

Quinssa Programme Notes 12<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

The highs and lows of sport can come around in quick succession and the last two games have proven that no matter the scale of victory one week, the next can see a reversal of both luck and quality. Anyone who's been a Quins supporter for long will have experienced every emotion on the scale from elation to doom. Just think about the two games we played exactly two years ago against Stade Francais. That was the highest level of joy most of us have felt in a sporting context, yet within a few months all had changed, with repercussions that still cast their shadows.

So perhaps we can put on a good show today in part one of the current European fortnight. We have enjoyed several encounters with today's opposition over the years and enjoyed their hospitality too on the away legs. I can't see many Quins' fans being able to travel to a Friday night game in Galway so best you enjoy today's performance. Please welcome the supporters of Connacht here today, especially as they might have travelled with Mad Max from North West Ireland and will be in need of something to aid their recovery.

If you are planning to go to the away game in Exeter then I recommend our excellent coach facility and suggest you book early to ensure you get a ticket for the game. The game is heading for a sell-out so don't delay. [coaches@quinssa.org.uk](mailto:coaches@quinssa.org.uk)

Quinssa are once again supporting the **Shooting Star Children's Hospice** this Christmas and if you've forgotten to bring anything along today then you can still drop something into the LV= reception during normal office hours; ask for Anne McCarthy.

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.

Our next "home" game is of course big Game 3 across the road at the Big Stoop. With LI supporters attending en-masse along with those dreaded drums, we need as many of us as possible there to drown them out. In the meantime we hope you have a great Christmas break. See you and hear you at BG3!

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

Northampton 1<sup>st</sup> January

Wycombe Wasps 30<sup>th</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**