

All Blacks All The Time

We hosted a New Zealand man at home recently and we were chatting about sport in general and after a time the conversation came to bowls, selection and success.

His story was about the All Blacks rugby coach (Steve Hansen) and the preparedness Hansen has for all situations.

Apparently the All Blacks lost a star player to injury earlier this year and the local media were in a frenzy about the loss of the player and its possible adverse impact on the World Cup outcome later in 2019.

Hansen fronted the media unconcerned. Why?

Because he has a squad of rugby players who can be brought in to fill any gap as they are drilled to know what is the role of certain positions on the field. And, everyone on the squad is immersed in the All Blacks culture which most probably has that ... know your role, accept your role, play your role...edict imbedded in the minds of everyone.

Lesson #101 - bowls selectors - instill that Hansen approach into your complete list of bowlers.

Lesson #102 - players at bowls club level have no comprehension of Lesson #101.

Maybe we just dream on.
At bowls club level anyway.

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