

## 2010 All-Ireland SFC Quarter-Final

# The Roscommon/ Cork connection....

■ Shane Reynolds

**John O'Riordan,  
Roscommon Town**

"I certainly think that Cork are very beatable. They don't seem to have a settled side under Conor Counihan and that is their great weakness. They are far from the finished product as they proved against Limerick last weekend.

"Cork are a very physical side but they are also very mobile. They play an expansive type of football. All the pundits will write Roscommon off which is unjustified.

"If Roscommon can settle into the game early, as they did against Sligo, then they have a real chance. Croke Park will be a new experience for a lot of their players so it's vital that they make an encouraging start to the game.

"My allegiances will be split over the game. I'm in Roscommon for forty years so there will be a big part of me wanting them to win the game.

"However it is very hard to look past anything but a Cork win but I wouldn't expect it to be as straight-forward as most people may think."



**John Casey, Donamon (pictured)**

"I expect Cork to win the game but I do give Roscommon a great chance. I don't buy into favourites tag at all and although it will be difficult for Roscommon I wouldn't write them off at all.

"Going to Croke Park will be a great occasion for Roscommon people – however it's not that exciting for Cork as we're always seem to leave it in heartache. I've walked out of Croke Park on several occasions reeling from a big defeat.

"Although I am living in Roscommon since 1997 my allegiances would still have to lie with Cork – it's about 60/40 at this stage. My two sons play with Oran and are football-mad so I definitely have a soft spot for Roscommon even though my heart is still with Cork."

## THE VERDICT



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