

Afterwards Too Late

A top club here in Melbourne missed competing in the domestic club competition finals in their elite level of competition.

My understanding is they had a debrief a week after the home & away rounds to address their performance.

The three priority factors coming from the debrief meeting were:

The team did not have a game plan at any stage of the season.

There was minimal structured training and certainly an absence of purpose for each or any specific training session - everyone in bowls calls it practice.

The team spirit was not strong enough - shown by absentees from team training, playing for self rather than the team.

The number of clubs in our two top levels - premier & division one, number about 40.

Of these three debrief factors above, I would be surprised if all three are addressed DURING the season by more than four clubs.

That's a guess of course, but if you are at one of these 40 clubs you better start these debrief processes in the near future or you shall not only miss finals, your club team might well find itself relegated simply by not keeping pace with what the best clubs are doing.

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