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Having viewed the efforts of many other countries to produce a television service (usually but not always commercially based) I am convinced of the quality of the BBC right across it's operating spectrum. There is one area that I feel the BBC is at great disadvantage and that is when the time comes to bid for the various national and international sporting events such as The Six Nations, Football, Grand Prix Racing etc.

If I read the tea leaves correctly, the current license fee does not extend to over expenditure in the areas I have mentioned and as such over the past decade we have seen much disappear from the BBC screens and arrive on the likes of SKY/ITV et al. I have nothing against either of these two channels but I would like to see the BBC capable of bidding against SKY and the like on a more even playing field.

Speaking only for myself I would be more than willing to pay more to the license fee in order to achieve that level playing field, assuming of course that the increase in the fee were to be used as I describe. Perhaps a pay to view concept is possible for the large sporting events?

Rgds

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