

Quinssa Programme Notes 14th November 2010.

If at first you don't succeed, then Try, Try and Try again. So it was that The Harlequins team once again travelled to Welford Road with fingers crossed and accompanied by much faith, some hope and a pleading for charity from those fearsome Midlands Folk. And the god of hopeless causes was stirred by the plight of the plucky southerners so much that he conjured up a three try feast. But lest we get carried away with our magnificent efforts he's arranged a replay at the same time on a Friday night so guaranteeing again that few Londoners will be there to witness the repeat.

Quinssa too had a replay last week when Wayne Barnes dropped in to head up our "Meet-the-Referee" evening. He entertained us with his funny videos and anecdotes from the "Land-of-Refs" which, he assured us, is not a world inhabited by alien people but real humans with emotions and fallibilities too. His enlightening and enjoyable game of "Who Wants to be a Referee" had Tony Spreadbury taking a phone call live on a difficult question from his hotel room in Twickenham. The crowd had a fun and educational evening with an insight into some of those complex decisions we tend to get upset about. I'm also pleased to report that the new Quinssa PA system worked well! A donation from Quinssa and the proceeds of the raffle meant we handed Wayne a cheque for £485 for his chosen charity "Get-A-Head".

Next up in the series will be the "Meet-the-Management" evening on the 2nd February. Conor and Mark will be on hand to speak about the season and future plans.

As we approach the festive season we think about gifts for friends and family and in the case of Quinssa we think about children at the Shooting Star Children's Hospice in Hampton. We will soon be collecting gifts for the children and appealing for you to donate a suitable gift. Keep a look out for more details in the next few weeks. The idea is that we donate unwrapped gifts of books, CD's, DVD's etc. in gift bags so the staff can make presents to suit the age and ability of each child. We'll be there on the day with a few Quins players to play silly games and entertain the kids. Gifts should be left at the Quinssa stand in the Kings Bar.

Another successful Quinssa activity has been the provision of tickets for the away game against Cavalieri Prato in January. We have sold our entire allocation of 300 tickets for this game. I hope they are well prepared for the invasion of the multi-coloured brigade.

Away Coaches open for bookings: warren@quinssa.org.uk

Saracens 5th December

Northampton 1st January

Quinssa Events planned for this season:

Shooting Star Appeal. Once again we will be collecting suitable Christmas gifts for the Children at the Shooting Star Hospice. More information in the next few weeks.

Six Nations Dinner. Our annual dinner dance held at the Stoop during the period of the 6N tournament.

Meet the Management. An opportunity to quiz the Club management and to hear about plans for on-field and off-field developments. 2nd February.

See the weekly mailer for more info or consult our website www.quinssa.org.uk where you'll also find information on all Quinssa events.

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