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From: Peter Holmes a Court [peter@holmesacourt.com]
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Subject: Re: Hello, again.

Should be some news tonight on Ch 9. I have said what I have to say for the moment, so i dodged them today. Let me know what you think.

On Suoths last 20 years: History often allows the shining deeds of leaders to overshadow larger, less palitable acts. Humans have a hard time seeing people as heros and villans. Mao unified China, but killed 70 million to do it. I am told the Chinese have a saying that is "70 percent right and 30per cent wrong" when they talk of Mao, but in a very Chinese fasion, everyone knows this means "30 percent right and 70 per cent wrong" .

My job is keep my feet out of the sickening pettiness of the three Clubs and put forward sensible proposals that take into account the current reality of profession RL. Without change the Rabbitohs have zero chance of staying in South Sydney. George knows that. I doubt those with self destructive tendancies will stop sensible proposals, but only time will tell.

I don't agree with all you say about Pappas, but I do agree he is terminally weak due to a compromise structure. Compromises always drag you to the lowest common denominator.

I think I agree with pretty much everything else.

And yes, Russell worked hard to prepare me/scare me off.

After mondayI am sure there will be more questions than answers.

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No you are quite right.

There are a lot of very stupid people associated with Souths at all levels. Working around that can be difficult, I ought to know.

Restructuring the Leagues Club is not going to save it. Piggins has much to hide in that club and it should be allowed to wither on the vine until he is made to pay. He has much to answer for with regard to the state of the club and saving him, in my view is a grave mistake. He will simply use that to maintain a profile and undermine what is done at Souths. Much as he has done since Pappas ill-advisedly made a compromise with him.

The Juniors is our true Leagues Club. Clover Moore's proposed development will provide a markedly improved training facility at Redfern and will assist Junior football.

The key figure in uniting Souths as a club is Henry Morris. Whatever you intend to do, I believe Henry needs to be your frontman. Pappas ^{is} weak and driven by his own petty personal

political ambition. Morris will garner support from all quarters and I believe he is an honest man.

You are right that suits and movie stars cannot save Souths as it is. It has been trashed and taken over by the detrus of society, the leeches, the molluscs and those who would bask in reflected glory in order to make sense of their own feelings of worthlessness and inadequacy.

There are plenty who will make promises to you, few will deliver. There are also many who will run and tatttle every single thing you say to them - back to their putrid masters at South Coogee or to the spineless Pappas and his Baldrick-like cousin.

I am sure that I don't need to tell you to tread carefully though, I don't doubt that Russell Crowe has the perspicacity and time in at Souths to have given just such advice already.

As I said, whatever questions you have I will answer. I am sure you have many.

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Quoting Peter Holmes a Court <peter@whitebull.com.au>:

- > "Good luck. Make sure you are talking to the right people."
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- > I think I am talking to just about everyone. I think I have a feeling
- > for what is going to be necessary to make the club a winning club again.
- > However not everyone will like the way I think things should be
- > structured to get there. The battles right now have to securing a
- > great training ground in Redfern, and ensuring the Senior Leagues Club
- > is restructured such that money comes to the Football Club. Without
- > those two things, no amount of movie stars and businessmen will save the club.
- > Am I wrong? P
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