

Leadership In Sport

To start my 2017 year off in sport and coaching, I took an opportunity to browse through numerous sports books I have in my library to detect and refresh myself of any valuable messages from the books to refer over to bowls, bowls coaching and elite level bowls.

The generic themes I reacted to were these:

- Attitude
- Choose the players of character
- Culture and teams
- Coaching
- Leadership
- Measuring performance, observing and statistics
- Mental skill
- Selection and teams
- Skip skills
- Teamwork
- Team roles and positions
- Winning is a mindset (as is losing)
- Xcellence.

Here then are some précised statements, and my take too, on the specific theme below. Each theme will be on a separate article / column.

Leadership

You can accomplish anything in life if you do not mind who gets the credit.

Two sides of the coin.

PROFESSIONAL WILL

- Create great results
- Unwavering resolve
- Set the standards
- Look in the mirror / responsible

PERSONAL HUMILITY

- Show modesty
- Rely on inspired standards
- Channel others' ambitions
- Look out to shower credit due elsewhere (5)

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Eric Cantana, as Alex Ferguson's outstanding M.U. model player, doing more than required despite him being the already acknowledged champions player by his peers.

Team leaders have:

Superior playing skill	Cantana at MU
Attitude	Cantana at training
Inspirational skill	Karen Murphy to win gold in NZ
Social skill	Bear
Team harmonizer	Bear
Listening skill	Luke Beveridge
Honesty, integrity	Adam Gilchrist
Standard bearer	Matthew Scarlett (4)

Matthews held out two types of leader

CORE players _ the heart and sole of the team, standard bearers.

CONSULTANT players _ contribute solely thru their technical prowess (7)

Woodward wants energisers not energy sappers. Players who commit to the team, who perform their position, task as well as add value to glue the team.

Energisers _ drive, exertion, levity, fire, force, spirit, intensity, engage

Energy sappers _ bleat, bleed, deplete, drain, erode, exhaust.

He felt sappers are the biggest obstacle to team success. And for me passive people are passengers (13).

Parkin described qualities as:

Honesty & integrity, self image, vision, risk takers, team oriented, change agent, energy, constantly learning (10).

Sources

1 Bryant	Bryant on Bowls
2 Belliss	Play better bowls
3 Benincasa	How winning works
4 Charlesworth	Shakespeare the coach; The Coach;
5 Collins	Good to great
6 Dwyer	Full Time
7 Matthews	Accept the challenge
8 O'Neill	Sport leaders and success
9 Orlick	In pursuit of excellence

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- 10 Parkin Perform or else
- 11 Pyke Toward better coaching
- 12 Syer Sporting body, sporting mind; Team spirit
- 13 Woodward Winning

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