

Botak

From: Peter Holmes a Court [peter@whitebull.com.au]
Sent: 17 November 2005 09:35
To: The Botak
Subject: RE: Hello, again.

I am interested in a short history of the finances of the Seniors Leagues club. I think I have all the facts, but would like to make sure I am not missing anything. How best to get that?

See my responses below.

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From: The Botak [mailto:sibotak@rabbitohs.com]
Sent: Thursday, 17 November 2005 12:43 AM
To: Peter Holmes a Court
Cc: wade@rabbitohs.com
Subject: RE: Hello, again.

I like you more with every move on this chess board.
>that's a worry ;-)

Morris will tell you honestly if you are honest with him.
>I believe so.

But do not be dissuaded by anyone who wants to appease Piggins.
>Russell told me this would be horrible. So I am prepared.

The only way forward with this idiot is for official investigation to intervene and access the Leagues Club records.

If you were to perchance chat with someone who might be interested, the key to bringing down George Piggins is to get Brandon Punter (current SSDRLFC Financial Controller, once Piggins board room minute taker who was on more than one occasion instructed by Piggins to alter Board minutes, and also the General Manager of the SSDRLFC/Leagues Club while Souths were expelled from the competition. What does that mean you ask? Well Nolene Piggins and Norm Lipson were the signatories to the 'Reclaim the Game' fund. How else do you think that the Leagues Club continued to trade in those black years without the SSDRLFC to prop it up?) (Excuse the extended use of brackets, but when you get a pithy signature that is your prerogative!!) Brandon Punter knows where almost all of the recent skeletons are buried. If we are to succeed in breaking this sad political stalemate that is of the making of Pappas and Piggins and all the rest, then it will be by cracking a weak link. That weak link is Brandon Punter. Get him in front of a seasoned ASIC committee and he will crack. He will crack within minutes. I have seen him sweating and stuttering at AGMs.

>some fights I can buy into, some I have to let others fight. When the time is right, I will look into this.

Mark what I say. This is not anything other than war, and all the parties involved perceive it that way.
> Yes, but one must not telegraph any punches.

The one prisoner we want is Punter. Place him in the right hands and it is over.
> I have met with Brandon on a number of issues, and feel he is a good person. I am sure he will do the right thing at the right time.

Piggins will end up in prison. Pappas will have to exit very quietly and you and the Juniors will gain control of the whole shebang.

Then we can sit down and write the book that is waiting to be written about the 3 year war nobody could conjure in the most drug-addled brain.

Brandon Punter.... bpunter@souths.com.au

The rest will fall into place.

The Botak
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-----Original Message-----

From: Peter Holmes a Court [<mailto:peter@whitebull.com.au>]

Sent: Wednesday, 16 November 2005 11:40 PM

To: botak@tpg.com.au

Subject: RE: Hello, again.

Had a good chat with henry morris today.

I am going to put my best foot forward tomorrow.

(Funny, how soccer players can inspire you even though I found 75 minutes of it boring.)

will see what happens.

And I have one more round to go on Redfern to make it clear there is a middle way that is worth fighting for because it is the right thing to do.

As for Denton's words being an accident, how does one trip over the truth? Surely he just said what he belived was appropriate. Just as George's threats of physical violence are what he believes are appropriate.

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-----Original Message-----

From: botak@tpg.com.au [<mailto:botak@tpg.com.au>]

Sent: Wed 11/16/2005 10:30 AM

To: Peter Holmes a Court

Subject: RE: Hello, again.

Nice work in the Masters article in the SMH today. I like hardcore, as you might have already guessed.

Be careful of Masters though, he is one of Norm Lipson's (Piggins pressman) contacts. He has done right by you this time but he will bow to his bread and butter if pushed.

Andrew Webster at the SMH, Peter Fitzsimons at the SMH, and Steve Mascord at the Telegraph can be trusted.

I like the stance you have adopted. If you don't play hardball with these weaklings they will continue on their merry way.

I would be wary of Pappas at the moment, I think he is starting to see Piggins as a way out of this mess. His position is largely untenable with Henry Morris waiting in the wings. Now he has isolated himself with the out and out lies he has told over Redfern and the duplicitous treatment of Piggins and Denton.

I am led to believe Denton's outburst was an accident, but it is noteworthy that he has not retracted it. Even though I am sure there will have been pressure from Pappas to do so.

I believe Pappas will walk rather than contest the next Board election. Souths will be a better place without this Neville Chamberlain inspired coward.

