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Viva Las V'landys— \$420 Million Bombshell !!

Wow "THAT MAN" Peter Vlandys who some wags claim that he never sleeps more than five hours a day has NRL pumping with his latest expansion plans . After revealing last week the NRL record revenue of \$701 million, and net assets in excess of \$260 Million , but the old \$64 thousand question outsiders are already raising is their enough talent pool to warrant 20 sides . "We are spending \$420 million on development and pathways, we will produce the talent to support expansion," V'landys said. "That level of funding is in this current five-year cycle, that includes payments to the states (NSW and Queensland Rugby League) and our own expenditure on development. "We are putting money into places such as South Australia, Western Australia and New Zealand and then we have our own development teams. "Once we go to 18 teams, we should be asking, should we go to 20 or not? "And once you make that decision, you need to have the available talent and we're addressing that. "We need to keep growing the game, we have a lot of growth to go." "A second New Zealand team has merit," V'landys said. "Maybe not as the 18th team, because we are looking to PNG with the support of the Australian government, but it certainly has merit if we go to 20 teams. "When Nick Politis (Roosters chairman) says we should be considering 20 teams, you certainly do it because he is a very successful businessman. "The Warriors have been wonderful for the game there is a lot of support in New Zealand. "When someone of Nick's success says we must look at 20 teams, we're going to look at it. And we should have a strategy to get there at a certain time, whether that's three years, five years or 10 years." "People will be surprised where we are at with the PNG bid," V'landys said "It's 100 per cent not pie in the sky. "We have been doing a lot of hard work. It's 100 per cent reality. "Anyone who thinks the PNG team would be a failure doesn't have the facts that we do. "We are well down the track." When pressed about Vegas V'landys quoted We need to see if it works," he said. "If it does, we could go to America for 20 years, it could be even longer than that. "But we need to commit to an initial term of five years because it will take that long to either succeed or fail. "There's no point doing it once or twice and then giving up, you have to do everything you can to make it successful. "We believe this Vegas venture could be worth hundreds of millions of dollars in the long term.

John Farnham has now lost his title as "The Comeback King" after jockey Paul Gatt won the Cinderella Stakes at Morphettville last Sat-



Jimmy Olsen

MR 2 # 4 Strawberry Rock

MR 5 # 10 Illative

SR 3 # 10 Bomera

The Mailman

MR 8 # 1 *** Riff Rocket ***

BR 1 # 2 Appellant

BR 2 # 4 Texas Fireball

Tower Of Knowledge

AR 1 # 3 Mesrour

AR 2 # 7 Lingani

AR 6 # 4 Zabella

Morphettville Crystal Clear	Flemington The Shark	Randwick Harbour Harry	Eagle Farm Jungle Jim
R1 : 3 , 4 , 2 , 5	1: 4 , 1 , 6 , 2	1 : 11 , 8 , 6 , 14	1: 2 , 1 , 5 , 3
R2 : 2 , 7 , 1 , 4	2: 5 , 1 , 7 , 4	2 : 2 , 6 , 3 , 5	2: 3 , 4 , 2 , 7
R3 : 2 , 1 , 5 , 3	3: 4 , 5 , 2 , 6	3 : 10 , 2 , 5 , 3	3: 2 , 6 , 3 , 5
R4: 8 , 4 , 3 , 5	4: 11 , 1 , 5 , 6	4 : 1 , 7 , 8 , 4	4 : 6 , 2 , 1 , 4
R5: 4 , 5 , 1 , 11	5: 7 , 5 , 3 , 1	5 : 1 , 7 , 3 , 8	5: 7 , 9 , 11 , 5
R6: 10 , 8 , 1 , 4	6: 6 , 3 , 5 , 1	6 : 1 , 2 , 7 , 4	6: 8 , 10 , 4 , 1
R7: 3 , 4 , 8 , 7	7: 7 , 1 , 8 , 3	7 : 9 , 1 , 4 , 5	7: 20 , 9 , 8 , 3
R8: 1 , 7 , 2 , 10	8 : 1 , 2 , 11 , 3	8 : 8 , 1 , 3 , 4	8: 5 , 6 , 8 , 12
R9 : 9 , 6 , 2 , 4	9 : 2 , 14 , 3 , 5	9 : 6 , 2 , 14 , 1	9: 1 , 3 , 2 , 5
	10: 4 , 5 , 1 , 11	10 : 13 , 2 , 11 , 1	10: 9 , 14 , 16 , 3

LOZ THE STATS MAN



By: *Lawrie Colliver*

The much-awaited Wellington Test got underway yesterday and in an entertaining opening day, Australia finished on 9-279 after being sent in. The ground was full, the cricket was intense and both teams in various ways would be happy. And for Wellington it wasn't that windy! On a green deck like this one can't be sure what a good first innings total will be, but when you make 300 in the first innings of a Test match, you're definitely in the game.

It was a great day for Cameron Green, who made an unbeaten 103 at number four on what was a tricky pitch to bat on. He was tight in defence, hit some crisp drives and pulls and post tea pushed the score along to get Australia past the 250 mark. He has gone a long way to stitching up the number four spot in the order and given his big chance to win the match.

Unfortunately for Travis Head it was not such a good day, his sixth ball stay ending when he flashed at one outside off and was caught behind for a single. With 201 runs in nine hits at 22.33 since the start of the Australian season, he needs runs the second innings. I as much as anyone can take the rough with the smooth from Travis, but he has played a number of poor shots in the Tests this summer and needs to have a look at his shot selection early in his innings.

At the SACA, Tim Nielsen has decided it is time for his tenure to end as High Performance Manager. With SA unable to clinch a trophy during his time, Tim felt it was time to move on. The SACA's have gone close making two Shield Finals in a row in the last decade, as well as some one-day Finals, but sadly a trophy hasn't reached the cabinet.

As for this column, it is done for the summer. Thanks for taking the time out to read it, enjoy the footy season and we'll catch you later in the year!



Week 1 Selections

Sea Eagles



Roosters

