

Subject: RE: Resistance

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The LC just sold off \$300,000 worth of poker machines to fund its losses. Just another reason why we are working to bring this to a head quickly, as the assets that can and should be put to work for the Football club are diminishing every day.

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

Sent: Tuesday, 22 November 2005 10:16 PM

To: Peter Holmes a Court

Subject: Re: Resistance

Peter,

A little anecdote from the mouth of SSDRLFC media manager Jeremy Monahan might help illustrate the 'cargo cult' mentality that still reigns supreme even in the misnomered evolution. When asked by a Member today how things were going at Souths. He replied that [paraphrasing] it is really great, the staff are very excited by the Juniors deal which Richo has been working so hard on. They are set for the next couple of years and that the Peter Holmes a Court deal is not that attractive and the \$3 million figure for the SSDRLFC is too low.

If a moron like Monahan is spouting this rhetoric you can be sure it is emanating from above. The tactic? Talk the Juniors deal up as saviour, Richo the great architect of it all, and you as some sort of suspicious outsider with ulterior motives and shonky offer.

You will be up against hijacking of your work and hijacking of the Juniors generosity by Richardson and Pappas. They should not be trusted.

You will be up against character assassination by Piggins and his acolytes - the talkback caller 'Tony' on 2GB today is a case in point. These people play on the stupidity of many, many fans and the reliability of the Chinese whisper network to badmouth, talk down and backstab. Piggins has done it for too long to remember and Pappas and Richardson use the same techniques.

I applaud your honesty and stance in this. For too long Souths has been a haven for cowardice and weak, bully styled [lack of] leadership.

Be aware though that the place is a minefield of smiling assassins and badmouthers.

I would also direct you to contact (I sent his number in a previous email). He has very strong contacts at 2UE and I think you will find it a lot more HaC friendly than the Jones-infested 2GB.

So far so good though. As chess goes I think you have the board at the moment, but just like chess a false move will allow the opponent out of the trap.

The Botak

Peter Holmes a Court wrote:

boring isn't it.

The forces of good will need everything we can lay out hands on to understand the trading history of the Leagues Club.

The hope is that LC board members are aware that if they have not acted reasonably in reviewing commercial proposals for the reasonable operation of the LC, then they may be liable for negligence and substantial fines. If, for example, real estate was left un-rented, no reasonable efforts were made to rent it, such as appoint an agent, or turn down bona fide offers from developers without evaluating them, then the fines would potentially be in the region of the economic lost opportunity. That fine might be calculated using 5,066 sq m of unused space by \$150 per metre per annum by 8 years or \$6.1 million. The hope is that they will now put their rivalries behind them and accept a proposal that could not only help the Football Club, but might reduce the chances of a really close investigation of their actions. Really close.

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

Sent: Mon 11/21/2005 7:17 PM

To: Peter Holmes a Court

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If you thought that this would be an easy road then I suggest you have a look at this latest 'official' announcement on the Souths official website -

<http://www.souths.com.au/fanzone/viewnewsarticle.asp?ArticleID=1326>

Pappas has once again shown his weakness.

While Pappas does this Piggins will see this as a tick in the box for his continued fight. Richardson has all but claimed the credit for the Juniors deal and Pappas has coat-tailed it as well.

The fact that the club was only weeks away from insolvency and that the Juniors money is a rescue package has been hijacked for political point-scoring by this lying CEO and this weak Chairman.

If your deal is to go through it is going to take someone of some profile to make it known in no uncertain terms that the management of the club is derelict, negligent and incompetent.

Richardson will try to spin this out, his future depends on it. Pappas is weak and will bend which ever way the current wind is blowing. Bear in mind this bloke has political ambitions elsewhere and being seen as a failure at Souths is not going to help that.

The danger signs are already there. This deal will be railroaded and curtailed by the tried and true obfuscation, bullshit and aggrandizing methods that are endemic at Souths.

The Botak