



AGINCOURT

There's far too much seriousness on the archery fields these days, not nearly enough smiling. Plenty of grins, a number of frowns especially...

We interrupt this story to bring you an important flash, over to the BCOA sportsdesk presented by Amos Keatowe.

"Thank you. We've had one very late result just in from the field at Agincourt. England won, France didn't. Reporting on the match was our old and wizened sports correspondent Andy Sage the younger".

"What a game"! "Things couldn't have been closer. From the start the French attacked all out, but the English archers ably dealt with the route one approach and mowed down the lot. At one stage the game had to be stopped by the ref to allow the dead to be carried off the field and the subs allowed on. I remember one point in the game where the French knight Sir Philippe Le Pube made a gallant charge down the blindside, but when he saw 5000 arrows heading towards him he uttered the memorable word 'merde' (which earned him a yellow card), did a 180-degree U turn and broke the land speed record for a knight on a horse."

After a half time pep talk, something about a visit to the seaside, I couldn't quite make it out. I thought the manager said "once more down to the beach dear friends". Anyway it worked and we started getting the upper hand.

During the second half, we heard a loud cry when Ian Havoc fell over a dog which had slipped his leash and got on to the field, which is strictly forbidden, and had to be carried off with a leg injury. But despite being a man down, a wonderful effort from Harry St George sealed the win during more injury time.

On a lighter note Freddie Crispian St Crispian, an ironmonger by trade, who's birthday it was, said it was a memorable day having sold a load of cheap manhoods or holes as we know them today. He added, "I've caught the competition napping I'll bet they're cursing themselves". "With that back to the sportsdesk".

"Thanks Andy. We've just heard that a stewards enquiry is underway due to some fowl play. (I know what I'm writing about)! A Mr Shakespeare has been asked to write an account of the altercation. The next match will be held at Poitiers. Date to be announced, we'll keep you updated when we have the information. Now back to our feature story SMILE.

Good Shooting

Nigel