

Botak

From: Peter Holmes a Court [peter@whitebull.com.au]
Sent: 18 November 2005 18:57
To: The Botak
Subject: RE: Hello, again.

end of the week, beer in hand response....

I don't want you to think I am "working" the hutch or you, but it has been invaluable to understand what people are really thinking. I kind of think it is the brave new world of openness, the "community is the brand" type of world where you live and die by the truth and your capacity to open yourself so you and others can see it. I think the support of any team is ultimately a collective appraisal of intangible and people voting with their feet (and wallets). 22,000 members on return was no fantasy, you can invent proxies, but I doubt many of the members where people's dogs being signed up. I am rambling...but I see this being a bit more enjoyable from now on (war notwithstanding)

Russell is happy.

P

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

From: The Botak [<mailto:sibotak@rabbitohs.com>]
Sent: Fri 11/18/2005 5:20 PM
To: Peter Holmes a Court
Subject: RE: Hello, again.

No problems, I will handle the 'New' bit. It does not appear to be a concern except among those who probably serve George and Nolene. There are many multiple logins that populate the Pride especially. Most of which we suspect to be 'sent to do a job'. I suspect Piggins will fight now, and I also expect Pappas to sit on his hands and do nothing. Because he will realise that acting on your letter spells his doom also. He will also perceive that responding will be seen as siding with you and that would upset Piggins. Not that either matter, I believe that this will be driven home by the force of the membership. We can keep it a hot item on the forums, but you will need keep the fires alight in the media.

I would suggest dropping the fact that you have had a meeting with McCraw and Morris that was pivotal in the decisions for both the Juniors money and your own proposal. That will disempower Pappas and Richardson, and destroy the myth that Piggins or Pappas actually matter.

The way that we will be able to push forward with the notion that to do nothing or avoid the deal is to betray the future of the SSDRLFC.

I have removed your contact details from the letter and instructed those who copied the letter to other forums to do likewise. A bit of a kerfuffle erupted among a couple of our sources saying you were upset. I think it has more to do with some noses being out of joint through the fact that the

Hutch had the info.

You have had a good day. I will be having an ale and I reckon you should treat yourself as well.

The Botak

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

Sent: Friday, 18 November 2005 4:20 PM

To: The Botak

Subject: RE: Hello, again.

I'm rooted. Will respond tomorrow or tonight, but I think it went well today.

Only comment I have made in addition to what I have made in public is that the name "New" as in "New South Sydne Football Club" is just a title, there will be no change to the SSDRLFC if that is a big issue for anyone. Just will have different letters after it.

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From: The Botak [<mailto:sibotak@rabbitohs.com>]
Sent: Friday, 18 November 2005 11:16 AM
To: Peter Holmes a Court
Subject: RE: Hello, again.

Lovely stuff. Well done.

Be prepared for Piggins to marginalise himself even further and probably start down the road of attacking your character. However this letter is a shield against that shit, as will be the Hutch.

I think Piggins will fight no matter what. You also need to guard against Pappas and Richardson using the money from the Juniors as a political springboard for themselves. I think the meeting you had with Morris and McCraw needs become a turning point in Souths history, showing clearly that Pappas and Richardson are toothless and weak and that the way ahead is via the Juniors and Morris, and of course yourself and Maximus.

Again, well done. But watch out for people hijacking what you have done for their own political purposes. As usual I await the fight with eager anticipation.

The Botak

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

From: David Magill [<mailto:David.Magill@whitebull.com.au>] On Behalf Of Peter Holmes a Court
Sent: Friday, 18 November 2005 9:50 AM
To: The Botak

Subject: RE: Hello, again.

Botak,

Attached is Peter's letter, sent this morning to Nick Pappas and George Piggins. Can you please pass it on to the administrator, for posting on the Hutch.

Thanks,

David

From: The Botak [<mailto:sibotak@rabbitohs.com>]
Sent: 17 November 2005 23:42
To: Peter Holmes a Court
Subject: RE: Hello, again.

