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í bPáirc de hÍde, Roscomáin

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Roscommon -v- Mayo • 23 June 1996

1. Mr. Pat Egan has been appointed as Field Officer.
2. **2.00pm** Mayo Minor Football team takes the field.
3. **2.02pm** Roscommon Minor Football team takes the field.
4. **2.15pm** Minor game commences.
5. **3.25pm** Minor game finishes.
6. **3.28pm** Cumann na mBunscol Exhibition game commences. Finishes at 3.36pm.
7. **3.40pm** Mayo Senior team takes the field.
8. **3.42pm** Roscommon Senior Team takes the field.
9. **3.50pm** Toss for choice of ends.
10. **3.52pm** Parade starts.
11. **3.58pm** National Anthem starts.
12. **4.00pm** Throw in.
13. **4.35pm** Half Time.
14. **4.45pm** Second half commences.
15. **5.20pm** Final Whistle.

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Tá an iris seo foilsithe ag Coisde Chondae Roscomáin. Ar son an Choisde ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil le gach duine a chabhraigh liom, go hairithe – Sean Ó Proinntigh (Rúnaí Chomhairle Chonnachta); P. S. Mac Craith (Uachtarán); Noel Fallon (Roscommon Champion); Richard Carny (Roscommon Herald); Aodán Ó Braonáin (Oifigeach Chumarsáide Poiblí, Maigh Eo); Gerard O'Loughlin and Christy Regan for the photographs, the Officers of Roscommon Co. Board, Roscommon Gaels Club for sales and The Roscommon Herald, our printers.

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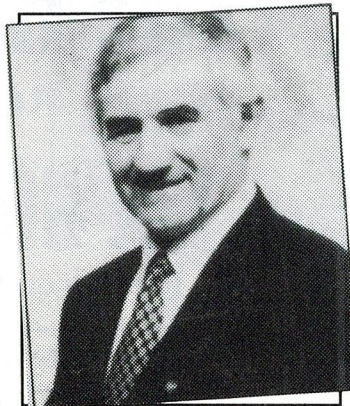
Is cúis mhór áthais dom fiorchaoín fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir go Páirc Duglas de hÍde, do chraobh leath-cheannais Chonnachta i bpeil shinsear agus mionúir.

I extend a warm welcome to the teams from Mayo and Roscommon, to their officials and supporters and to the many that will view the live telecast of today's game.

I wish every success to the referees, Des Joyce and Mick Curley, and their umpires and linesmen. They are deserving of our support and appreciation for their unenviable tasks.

I look forward to a great day's entertainment in this splendid venue.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh cluichí bréatha sportiúil againn agus go mbainfidh sibh taithneamh agus sásamh as imeachtaí an tráthnóna.



P. S. MacCraith
Uachtarán

Fáilte ó Chathaoirleach Choisde Roscomáin

On behalf of Roscommon G.A.A., I welcome everybody attending Dr. Douglas Hyde Park today for this latest clash between the great traditional rivals – Roscommon and Mayo. I hope that today's games will live up to the high standard we have experienced in games between the two at both minor and senior level over the years.

The 1989 and 1991 Connacht Senior Finals both of which were drawn, spring particularly to mind in this regard, and those who are so quick to criticise Connacht football would do well to recall that in 1989 Mayo reached the All-Ireland Final and performed with great skill and pride, and in 1991 Roscommon only faltered at the Semi-Final stage by a single point.

So here's looking for another classic Senior encounter and a Minor game to whet the appetite and give hope to both counties for a bright future. May the winners of both games go on to collect Connacht titles and do themselves and the West proud on the national stage.

I know that all patrons will maintain the impeccable standard of behaviour for which G.A.A. supporters are noted. Please obey the directions of the Stewards and the Gardaí and have a most enjoyable day.



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MICHAEL CURLEY

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Michael is no stranger to Roscommon -v- Mayo encounters, having refereed last year's meeting in addition to the 1993 Connaught Final between the same sides. He also refereed the 1994 Connaught Final.

He was in charge of this year's National Football League Final between Derry and Donegal and also refereed last year's Leinster Championship tie between Meath and Longford.

