

Winners' strategies make things happen

Strategies, game plans, tactics: all words useful as tools to perform.

The better you are with the tools through intensive training, the more chance you have of winning.

These are common strategies (headings below) based on your own team strength which are often used in bowls competitions with some content from me in each.

1. Length choice: maximum

Fewer opposition bowlers are as capable at this length

Useful on slow and wet greens

Against less than elite bowlers

Offset driving skills of opposition

More chance of short bowls causing a barrier to opposition

2. Length choice: minimum

Great on fast greens

Shows up technically inferior players

Gives advantage to players with a great metre over delivery

Gives advantage to players with a great drive

Mat variation available to throw opposition rhythm

Lead has capacity to set up with precise jack length roll

3. Length choice: all three lengths

Can comfortably switch lengths any end

We are settled they are not

Takes account of windy day where wind straight down the rink

4. Aggressive game approach

Front end used to move the head around

Front end can drive to confront the opposition

Attacking early to take opposition bowls out of a head

Attack to get multiple shots

Attack is confidence in us

Attack irritates draw bowl opposition

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Getting big numbers changes momentum, emotions
energises us, deflates them
Attack valuable where one of us is not drawing well

5. Play opposition game

A valid approach on opposition home green
Play their length as observed early
Front end play the same hand as their opposition
Know opposition length play to their strength
Effectively 'beating them at their own game'

Many a bowler does all this. Too few have seen it as it is written here.

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