

# 1916 Football versus St Enda's, Dublin

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## **1916 versus P Pearse's - St Enda's in Croke Park**

For some years I went to Our Lady of Good Counsel College, New Ross, which was run by the Augustinian Fathers. At that time Rev. Fr. Nolan, O.S.A., was Prior. He was a great Irishman and owing to his extreme national views was not too popular with some of the pro-English element. Assisting him in the college was Rev. P.A. Doyle, O.S.A., who wrote the popular play "Hook in the Harvest" and other works. He was also a true Gael and great teacher.

Fr. Nolan always strove to make the boys speak Irish, play Irish games and be patriotic Irishmen. He arranged with Patrick Pearse to have hurling and football games played with St. Enda's College and Knockbeg College. During my time there I was on the team which played St. Enda's in Croke Park. They were the first inter-college games played under G.A.A. rules. The Irish language was used by the teams during the games.

SOURCE: Bureau of Military History, 1913-1921. Witness Statement, Joseph McCarthy, New Ross, 1st Lieutenant, New Ross Co., Vice Commandant, New Ross Battalion, Irish Volunteers.