In all he has been refereeing for over nine years at all levels. A highlight was last year's Minor Football Final between Westmeath and Derry.

A native of Co. Galway, Curley assisted Creggs in Under-Age Football and represented Roscommon in Minor grade as the club was affiliated to the County for G.A.A. purposes. He is now a member of the Renmore club. He is a Garda Inspector based in Galway.

Linesmen: F. FINAN
E. WATERS (Sligo)

Minor —

DES JOYCE

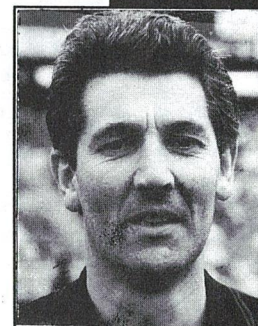
(Galway)

Des started refereeing in 1984. He refereed the Galway Senior County Final in 1988. He has refereed two National League matches this year.

He works as Manager of Meat Dept. in Super-Valu in Galway. He is married to Patricia and they have three children.

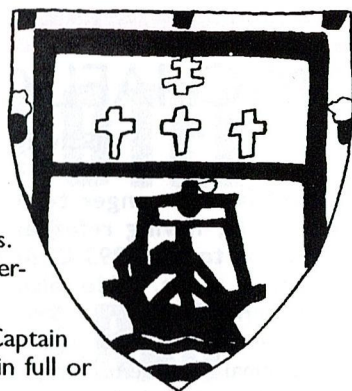
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Referees

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JOHN MADDEN – Archaeology student. 22 yrs. First Championship season. Kept goal in 1995 Under-21 All-Ireland Final.

KENNETH MORTIMER – Bank Official. 22 yrs. Captain of 1995 U-21 team. Versatile defender, at home in full or half-back line.

KEVIN CAHILL – Accountant. Now a regular fixture in the team. Has represented Connacht in Railway Cup.

ANTHONY McGARRY – Computer analyst. 31 yrs. Lacken-born player has been a regular team player during 1990s and is the holder of an U-21 All-Ireland medal.

PAT HOLMES – Bank Official. 30 yrs. Moygownagh native is another long-serving member of the team and has played at all levels for the county.

JAMES NALLEN – Student. 23 yrs. Came into the Senior Panel after an impressive show in 1994 U-21 All-Ireland Final. Won County Championship with Crossmolina last year.

NOEL CONNELLY – Quantity Surveyor. 26 yrs. Has been an inspirational Captain during the National League. Returns to his usual position after a stint in the forwards against London.

DAVID BRADY – 22 yrs. First Senior Championship match. Another member of 1995 U-21 team.

COLM McMENAMON – Electrician. 26 yrs. Athletic mid-fielder. Had a stint in Australia playing Rules Football.

JAMES HOGAN – Returns to the team after missing London game. First Senior Championship game.

LIAM McHALE – Company Rep. 30 yrs. A regular since the mid 1980s. Former international basketballer.

DAVID NESTOR – Student. 22 yrs. Another member of 1995 U-21 side. Won Sigerson Cup with U.C.D. this season. First Senior Championship.

DIARMUID BYRNE – Sales Assistant. 22 yrs. Yet another member of 1995 U-21 team. Forward who has shown great free-taking ability from the hand.

DECLAN SWEENEY – Student. 21 yrs. Drawn into the panel after the League Semi-Final. Current U-21 player and sub. in 1995. Impressive debut in London.

MAURICE SHERIDAN – Student. 23 yrs. Freetaker who featured prominently in the early stages of the League. First Senior Championship season.

The following article was penned by Noel Fallon in the "Roscommon Champion" in the run up to last year's championship encounter between Roscommon and Mayo. The "Postscript" has been added by the Editor to update the story.

Kevin stays clear of loyalty problem

KEVIN McSTAY needs little introduction to Roscommon fans. Throughout the '80s he was a thorn in the side of the Roscommon defence as he helped his native county to their most successful decade since the '50s. Three times McStay and Mayo came up against the Blue & Gold in Connacht finals. Each year Mayo were victorious and in 1989 they went all the way to an All-Ireland final, losing narrowly to Cork. Only in 1986 did McStay play on a losing side against Roscommon.

