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MUNSTER AND CONNACHT PLAYED IN FIRST RAILWAY CUP FOOTBALL FINAL

By De Barra

Munster and Connacht, today's rivals, played in the first-ever Railway Cup Final in 1927. In the semi-finals, Munster barely scraped through against Ulster, at Cavan (1-8 to 3-1), whilst Connacht also had only a point to spare over Leinster (1-4 to 1-3), at Ballinasloe.

Munster, an all-Kerry team, won the final by 2-3 to 0-5. The teams: Munster—J. Riordan (goal), John J. Sheehy, Joe Barrett, J. Walsh, P. Russell, E. Fitzgerald, J. Slattery, C. Brosnan, R. Stack, J. Ryan, Joe Sullivan, T. Mahony, J. Baily, Frank Sheehy, P. Clifford.

Connacht—T. Molloy, M. Walsh, M. Bannerton, T. Leech, T. Hegarty (Galway), P. O'Beirne, R. Creagh, John Forde, M. Mulderrig (Mayo), G. Higgins (goal), Thos. Shevlin, M. Murphy, (Roscommon), P. Collieran (Sligo), W. Martin, M. Dolan (Leitrim).

Munster won the Railway Cup four years later, after beating Connacht in the semi-final by 4-5 to 1-7 at Athlone, and they triumphed four more times since then—in 1941, 1946, 1948, 1949.

Compared to Munster's Railway Cup record in hurling (28 wins)—the record of the Munster football teams is very poor.

How did the Railway Cup competitions originate in the first place? According to the Guinness Book of Hurling Records, in the early years of the century, Michael Crowe of Limerick, then in the employment of the Great Southern and Western Railways, put forward a suggestion to his employers that they should present Railway Shields for interprovincial competition in hurling and football. These were to be won outright by two wins in succession or three in all. Years later, Mr. Crowe put forward a further proposition to the Railway Company; that they should present perpetual trophies again for interprovincial competition with the finals to be played on St. Patrick's Day. The company agreed and the Railway Cup games came into existence in 1927. Mr. Crowe had, however, by then, been dead for some years.

In all, Connacht and Munster have met nineteen times in the Railway Cup football competition. The score stands at eleven victories to eight in favour of Munster.

The last time that the teams met was in 1961, in the semi-final, at Tuam. They finished level (Connacht 1-3, Munster 0-6).

In the replay at Croke Park, Munster strolled to a 4-7 to 1-6 victory. But Munster were hammered by Leinster in the final (4-5 to 0-4).

Munster suffered two frustrating defeats at the hands of Connacht in the mid-fifties. At Tralee, in the 1954 semi-final, Connacht won by a point (2-9 to 2-8) and the following year, at Castlebar, they also had a point to spare over Munster in the semi-final (1-6 to 1-5).

But Connacht lost in the final on each of those years to Leinster. Connacht, who have won the title seven times in all (1934, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1951, 1957, 1958), had one bloodless victory over Munster in the competition. That was in the 1929 semi-final, when Munster were struck out.

About today's game. Connacht are hot favourites to win. Munster boys, how about getting in there and proving all the critics wrong? It's about time Munster woke from its Railway Cup slumber.

FOIREANN CHONNACHTA

	1	
	S. Mac Oireachtaigh J. Geraghty (Galway)	
2	3	4
Seán O Liodáin J. Leydon (Leitrim)	N. O Tiarnaigh N. Tierney (Galway)	S. O Morlaigh J. Morley (Mayo)
5	6	7
S. Ua Donnaláin J. Donnellan (Galway)	E. O Callaráin E. Colleran (Galway)	R. O Crábháin R. Creavin (Roscommon)
8	9	
P. Ua Donnaláin P. Donnellan (Galway)	B. O Seanáin B. Shannon (Sligo)	
10	11	12
C. O Duinn C. Dunne (Galway)	M. Mac Donncha M. MacDonagh (Galway)	M. O Céirín M. Kearns (Sligo)
13	14	15
S. O Liodáin S. Leydon (Galway)	M. Mac Dhuardáin M. Durkin (Sligo)	S. O Cianáin J. Keenan (Galway)

Fir Ionaid—(16) **S. B. Mac Diarmada** (J. MacDermott, Galway); (17) **Seán MacAonghusa** (J. Magennis, Mayo); (18) **C. Mac Amhlaoibh** (C. MacAuliffe, Sligo); (19) **B. Mac Amhalga** (B. MacAuley, Sligo); (20) **P. O Cláin** (P. O'Kivane, Sligo).

FOIREANN NA MUMHAN

	1 S. O Collata J. Culloty (Kerry)	
2 Donal O Súilleabháin Donie O'Sullivan (Kerry)	3 S. O Dubháin S. Downes (Clare)	4 M. Mac Muirís M. Morris (Kerry)
5 Donncha O Súilleabháin Denis O'Sullivan (Kerry)	6 T. Mac Gearailt T. Fitzgerald (Limerick)	7 P. Mac Mathúna P. MacMahon (Clare)
8 M. O Conaill <i>M. O'Connell</i> (Kerry)	9 M. de Burca M. Burke (Cork)	
10 E. O Riain E. Ryan (Cork)	11 T. Mac Aodha T. Hayes (Cork)	12 D. O Geanaigh D. Geaney (Kerry)
13 P. O Murchú P. Murphy (Limerick)	14 C. O Súilleabháin C. O'Sullivan (Cork)	15 B. O Ceallacháin B. O'Callaghan (Kerry)

Fir Ionaid—(16) **M. Pleiminn** (M. Fleming, Kerry); (17) **S. de Lucai** (J. Lucey, Kerry); (18) **P. Mac Dáibhidh** (P. Dawson, Tipperary); (19) **M. O Céitinn** (M. Keating, Tipperary); (20) **M. O Teineáin** (M. Tynan, Limerick).

The following is the List of Railway Cup Football Winners

1927	Munster	1947	Ulster
1928	Leinster	1948	Munster
1929	Leinster	1949	Munster
1930	Leinster	1950	Ulster
1931	Munster	1951	Connacht
1932	Leinster	1952	Leinster
1933	Leinster	1953	Leinster
1934	Connacht	1954	Leinster
1935	Leinster	1955	Leinster
1936	Connacht	1956	Ulster
1937	Connacht	1957	Connacht
1938	Connacht	1958	Connacht
1939	Leinster	1959	Leinster
1940	Leinster	1960	Ulster
1941	Munster	1961	Leinster
1942	Ulster	1962	Leinster
1943	Ulster	1963	Ulster
1944	Leinster	1964	Ulster
1945	Leinster	1965	Ulster
1946	Munster		

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