

2010 All-Ireland SFC Quarter-Final

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Following the decision of Roscommon County Board to postpone their annual fund-raising draw to August 3rd next, the Board appeals to our clubs and our many supporters inside and outside the county to lend their financial support to the Roscommon senior team in their quest for further success in the forthcoming All-Ireland series.

Tickets are available from all clubs in the county, from the Co. Board office (tel: 090-6627176) or online at gaaroscommon.ie. Tickets cost €100 and your support helps the promotion of gaelic games at club and county level.

Best wishes to Roscommon in the All-Ireland Quarter Final

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Delighted Roscommon fans cheer on The Rossies at the recent Connacht Final in Castlebar. Picture: Michael McCormack.

Seanie looking forward to second Croke Park visit

■ Seamus Duke

Western Gaels club man Seanie McDermott was many people's choice as the Man of the Match in the Connacht final for the superb job he did marking the Sligo danger man David Kelly, holding him scoreless. Seanie is now looking forward to the big game in Croke Park on Sunday, which will only be the second time that he has ever played at headquarters.

He says that the Connacht Final win has created a great buzz, both inside the Roscommon camp and in the county in general. "It was a great win no doubt. It was a super team performance and everyone played their part on the day.

What pleased me most was the way we fought so hard. When Sligo came back near the end if we do that, then we will be great to see."

So what does Seanie make of the draw which sees Roscommon pitted against Cork? "It didn't really matter who we were drawn against because we were going to get a form team anyway and a team that had won at least three games in the back door, so we would have had to face Cork at some stage – so why not now?"

Cork struggled against Limerick. Did that give Roscommon hope for Sunday? "Remember that Limerick are no bad team and they have often put it up to Cork before. We are

realistic though. We will have to improve 10 to 15 percent on our Connacht Final display and if we do that, then we will be there or thereabouts," he said.

Seanie says that while the Roscommon defence played well, it was the hard work of the whole team that was the key to their success so far. "We got great credit in the defence for the way we played in the Connacht Final, but it was a team effort. We dominated midfield against Sligo and that makes a big difference. The forwards were tackling back too and that also helped.

"We haven't conceded a goal in the championship so far so hopefully we can keep that record up on Sunday. Don't forget that we have Geoffrey Claffey in goal and he is a top class 'keeper now and he is a big reason why we are playing so well this year."

Seanie says that Roscommon are used to being the underdogs. "We know what is ahead of us on Sunday, but it's great to be there.

"We didn't celebrate the Connacht Final win for too long and we have been working very hard in training. I have only played in Croke Park once before (2007) so I'm really looking forward to it. We are going there to give this game everything and we will work hard and leave everything on the field."

Seanie says that it is great for the Roscommon supporters to be in Croke Park for the big game. "The supporters will be a massive help to us. They are mighty to follow the team and we will be doing everything in our power give them plenty to shout about. I have to say I can't wait for Sunday to come around," he concluded.

END OF SEASON CLEAROUT

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Wishing the Roscommon team all the best on Sunday

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Get on the bus!

Roscommon GAA Supporters club will run two buses to our All-Ireland quarter-final this Sunday against Cork.

The buses will stop for food in Lucan on the way up. Places must be pre-booked and paid for to guarantee a seat on the bus as interest is already very high. To book a place, contact Brian Carroll on (087) 2420896.

Bus 1 departs from The Crescent, Boyle, departing at 8 am; The Four P's Rathallen departing 8.15 am; Shankill Cross (Elphin) departing 8.25 am; Tulske petrol station departing 8.30 am; outside Bank Of Ireland, Strokestown, departing 8.45 am; Tarmonbarry GAA Pitch 9 am.

Bus 2 will leave from outside Sissy McGinty's, Castlereagh at 7.45 am; Ballymoe village, departing 8.05 am; Oran GAA pitch departing 8.20 am; Hyde Park, Roscommon departing 8.35 am; outside Claypipe, Knockcroghery departing 8.45 am; Kelly's, Lecarrow departing 8.50 am; St Brigid's GAA pitch, departing 9 am; Ganly's Athlone departing 9.15 am.

All times are departure times and bus will be leaving on time. Cost of bus, adults €20, members of Supporters Club €15, U16 €10. Members must produce their membership card on the day.