However in the last few years Roscommon fans have had a chance to get a close-up view of McStay as his duties with the Army entailed a move to Athlone. He settled in Roscommon Town and joined Roscommon Gaels, where he became an adopted son.

After being instrumental in county title wins with St. Faithleachs and Roscommon Gaels, last winter the former All-Star answered the call of his native Mayo when he was asked to oversee the physical preparation of the county team.

As his native and adopted counties clash on Sunday, McStay is refreshingly frank in his attitude: 'I don't feel uncomfortable and I don't have any divided loyalties facing into the game. The Roscommon lads know me and they know what I'm about. Being involved with Mayo is a serious business for me,' said Kevin.

'The Mayo county board approached me out of the blue to get involved in the physical preparation of the players. I've spent six months working with the Mayo squad and I want to get something out of it. I never get too caught up about loyalties,' he explained.

When he arrived in Roscommon, McStay was surprised that he didn't experience too much slugging. 'There were very little ribbing, when I was training St. Faithleachs I used to tell some of the lads who couldn't make the Roscommon panel that they should join Mayo,' he joked.

McStay has taken well to the managerial game and not just at gaelic football as he masterminded Ballina basketball team's All-Ireland 1990 league triumph. The Midas touch rubbed off on St. Faithleachs in 1992 when he trained them to win the intermediate championship and the O'Gara Cup. Working the oracle with Roscommon Gaels took a bit longer.



KEVIN McSTAY

"Skill wise, Roscommon are the best team in Connacht."

"I played with the Gaels in 1992 and we reached the county final. The following year I trained the team but didn't play. I believe that the work we did in '93 stood to us in '94 when we won the county title."

Kevin speaks glowingly of last year's Fahy Cup win with the Gaels when he captained the side to victory over Strokestown in the final. "It was unbelievable and all that I could have asked for in my last year as a player. It is the best memory I've ever had at club level, I think you appreciate the victories more when they come at the end of your career," he commented.

After the fun involved in coaching club sides McStay took a while to get used to the inter-county scene. "It's a very different set-up and something of which I wanted to get some experience."

"In a club situation everybody knows everybody else. But with a county team you have 24 footballers with their own ideas and you have to deal with club rivalries. There can be big scenes but that's what team management is all about," McStay explains candidly.

Postscript:

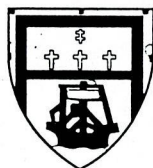
That was last year. A year is a long time in football. This year McStay is back on the Roscommon side of the fence again. Mayo have a new senior management structure in place and Kevin is now manager of the Roscommon Minor team.

The moving finger writes, and having writ, moves on ...

And Mayo just happen to be Roscommon's opponents today. But that's not a problem either. For Kevin, football is the passion, loyalty is, for the time being at least, a minor matter.

And what about that "last year as a footballer" bit? Forget it. The name K. McStay still figures prominently on Roscommon Gaels team-sheets, two years down the road!

MIONÚIR



Maigh Eo

(Uaithe agus Dearg)

(1)

Sean Campbell

S. Cambéall
(Ballina)

(2)

Ger Brady

G. Ó Brádaigh
(Ballina)

(3)

Colm Reilly

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(Crossmolina)

(4)

John Feeney

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(Ballintubber)

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(Crossmolina)

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(Claremorris)

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G. Breathnach
(Crossmolina)

(8)

Frank Fahy

M. Ó Fathaigh
(Breaffy)

(9)

Enda Lavelle

E. Ó Maolfhabhail
(Crossmolina)

(10)

Ger Brady

G. Ó Brádaigh
(Claremorris)

(11)

Niall Dunne

N. Ó Duinn
(Parke/Keellogues)

(12)

Vincent Cawley

U. Mac Amalaidh
(Lahardane)

(13)

Declan Leonard

D. Ó Luinín
(Lahardane)

(14)

Karl Boyle

C. Ó Bóighill
(Claremorris)

(15)

Lyndon Reilly

L. Ó Raghallaigh
(Ballintubber)

FIR IONAIÐ: (16) Steve Moran (Westport), (17) Jarlath O'Malley (Louisburg), (18) Maurice O'Gara (Ballaghaderreen), (19) Jonathan Mullen (Kilmaine), (20) Johnny Burke (Ballyhaunis), (21) Noel Gallagher (Swinford), (22) Colm Kenny (Ballycastle), (23) Brendan Regan (Moygowna), (24) Ciarán Gallagher (Achill).

