

Quinssa Programme Notes 28<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

Last week's game (No.2 in the Welford Road Series) reminded me of that old film "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly". The first 20 minutes was sprinkled with all three by the Harlequins team although I think Julian White actually won the "Ugly" title for the match and I'm sure he would be pleased to know it. I'd have loved to see Joe Marler in combat with JW as he was back in the "A" League final last season. Conspiracy theories and claims of incompetence by the ref can get you into serious trouble these days but we can't blame anyone else for forward passes and knock-ons, without which we would have scored more than they did.

All of which makes it more important that we secure another home win today and that any charity on show is confined to the half-time presentation. Earlier this year, large numbers of people, including many Quins Supporters, took part in two Charity Bike Rides, the 'Wooden Spoon Ride' from the Club to Wootton Bassett and 'The Great British Bike Ride' from Land's End to the Double Header at Twickenham Stadium, raising over £100K of charitable funds for 'Help 4 Heroes', 'Wooden Spoon', 'The RFU Injured Players Foundation' and the 'Rugby Players Benevolent Fund'. The Events were supported by Harlequins & Quinssa, with brand new Quins 'Road' & 'Freeride' Jerseys designed and created by Foska.com for the competitors. To support the charities, Foska.com made a donation for each shirt sold and today, Tony Yerby of Foska is presenting a cheque for £1,635 to John Hartley, the Quinssa Chair, for the benefit of the 4 Charities involved.

Quinssa are delighted to announce that we are once again supporting the **Shooting Star Children's Hospice** this Christmas.

This year we are looking for donations of:

DVDs - suitable for all ages from toddlers to 17 year olds (no certificate 18s please)

Music CDs - for all ages, including the 'Now' type compilation CDs, Disney CDs etc

Children's Board games - including all the classics such as Mousetrap, Scrabble, Monopoly etc as well as some for youngsters

Bubble machines - the battery operated ones that generate their own bubbles

**Gifts should be unwrapped please, in gift bags if possible, to enable the staff to match age appropriate presents to individual children.**

We will be collecting your gifts (plus any cash you would like to donate) at our stand in the Etihad stand bar today and before the following home match:

**Sunday, 12th December (Connacht)**

Your gifts will be presented to the children at their Christmas Parties again this year and we are hoping to have player attendance at the one for the over 5's again.

Having sold our initial allocation of tickets for the away game against Cavalieri Prato in January, we have secured more and they are available now from [scott@quinssa.org.uk](mailto:scott@quinssa.org.uk) The invasion is building up quite a head of steam.

**Away Coaches open for bookings: [warren@quinssa.org.uk](mailto:warren@quinssa.org.uk)**

Saracens 5<sup>th</sup> December

Northampton 1<sup>st</sup> January

**Quinssa Events planned for this season:**

Shooting Star Appeal. Once again are collecting suitable Christmas gifts for the Children at the Shooting Star Hospice. More information above.

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. 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

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.

**Steve Scott**