

Quinssa Programme Notes 8th April 2011.

We've been treated to two games of immense passion over the last two weeks and now we can show again the real strength of this squad tonight by winning a place in the semi-finals of the Amlin Cup.

No one could fault the amount of passion shown by the team and backed up by the supporters at both the Gloucester and Leicester games. As things turned out we should also have won the last one as we were demonstrably the better team on the day. We forget too easily that the Tigers are old hands at dealing with these situations and although their usual quality of play was missing a beat they knew how to turn small opportunities to their advantage.

On a more contentious matter John Hartley, Chair of Quinssa, commented on the behaviour of some supporters at last Saturday's game:

"It was disappointing last week to hear large sections of the crowd continuously booing the referee, touch judges and Leicester players. Despite what one might think of some of the decisions made, these manifestations of displeasure are not something to be proud of and are certainly not in the spirit of Rugby Union at the Stoop. Although we all want the Stoop to be a hostile place for visiting teams, this is best achieved by loud & vocal support for our team. We should be careful that we do not create a reputation for boorishness. When Quinssa invited Wayne Barnes to the Stoop earlier this season to give his entertaining and informative insight into refereeing, he was asked whether player & crowd reaction influences referees. To paraphrase, he said it shouldn't but, after all, referees are only human and most humans react badly against their critics. So booing and jeering may have the opposite effect to that which is desired!"

Supporters' pre-season Dinner.

It's all set for Friday 8th July at the Twickenham Stoop with most of the team currently available in attendance. There will be music and dance until late and of course we'll be handing out the Players Awards as voted for by you.

We're getting close to finalising the Summer Party too, which this year sees us return to the Boat Trip format. We should have a date and other details very soon.

End of Season Dinner Dance.

The last few discounted Quinssa tickets to attend the Harlequins End Of Season Dinner Dance are available now. This year's event is on the 12th May at Battersea Power Station. These places are limited and restricted to members only so you need to book through rugbybird@quinssa.org.uk Your regular mailer has all the details.

The Quinssa AGM will soon be upon us and we are looking for new members for the committee as we all share the work involved in running this organisation. New heads and ideas are very welcome. Nomination forms will be circulated with the formal AGM notice in due course.

Be loud tonight and help secure that semi-final place.

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

Bath 16th April

The coach for Leeds 23rd April has been cancelled.

Quinssa Events planned for this season:

Supporters' Dinner. Our annual dinner dance held at the Stoop. Now confirmed as July 8th.

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 where you'll also find information on all Quinssa events.

Steve Scott