MIONÚIR



Ros Comáin

(Gorm agus Ór)

(1)

Declan Dwyer

D. Ó Duibhir
(Ballinameen)

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Alan Tiernan

A. Ó Tighearnáin
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James Comiskey

S. Mac Cumascaigh
(Roscommon Gaels)

(8)

Niall Hanley

N. Ó hAinlighe
(Kilglass Gaels)

(9)

Brendan Bourke

B. de Búrca
(Kilmore)

(10)

Declan Costello

D. Mac Coistealbh
(Ml. Glavey's)

(11)

Brendan O'Brien

B. Ó Briain
(Roscommon Gaels)

(12)

Finbar McGowan

F. Mac Gabhann
(St. Barry's)

(13)

Brendan Whelan

B. Ó Faoláin
(Shannon Gaels)

(14)

David Henry

D. Mac Annraoi
(Clann na nGael)

(15)

Gerry Dunning

G. Ó Dúinín
(St. Bridget's)

FIR IONAIÐ: (16) Peter Shelley (Roscommon Gaels), (17) Emmet Collins (Strokestown), (18) Liam Hoban (Oran), (19) David Fetherstone (St. Barry's), (20) Fergal Regan (Castlereagh St. Kevin's), (21) Niall Fallon (St. Dominic's), (22) Gary Cox (St. Faithleach's), (23) John Whyte (Padraig Pearses), (24) Damian Webb (Castlereagh St. Kevin's).

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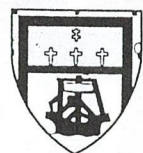
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(Cavan Gaels)

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(Ballintubber)

(11)

Liam McHale
L. Mac Éil
(Ballina)

(12)

David Nestor
D. Mac an Adhastair
(Ballyhaunis)

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Diarmuid Byrne
D. Ó Broinn
(Castlebar)

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Declan Sweeney
D. MacSuibhne
(Knockmore)

(15)

Maurice Sheridan
M. Ó Sioradáin
(Balla)

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Manager — **John Maughan** (Castlebar)

Selectors — **Tommy O'Malley** (Castlebar)

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(Roscommon Gaels)

(7)

Ciaran Heneghan
C. Ó Heineacháin
(Roscommon Gaels)

(8)

Tom Ryan
T. Ó Riain
(Boyle)

(9)

David O'Connor (Capt.)
D. Ó Conchubhair
(Garda)

(10)

Lorcan Dowd
L. Ó Dudha
(Western Gaels)

(11)

Derek Duggan
D. Ó Duagáin
(Garda)

(12)

Don Connellan
D. Ó Connalláin
(Kilmore)

(13)

Niall O'Donoghue
N. Ó Donchadha
(Boyle)

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N. Ó Duinín
(Tulsk)

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(Strokestown)

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(8)	IAN O'REILLY (Cornafulla N.S.)	PAUL LYDON (Kiltimagh N.S.)
(9)	DARREN FEELY (Derrane N.S.)	JOSEPH DILLON (Brosna N.S.)
(10)	MICHAEL O'DOWD (Boyle N.S.)	JONATHAN MORRIN (Mountpleasant N.S.)