You will see a bullet fired at Pappas later in the piece that will absolutely destroy his credibility with Souths fans. My co-administrator has a story to tell that will sicken people when it comes out. We have been sitting on it for some time, as we never fire bullets until we have the best chance at a kill.

But the time is coming for that bullet to be fired, as I can now see Pappas head in the sights. And when people find out that the 'world's greatest CEO' and our 'lawyer' chairman targeted a Souths member for expulsion because he criticised George Piggins (he said less than what Andrew Denton did) and then banned him by not following due process in accordance with our Articles of Association..... I am afraid it will be game set and match against Mr Pappas and Mr Richardson.

As I said I like hardcore. There is no other way to fight a war. And Wade and I have been fighting this war for 3 long years.

regards,

The Botak

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

- >
- > yes and no.
- >
- > The Club endorsed a press release that contained outright lies today.
- > I have told them I find that reprehensible.
- >
- > Yes the Club (maybe), and yes George will (he has today) use the
- > media against me. Fine, I have a thick skin and know how to fight.
- > Without using my hands.
- >
- > As for keeping quiet on Redfern, I can't and won't simply because it
- > is wrong to fight this. The football Club has supported George and
- > made the fight continue because no one was prepared to stand up and
- > say what they believe that playing at Redfern is a commercial
- > disaster. (Besides, no beer there.)
- >
- > I am not ready yet, but may put my position, my roadmap, out
- > tomorrow: merge league clubs, put football club on first floor of
- > redfern, supporters club on first floor and then top three floor

> renovated for commercial tenants with revenue to football club,
> investment proposal only tabled after that if that happens. Members
> vote on our investment proposal if board recommends it. Me
> capitalist (caring one) but one never the less and it will be up to
> members. However if not, we stay fans, and sponsors.
>
> On the matter of us being sponsors: (rhetorical question I hope)
> where should post match events be held? at Telstra stadium in an 800
> person room, fully decorated with Club's colours, professional sound
> system, well lit stage and presentation, on the second level of the
> stadium OR in Redfern with cheaper beer?
>
> Our sponsorship agreement supported the Young Bucks training and
> development program and two training Camps and gave us the right to
> host post match events at locations more convenient than Redfern.
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> This further evidence that Redfern shouldn't be running the Football
> Club has to come out soon.
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: botak@tpg.com.au [<mailto:botak@tpg.com.au>]
> Sent: Tue 11/15/2005 5:04 PM
> To: Peter Holmes a Court
> Subject: RE: Hello, again.
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> I thought you would catch on pretty quick. Either Mr Pappas has
> something hanging over his head or he is running scared because he
> has
> political aspirations elsewhere. He knows what the truth is and acts
> duplicitously in the press by kowtowing to Piggins.
>
> Piggins is the problem, but Pappas and Richardson are terrified of
> the
> approach of Henry Morris and are using this Redfern thing, just as
> Piggins has done for 15 years, as a brickbat to try and hold power.
> They
> will do the same to you (I suspect that is what happened with the
> press
> fiasco where you were supposedly going to buy the club for \$10
> million).
> These people do exactly what Piggins has always done, hijack
> anything
> and turn it into half-truths and deception for the specific purpose
> of
> personal political gain and holding power. The result is that the
> SSDRLFC is always going to suffer and always has done in the hands
> of
> these treacherous curs.
>
> I think the best way for you to express what you feel on this
> Redfern
> issue is to do so independently in the press. Using the Hutch will
> only
> see you aligned to me or whatever the Hutch stands for in the simple
> minds of the caravan park folk that still blindly follow Piggins.
>
> If you come out and praise the facility for training and how it will
> help your own plans for the club to fall into place it will help

