

Quinssa Programme Notes 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

Fortunes swing on the outcome of events near and far removed. The fortunes of this team have swung wildly to and fro this season especially in the last few months. One minute we are sitting on a win run of 10 consecutive games and the next minute we are staring at a string of losses leading to a reassessment of likely league position at the end of the season and a missed opportunity for silverware. There's still plenty to play for so don't forget to cheer, clap, shout and whistle today.

Being a supporter of a sports team is blessed and damned in almost equal measure but that's why we turn up isn't it? Uncertainty in absolute terms is a drug that brings intrigue and belief; sometimes followed by disbelief. Which team will turn up on the day? The all conquering heroes of that spectacular and unexpected win, or the work-a-day outfit that snatched defeat from the jaws of victory? It's exciting, passionate and worthwhile and potentially depressing, painful and unexplainable all at the same time. Being an England supporter is even more frustrating I reckon as the wait to put things right is often a long one. At least at Quins there is usually another game in a week or so.

However we must welcome our visitors today who last Sunday claimed the prize which eluded us and are LV= Cup Champions of 2011. They are a formidable opponent at any time but they must be feeling on top form right now so our boys will need every encouragement today. We need to out shout the cries of "Glarster" which will be heard from time to time.

Last Wednesday saw the last Quinssa evening event of this season. Tony Diprose put on a great show with a video presentation of the coaching techniques used by the Academy and 1<sup>st</sup> XV coaches who were in attendance as well. It was great to see so many Academy players there too. I'm always impressed with the quality of players and coaching and the continuing development of home grown talent within the Quins Academy.

#### **Supporters Dinner.**

We still can't give you a confirmed date but the club is as committed to it as we are and you'll get to know as soon as we do. Keep an eye out for your regular and special mailers from Quinssa.

#### **End of Season Dinner Dance.**

A fantastic benefit of Quinssa membership is the opportunity to attend the Harlequins End Of Season Dinner Dance at a discounted price. This year's event is on the 12<sup>th</sup> May at Battersea Power Station. These places are limited and restricted to members only so you need to book soon through [rugbybird@quinssa.org.uk](mailto:rugbybird@quinssa.org.uk) Your regular mailer has all the details.

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

Bath 16<sup>th</sup> April

Leeds 23<sup>rd</sup> April

#### **Quinssa Events planned for this season:**

Supporters' Dinner. Our annual dinner dance held at the Stoop. Now looking at July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Summer Party. We're working on another river boat trip and will have news soon. I promise!

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**