GIRLS FOOTBALL Roscommon

Mayo

(1)	SUZANNE COSTELLO (Taughmaconnell N.S.)	LAURA WALSH (The Neale N.S.)
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(5)	URSULA LAWLESS (Taughmaconnell N.S.)	JENNIFER SHEEHAN (Bohola N.S.)
(6)	EMMA HUSSEY (Cloontuskert N.S.)	LISA KELLY (The Neale N.S.)
(7)	MICHELLE CONROY (Abbeycartron N.S., Elphin)	RUTH HYLAND (Carraholly N.S.)
(8)	MARION NAUGHTON (Taughmaconnell N.S.)	TARA BRADY (Barnacarroll N.S.)
(9)	LEONA CARNEY (Abbeycartron N.S.)	LORRAINE KAVANAGH (Barnacarroll N.S.)
(10)	MAIREAD THOMPSON (Cloontuskert N.S.)	EDEL COLLERAN (St. Attracta's N.S. Ballaghaderreen)



PAUL STAUNTON

'STAN' BACK IN
AT NUMBER ONE

Football, they say is a funny old game, but there were many times over the past decade when Roscommon's goalkeeper today, Paul Staunton, didn't feel much like laughing. Forgive him then if he can afford a wry smile this weekend at the vicissitudes of fortune that have returned him, unexpectedly, between the sticks for Roscommon.

It was Paul's ambition to be Roscommon's net minder from an early age. He seemed well on the way when he was under 16 goalie in '81 and '82 and minor in '84. It was in 1984 also that he won an All-Ireland Colleges medal with St. Jarlaths in tuam. Pat Holmes, from today's Mayo team was a team-mate that day.

Three years as U-21 goalkeeper (85-87) was the apprenticeship to senior selection, and he broke into the senior team in the winter of '88 and made his Championship debut in 1989 versus Sligo.

However injury, which has plagued his career, kept him out of the 1989 Connaught final, those two epic jousts with Mayo, which Mayo won on their way to the All-Ireland Final against Cork.

He was back in 1990, won a Connaught medal and witnessed defeat by Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final. That was also the year of the classic league encounter with Dublin in Portlaoise which Roscommon won, and an All-Star performance from Paul earned him "Save of the Year" for 1990. He also received a Bank of Ireland All-Star nomination and a place on the All-Star team to Toronto in March '91.

Injury and poor form restricted his appearances in '91 and, in '92 he finally had to yield, and left the Roscommon panel after the League campaign. His footballing career appeared all but over; but two back operations, and a lot of soul searching later and Paul still harboured ambitions of a return to the top. It seemed unlikely as a succession of keepers - Gay Sheerin, Brian Morkan, Chris Grogan, Derek Thompson, and Shane Curran passed him out in the queue. His cause was not helped by playing outfield regularly for his club Elphin, while two times Sigerson medallist Brian Morkan lined out at No. 1 for Elphin.

And then, when least expected, Paul got a call up, apparently as 'cover' for the Roscommon panel. The rest is history. Injuries and withdrawals reduced Roscommon goalkeeping options and 'Stan' clinched his place with some good challenge games performances against Kerry and Monaghan. And so the wheel has turned full circle and Paul is back in the full limelight of Connaught Championship and live television as the most senior member of today's Roscommon fifteen.

After all he has been through, it is no more than he deserves.

Good Luck, Stan. - (M.R.)

Remember Last Year!

SENIOR:

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MAYO 2-11 ROSCOMMON 1-10

Mayo: B. Heffernan, K. Mortimer, K. Cahill, G. Ruane, T. Corcoran, J. Nallen, P. Butler, P. Fallon, C. McMenamon, P. Cunney, R. Dempsey, L. Niland, K. O'Neill, J. Casey, P. Brogan. **Subs:** A. McGarry for Butler, D. Byrne for Brogan, J. Jennings for Niland.

Roscommon: C. Grogan, S. Staunton, P. Doorey, E. gavin, J. Connaughton, D. Donlon, B. Butler, J. Newton, D. Connellan, N. Dineen, F. O'Donnell, T. Grehan, L. Dolan, L. Dowd, D. Duggan. **Subs:** D. O'Connor for Dineen, C. Connelly for Duggan, A. Nolan for Connellan.

