

Club Championship Analysis

For a change I competed in an event, our club singles.
Let me share insights for both events, maybe to guide others on how to review your own competitions.

QUARTER FINAL

The game plan

- Roll the jack 23m.
- First bowl objective 40% ML effective.
- Last bowl objective to be 40% effective too.
- Segment the game into five ends and have an effective rate of 40% each segment.
- Review discipline and mental toughness in each segment.
- The statistics for the game based on game plan objectives.

Jack rolling

Played 29 ends rolling the jack 15 ends and five (5) times the jack was either in the ditch or too short - woeful.

First delivery

Of 29 ends only got 12/29 effective though 12 is about 40%, but in segments those 12 came in three segments of six played - woeful again.

Last delivery

- Mindset was if holding, add, if down can secure second shot.
- Achieved 9/29 when aimed for 12, so well below an accepted (winning) standard.

Effective deliveries

Aim was for 40% as a minimum and playing 29 ends that is six segments and aim achieved overall; however per segment it read like this #1 20%, #2 25%, #3 50%, #4 30%, #5 50% & #6 55%.

I won because my segments 3-6 were very good offsetting that poor start.

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I won because my opponent did not alter the length we played 23-25m, he drove 5-6 times, waywardly, and he did not screw me to the wall when I had successive poor deliveries in the first half of the contest.

Result

25-22 from 29 ends

Observations

He is a regular in the club top side so he needs to be guided in tactical nous.

Had no contributions from 4/10 first ends and ended having 6/29 ends with no contribution which cannot continue at that low level if wanting to succeed;

Segment #1 I kept my cool knowing he should have led 10/0 not the 7/2 after the 5 ends.

By end 15 I had taken the lead at 11/10, but wondered if I got complacent as he then leapt to 16/11 at end 18.

Again at end 21 he led 20/16, but my stats showed me I was bowling well (now) at this constant length. That feeling held even though the green changed slightly being now twilight and I won 9/2 those last 4 ends to win the quarter final.

Lessons

Game plan has merit and makes me comfortable but the first bowl has to be far better.

SEMI FINAL

The game plan based on previous successful application

Roll the jack 23m.

First bowl objective 40% ML effective.

Last bowl objective to be 40% effective too.

Segment the game into 5 ends and have an effective rate of 40% each segment.

Review discipline and mental toughness in each segment.

The statistics for the game based on game plan objectives.

Jack rolling

Impeccable @9/10

First delivery

10/27 is on a par with the earlier final, but needs to be better and closer to 50%, i.e. 13/27.

Last delivery

At 6/27 could be the prime reason for the loss as it is 20% and thus only half the objective % and was of no impact at all, or very little.

Effective deliveries

Overall contested at 36%, but the six segments read like this in order as %- 25, 30, 50, 45, 35 & 25. I get to lead 15/11 on the back of those middle segment %s, then, downhill.

Result

17/25 from 27 ends

Observations

I led 15-11 playing at 23m. diligently.

It starts raining requiring wet weather gear, bowls clothes and a mental readjustment to the new conditions.

What I did do – roll the jack superbly to 23m. and won when he went longer.

What I did not do - deliver as effectively at 23m., prevent the 3 shot losses; take heed of the fact I was winning at his longer length and use the jack to go beyond my 23m. Achilles heel.

Heed the stats, but be aware of the situation where my bowls are not in control of 23m. Either go even shorter to 21m. or to his length. Heed the stats and note what I thought was my preferred end (it had been to 15/11) was there on record showing later it was my downfall.

Stats also showed only 2/10 of those first ends had no contribution, which was a vast improvement on the quarter final effort. I only had one more end with no contributions, so 3/27 ends as non contributors was a big improvement to take heed for the future.

Lessons

Value the stats, but bloody well use them and quickly in battle, which I did not do too well in those three ends dropping 3x3 in the latter stages of the contest. In other words don't simply record data, use it to do something.

From points made in the observations, I bowled ok for the most part. He went on later to win the grand final. (pew)

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