

2010 All-Ireland SFC Quarter-Final

'Rossie' inventor believes 'the best is yet to come'

■ Shane Reynolds

You claim to have invented the phrase 'Rossie', Paddy. Could you explain how this came about?

It was during the 1982 World Cup. There was a very famous striker playing for Italy called Paulo Rossi who actually won the golden boot in the tournament. I remember remarking at the time how great it would have been if Paulo Rossi played with Roscommon and that he was that good that we'd become known as the 'Rossies'. **How did the 'Rossies' evolve into the well-known phrase it is today?**

Well after that World Cup I started going to Roscommon games and calling us the 'Rossies.' Then other people started calling us the Rossies. It just snowballed from there.

Did you ever think of patenting the phrase?

No I never thought about that. I want the word to be there for everybody to use and it's just a pleasure to hear the word being used as regularly as it is.

Do you think it will ever make it into the Oxford English Dictionary?

Well I never thought about that either but look, I put the word out there so it can go wherever it goes. If that means that someday it ends up in the dictionary then so be it. Where it goes...good luck to it.

Did you ever think it would become so popular?

I never thought in my wildest dreams that it would become as popular as it has. It's now used at every single Roscommon game throughout the country and



there is a kind of identity attached to it at this stage. Everybody knows who the Rossies are.

Does it make you happy to know that there is an identity attached to the phrase?

Yes it does because there is now an association attached to the word. Country-wide the Roscommon team and indeed Roscommon people are now known as the 'Rossies.' I'm very happy and proud of the fact that it is now one of the greatest identity symbols around the world.

Finally, what do you think our chances are like on Sunday?

If we transfer our performance from McHale Park to Croke Park then I think we have an excellent chance. There is no easy draw in the last eight of any championship but we'd have no reason to fear any team in the country. I've a very good feeling about Sunday. We're the Rossies, the best is yet to come.



Free-men of Castlebar....



Photographer Michael McCormack captured the tension – followed by jubilation – experienced by fans in the final moments of the Connacht Final. In our top photograph Roscommon supporters can barely watch as Donie Shine lines up what proved to be a match-winning free; in our second photograph the same fans react as thousands more did as the ball sails over the bar!

Best wishes to Roscommon in the All-Ireland Quarter Final

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