

Quinssa Programme Notes 11<sup>th</sup> September 2010. DRAFT

Welcome back to a new season of **exciting** rugby here at the Twickenham Stoop. I feel reasonably comfortable with that adjective because we have a new application of the laws by referees and, with the positive play we saw last week over the road, we can expect more running rugby and less ping-pong kicking. It certainly was an exciting first round in the Aviva Premiership with some surprise results. But for some errors of judgement, that game against Wasps was ours to lose and we could/should have bagged it.

It's always good to prove the pundits wrong and many teams did that last week including our boys. They all had us losing that game and most predict a lowly finish in the league for Quins this season, so I reckon they are a little less certain now. Our visitors today showed that they are a class act too with a superb win against the Tigers. It will be a thrilling afternoon I'm sure. Your vocal support could be the difference the team needs when crucial moments of attack or defence could decide the match.

Did you see any of the Women's World Cup games over the last few weeks? I thought that the Stoop witnessed some great games and I for one was incredibly impressed with the skills and commitment on show. Our groundsman Paul Sykes must have had a few worries knowing that the pitch would have to bear four tough games in just a few days, though his new found fame as a star of the Aviva TV commercials lessened the pain I'm sure.

We have loads of stuff coming your way from the team at Quinssa and help with your travel plans for away matches especially those to foreign fields. For the game against Bayonne on the 10<sup>th</sup> October we are buying a block of seats so Quins' supporters can sit together. Tickets are priced at £28 for members and £30 for non-members. Please email [warren@quinssa.org.uk](mailto:warren@quinssa.org.uk) with requests and pay by cheque or bank transfer before the 15<sup>th</sup> September. See the weekly mailer for more info or consult our website [www.quinssa.org.uk](http://www.quinssa.org.uk) where you'll also find information on all Quinssa events.

We will be looking to do the same for the away games at Connaught and Prato so keep an eye on the regular news coming to your inbox and on this page.

If you are one of the many supporters who renewed or joined Quinssa recently then your membership cards will be available to collect from our stand located at the back of the Kings Bar under the Etihad stand. You will also find information on coaches and travel at the stand and our new "Quinssa DrinksCarrier" for sale.

Our recent "Meet-the Players" evening was one of our most successful events despite the PA system malfunctions. Conor introduced the new players to us and spoke about his intentions for the season. Chris Robshaw shared his thoughts on the captaincy role and they all answered the serious and more frivolous questions from the supporters present. Hopefully we will soon be able to announce a few more such evening events over the season.

First away coach is to Gloucester on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Book at the Quinssa stand or email [warren@quinssa.org.uk](mailto:warren@quinssa.org.uk)

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