

Further Myth In Need Of Dispelling *Compatibility being important in team selection*

I stick my chin out here. I don't regard compatibility as an important criteria for team selection.

Everywhere - club, regional state national levels - the word compatibility is thrown in as such an important component in teams (selection).

Who cares whether you like teammates or not?

What I care about and respect in fellow teammates is their evident commitment to rigorous work / effort in their preparation to hone their skill, to accept and perform their team role, to energise fellow team members and to persist in the contest despite everything. I value these above all else. No mention of liking anyone.

Let's say I am a fellow team member, everyone really likes me. I train twice weekly when the team trains, though I am rather social in the training setting. I maintain my ball skill essentially. Whereas you my fellow three teammates train five times per week, twice with us all as a team, and three times independently to extend your current skill level. With this commitment they should not tolerate my level of application.

I in fact am holding them back in their quest to win a profile team event, to achieve ultimate success. If another player was in the wings who had a superior work ethic, subsequent capacity to improve their skill, though not as well liked as me, the selectors of the team ought to give me the flick. Or at least challenge me to alter my approach and equate my work ethic to the level of the other three team members. If not, give me the flick and replace me with this other player.

Being friends is not a requirement for success in teams Keep hanging in there bowling one and all

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