SCORERS (Mayo) J. Casey 1-0, T. Corcoran 1-0, R. Dempsey 0-2, P. Brogan 0-2, C. McMenamon 0-2, P. Cunney 0-2, P. Butler 0-1, P. Fallon 0-1, K. O'Neill 0-1. **(Roscommon)** L. Dolan 0-5, F. O'Donnell 0-3, T. Grehan 1-0, D. Duggan 0-1, J. Newton 0-1.

MINOR:

Referee: E. Waters (Sligo)

MAYO 2-13 ROSCOMMON 2-7

Mayo: J. Healy, P. O'Malley, J. Dennely, P. Doohar, S. Rochford, D. Heaney, D. Higgins, S. Roughneen, F. Mulloy, S. Smyth, P. McGarry, F. Griffin, S. Barret, K. Boyle, S. Carey. **Subs:** K. Malone for McGarry, M. Swords for Barret.

Roscommon: D. Dwyer, B. Burke, P. Carroll, S. Kelly, M. Ryan, P. Bruce, P. Cox, J. Doran, D. Kelly, M. Glennon, T. Reddington, T. Kelly, G. Flood, K. O'Neill, D. Connelly. **Subs:** P. Caslin for Reddington, A. Moran for S. Kelly.

SCORERS (Mayo) S. Smyth 0-7, F. Griffin 1-1, K. Boyle 1-1, P. McGarry 0-2, S. Barret 0-2. **(Roscommon)** K. O'Neill 1-1, T. Kelly 1-0, P. Carroll 0-1, J. Doran 0-1, D. Kelly 0-1, M. Glennon 0-1, T. Reddington 0-1, D. Connelly 0-1.

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Connacht Football Debate Provokes Fresh Approaches

The debate about the state or 'poverty' of Connacht football rages on despite cries from its loyal defenders. The latter will argue that the widespread perception which sees the province as the poor relations of the game can do nothing but further damage its fragile status. But the fact remains that it is thirty years since All-Ireland footballing honours have come West of the Shannon, and despite all the admirable intentions of the province's supporters, that statistic continues to be one which forever haunts.

There have been some near misses in that time but bearing witness to footballing standards over recent times, there is still a lot of substance to the argument that Connacht teams are still slightly removed from the rest of the heavy-weight pack.

To try to assess why this is so entails a potential minefield. Lack of proper tactical and physical preparation; lack of the proper resources to compete at the highest level; lack of sufficient talent and lack of hunger are just some of the many arguments bandied about to attempt to come to some explanation as to why the province is stuck firmly in a cul-de-sac.

Its defenders will say that there has been some improvement in the last year or so, with Galway not just making up the numbers in last year's All-Ireland final against Tyrone and Mayo taking a prize scalp earlier this season in the league quarter-final against Meath.

The question to ask here though is whether the defenders are being realistic in their assessment. Galway did play well in Croke Park but equally, Tyrone always looked to have that little bit extra. Mayo did beat a less than full throttle Meath side but the gap in footballing standards was again exposed in the semi-final when they were easily overcome by a strong Derry side.

There is the point that the ongoing debate about a Connacht football 'crisis' may perpetuate the lack of confidence and

conviction within its ranks, but at the same time, are counties doing enough to begin to convince its detractors. Preparing and training hard every year for championship football is well and good but, considering the province's under-achievement, a fresh approach in the long-term must be needed.

Certainly, a number of counties are going some way to introducing new methods and techniques. Similar to structures operating within Mayo and Galway, the Roscommon County Board launched an innovation earlier in the year which will run roughly along the lines of a school of excellence.

Ways of improving footballing standards were assessed in detail by an inter-county review committee set up to look after all aspects of Roscommon football. Their plans constitute a welcome 'bottom-up' approach. The main focus of their interim review report last February involved the installation of a hi-tech development programme for two player panels, comprising talented U-16 and U-18 players. The programme will be drawing on expert assistance in the fields of coaching, psychology and physiology.

Roscommon County Chairman, Tommie Kenoy, has stressed that the aim of these inter-county development panels is to produce a conveyor-belt process which would go some way to producing the required talent for county teams. It may be some time before we see the fruits of this particular project but such a structured and expert approach is the only possible way forward in hoping to scale the heights of the stronger counties, many of whom have been adopting these hi-tech methods for a number of years. In the meantime, though, let's hope that today's game between these two old rivals will produce, apart from the passion, some sustained passages of quality football. It's what we all want, despite what the 'loyal defenders' may think!