Don't post it yourself. You don't need the aggravation that will come from the plethora of questions that will arise, many of them very stupid, if you expose yourself as a poster on a forum. You don't have the time to deal with this.

I would not give it to the Pride, it is likely to be misused, the administrators on that site are in communication with club officials and with Piggins acolytes. They have been known in the past to attempt to push club agendas and Piggins' agendas and to do so in a dishonest manner.

If you want the letter posted, the primary place to do so will be the Hutch. I will pass it on to Wade - as he is seen as the site owner and main administrator - and he can drop the information at the time you nominate.

The Botak

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

From: Peter Holmes a Court [<mailto:peter@whitebull.com.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 17 November 2005 11:25 PM
To: The Botak
Subject: RE: Hello, again.

I reckon tomorrow will be seen as a tidal wave of good news for the Football Club that even Mr Piggins will have a hard time swimming against. Let's see.

I want fans to have my letter at the same time as media, do you suggest I post it directly to the site (and the pride) under my name or send it to the administrators. Important to get the full story out early and not let mistruths get out first.

P

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From: The Botak [<mailto:sibotak@rabbitohs.com>]
Sent: Thu 11/17/2005 10:17 PM
To: Peter Holmes a Court
Subject: RE: Hello, again.

You might also talk to Ray Furse and Merve Neave who were both on the Leagues Club board in the 1990s. The man who would have been best to talk to was Les Bell. Unfortunately he passed away recently, though his widow may know plenty.

The other avenue might be Steve McDermott who was one of the founders of the #14 group along with Martin and Jerry Lissing. All three were around the club all through the 1990s, although not in an official capacity. McDermott has strong political connections with Anthony Albanese and Deidre Grusovin, who were both SSDRLFC board members. The connections and knowledge there would be useful I believe.

I took the liberty of passing on the info I let you in on regarding Wade Singleton's situation to Wade and to the other party that was at the hearing which ended up with Wade's banning. They can both be trusted completely.

Look forward to some of the bombs exploding.

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From: Peter Holmes a Court [<mailto:peter@whitebull.com.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 17 November 2005 2:44 PM

To: The Botak
Subject: RE: Hello, again.

Thanks, I have spoken to Riordan in the past and he seems like a true Gentleman. I had planned to contract him again.

Bombs going off everywhere.

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From: The Botak [<mailto:sibotak@rabbitohs.com>]
Sent: Thursday, 17 November 2005 1:53 PM
To: Peter Holmes a Court
Subject: RE: Hello, again.

You are not the only one who got on the sherbet last night. I wrote that last email to you, rum in hand.

I think you need to talk to John Riordan, who Piggins ousted in 1989 as Secretary of the Leagues Club, to gain a real picture of the asset base back then.

You might get Brandon Punter to talk to you if you can offer him a job in the 'new Souths'. I normally don't condone that sort of thing, but war is war and he is the one we need to blow the whistle. He has no real role at the club at the moment, and he is on good money for doing really nothing. It is money to keep him silent, he knows where the skeletons are. I don't perceive him as a strong individual and I think he might crack for many reasons, coercion, fear, security...

You could also talk to Martin Lissing, who may not know first hand but will certainly know who best to talk to on the matter.

I think Henry Morris will be able to provide you with much about Piggins as well, he was his business partner at one stage. That is a complex relationship as their association (I don't believe it is a friendship anymore) goes back to their junior playing days at Mascot.

There are many who you can ask. I will find out a little more my end and let you know some more names. Those will get you on the right path. I cannot emphasise how important Punter is in this. If he cracks, Piggins will be under ASIC and NSW Gaming and Racing investigation. He will be going to prison and we will never hear from him or his acolytes again.

War is a nasty business is it not?

B

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

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

Sent: Thursday, 17 November 2005 10:00 AM

To: The Botak

Subject: RE: Hello, again.

Btw, D day delayed. Everyone too hung over from soccer.

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