0-15 each. The replay saw Cork go down to Kerry by one point after extra-time. The second round of the qualifiers saw Cork pitted against Cavan, a game they won convincingly on a scoreline of Cork 1-19 Cavan 0-4. The third round qualifier saw Cork overcome Wexford by seven points, and it took extra-time to separate Cork and Limerick in the fourth round, with the final score being Cork 0-16 Limerick 1-11.

### 15-point average for Roscommon

Roscommon have scored an average of 15 points in each championship game to date, conceding an average of ten points. Roscommon have only scored one goal to date in the championship, but goalkeeper Geoffrey Claffey has kept a clean sheet (in terms of goals) in all games and will be hoping that this excellent run continues on Sunday.

Roscommon scored fourteen points against both London and Sligo, scoring 1-13 against Leitrim.

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