Richard Canny,
Roscommon Herald Sports Editor.

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This year, as last year, Féile is being hosted by the clubs from Mayo. The 1995 Féile was an undoubted success, not only from an organisational point of view, but also, in that it placed Connacht under-age football in the spotlight. And didn't Connacht respond famously! The premier division was won by a Corofin team that disdainfully removed all opposition on their way to a cracking final victory over Mayobridge of Down. Not to be undone Strokestown won the Div. 3 title beating the Wexford representatives in the final. Ballyhaunis made it three out of five for the province when they won Div. 5. The girls competition was dominated by the host county with Carnacon impressive winners over Kiltane in the final.

This year's Féile is the biggest yet with 74 boys and 32 girls teams taking part. There is additional interest this year, with teams from New York (last years Div. 4 champs), London, Glasgow, Lancashire and two from Warwickshire taking part. The number of girls teams taking part has doubled in twelve months - testimony to the tremendous growth of the game among the girls.

Féile Peil na nÓg (which is well supported by sponsors, COCA-COLA) gets under way in Ballina on Thursday, 4th July with a Parade of Teams led by the Army Pipe band. Football continues on Friday and Saturday with the Finals taking place on Sunday in Castlebar.

So, if it's a feast of football entertainment you want, then Mayo is the place to be from July 4th - 7th.

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1905: Roscommon 0-7 Mayo 0-5	1957: Roscommon 0-7 Mayo 0-6
1906: Mayo 2-13 Roscommon 0-4	1964: Mayo 3-9 Roscommon 1-7
1907: Mayo 2-5 Roscommon 0-4	1965: Mayo 2-13 Roscommon 1-6
1909: Mayo Award Match	1972: Roscommon 5-8 Mayo 3-10
1914: Roscommon 2-3 Mayo 1-3	1975: Mayo 1-12 Roscommon 1-9
1915: Mayo 3-1 Roscommon 1-3	1977: Roscommon 0-16 Mayo 0-13
1916: Mayo 1-3 Roscommon 0-3	1978: Roscommon 1-12 Mayo 1-9
1921: Mayo 1-4 Roscommon 0-1	1979: Roscommon 3-15 Mayo 2-10
1923: Mayo 2-4 Roscommon 0-1	1980: Roscommon 3-13 Mayo 0-8
1928: Mayo 1-5 Roscommon 0-2	1983: Mayo 0-9 Roscommon 0-7
1929: Mayo 6-6 Roscommon 0-4	1985: Mayo 2-11 Roscommon 0-8
1931: Mayo 2-10 Roscommon 3-2	1986: Roscommon 1-11 Mayo 0-12
1944: Roscommon 2-11 Mayo 1-6	1988: Mayo 2-12 Roscommon 0-8
1945: Mayo 2-8 Roscommon 1-6	1989: Mayo 0-12 Roscommon 1-9
1946: Roscommon 1-4 Mayo 0-6 (Mayo objection)	Replay: Mayo 3-14 Roscommon 2-13 (AET)
Replay: Roscommon 1-9 Mayo 1-2	1991: Roscommon 0-14 Mayo 0-14
1947: Roscommon 1-10 Mayo 0-4	Replay: Roscommon 0-13 Mayo 1-9
1949: Mayo 2-10 Roscommon 1-9	1992: Mayo 1-14 Roscommon 0-10
1950: Mayo 1-7 Roscommon 0-4	1993: Mayo 1-5 Roscommon 0-7
1952: Roscommon 3-5 Mayo 0-6	1995: Mayo 2-11 Roscommon 1-10
1953: Roscommon 1-5 Mayo 0-6	

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MIDDLE - S. Flanagan, M. "Pop" McNamara, B. Lynch, E. Mongey, Joe Gilvarry, P. Carney, J. J. Nerney, H. Kenny, J. Murray, J. Kilroy.
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