

Panel Topic: Ideal Skips

YouTube video series, 2018

We produced eight (8) video clips featuring a panel of nine credentialed players / coaches. To my surprise, numerous people have since told me they could hardly hear the audio of the clips. Why I am surprised is because I simply put on my earphones and the sound was normal. These panel discussions were informative, yet compared to the practical clips, were poorly viewed. Therefore I summarize the panels Q & A in written form as follows:

Ideal skips

Q: A two pronged question this time- lets share the answers panel
Explain the skills and attributes of a top class skip, and,
Does the skip have to be the best player in the fours team?

A: answers offered from the panel

- Have the characteristics of people management skill
 - Foster a united effort from all in the team
 - Have a really good understanding of bowls, the tactics
 - Know their role as skip
 - Value the specific contributions of each member
 - One who is prepared to plan with the team beforehand
 - Preparedness to accept full responsibility of the performance result
 - A leader
 - Inclusive and honest communicator
 - Gauged as good by the buy-in from the team
 - Selectors should see what accountability the skips are prepared to accept
 - That skip who accepts the role at the first training session after their selection in the role
 - Players trust the skip
 - Club level issue is the long serving skip not appropriate in our view
- And the answers from the panel to the Q, skip as best player in the 4s team
- Felt the skip has to be technically as capable as everyone else in the team
 - Certainly has to be the best people (manager) person in the team

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- Posed the question as to why the best bowler is left to deliver last when they have to contend with a barrier of bowls to meet the objective of shot bowl; as a draw bowler that best bowler should be the lead
- Skip to have a cool even temperament, a game plan, lead the emotions and performance of fellow team members
- Takes responsibility to do something about the deficiencies of the team to improve that for remaining ends of the contest
- Have to have versatility and adaptability to deal with the situation
- Panel then raised a ‘what if...’, why not experiment - if the young gun in the team is the wizard bowler, by all means bowl them last, however, why not have the skip play elsewhere in the team directing all deliveries including the last two of the wizard?

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