> expose
> this crap for what it is. If you use 3rd parties like 2GB your words
> will be twisted and misrepresented. Remember Chris Smith is at the
> same
> station as Alan Jones. And other journalists around the traps still
> depend on Piggins pressman, Norm Lipson, for bread and butter, so
> you
> need to be careful how you choose drop your information or use your
> profile.
>
> Most importantly you must be seen to remain neutral and always
> commenting from a 'best way ahead for the SSDRLFC' point of view.
>
> Like I said, the club is a maelstrom of hate and self-interest. You
> need
> a road map on how to proceed. I will provide you with that road map
> without fear or favour, since you have demonstrated thus far that
> you
> are of a like mind, you have a sense of humour and you have behaved
> with
> honour.
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> The Botak
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> Quoting Peter Holmes a Court <peter@whitebull.com.au>:
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>> Thanks for your advice, you may know better than me.
>> However, after last night I am pissed off beyond belief.
>> First George attacks Denton with threats of physical violence, and
>> the Club defends George.
>> Then the club posts George's press release for him and supports
> his
>> view of Redfern oval when a third rate administrator could tell
> you
>> Redfern is bad for the club.
>> Where should the energy go? Into getting a first class training
>> facility in Redfern, using half of the ground floor for the
>> administration and more player facilities, and on making Telstra
> work
>> so that in 3 years Aussie and Telstra fight for the Club. Where
> is
>> it going now? Fighting, through rallies and press releases for a
>> 2000 seat oval, with 10,000 standing, with no beer, no parking, no
>> corporate facilities and consequently a higher average ticket
> price
>> than the locals can afford.
>> Crazy, backward arse thinking.
>> A 20,000 crowd would embarrass most AFL teams, let alone a great
>> heritage club.

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>> PS That was a rant of little use.
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>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: botak@tpg.com.au [<mailto:botak@tpg.com.au>]
>> Sent: Tuesday, 15 November 2005 1:03 PM
>> To: Peter Holmes a Court
>> Subject: RE: Hello, again.
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>> I would be cautious about posting this using your login. I think
>> without
>> a corroboration from a press source you might be exposing your
>> identity.
>> Leave it until a press agency picks it up if you must post, but
>> remember
>> that once you speak your words will be under scrutiny from many
>> quarters. That I think would be a mistake.
>>
>> I can arrange for the info to get onto the forum via another
> poster,
>> a
>> much safer method. But of course this is your choice how you wish
> to
>> proceed.
>>
>> Take it from me that anonymity has distinct advantages, and allows
>> you a
>> cool avatar and pithy signature. :)
>>
>> My own assessment of how you might proceed on these current
>> developments
>> would be to stay out of the debate. Fuelling the fire at any level
>> will
>> be interpreted by Piggins and those with the limited intellect
> like

>> him
>> as support for their false and hopeless cause.
>>
>> Let it slide, watch Piggins squirm and once more he will expose
>> himself
>> with another public whine or tantrum. The walls are closing in.
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>> Quoting Peter Holmes a Court <peter@whitebull.com.au>:
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>>> I have sent a letter to Clover regarding Redfern Oval that I
>> expect
>>> will be public soon and made this press statement:
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>>> "I am neither in a fight with, nor in bed with, George, Clover
> and
>>> the CFMEU. I am making a simple case: if a NRL stadium does not
>> fit,
>>> I want to ensure the Club doesn't get caught between two
>> extremes-a
>>> dog walking park vs a 14,000 capacity stadium. The team is
>> greatly
>>> in need a permanent training ground and modern training
> facilities
>>> that will give them a home in Redfern and a place from which to
>>> attract the next generation of Rabbitohs."
>>> I wanted to paste on the Hutch myself, and will do so next time,
>> but
>>> I don't have a fancy avatar (?) and a pithy signature phrase
> yet.
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>>> -----Original Message-----

>>> From: The Botak [<mailto:sibotak@rabbitohs.com>]

>>> Sent: Monday, 7 November 2005 7:00 PM

>>> To: Peter Holmes a Court

>>> Subject: RE: Hello, again.

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>>> I trust you have noted Piggins efforts in the media today. If

> you

>>> think that

>>> giving him a rescue package is going to silence the idiot you

> are

>>> wrong.

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>>> He cannot be compromised with, he cannot be bargained with, he

>> cannot

>

>>> be

>>> placated. He is an imbecile and he is the engineer of Souths

>>> predicament

>>> over the last 15 years. He has criminal behaviour to protect

>> within

>>> the

>>> walls of that Leagues Club.

>>>

>>> If you want to do anything to see Souths on the right road, get

>>> either ASIC

>>> or the NSW Gaming and Racing Commission (or both) to move in on

>> the

>>> Leagues

>>> Club.

>>>

>>> If Piggins has to face the music on that club he will have his

>>> reputation

>>> destroyed. Do not make the mistake of protecting this moron,

>> putting

>>> him to

>>> the sword will see most of the toothless ninnies that inhabit

> our

>>> club

>>> disappear below the waves with him. And that will be the end of

>> him.

>>>

>>>> From there the road to success at Souths is a clear one.

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>>>> The Botak

>>>