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Facts and knowledge

The factual data below I gleaned as coach with Canada and with Bowls Victoria, Group 13 over the period 2008-2012.

Yet, just last week, January 2016, my mate Mac, who is relatively new at bowls, shared with me his utter frustration at a (silly old) skip in his home town in NSW demanding all leads he plays with to perform the delivery that has the 2% success rate of ACKNOWLEDGED bowlers.

What an idiot!!!

However I see and hear those calls all the time.

Those of you reading this article and can relate similar experiences, hang onto the facts so you can use them to shove into the face of those silly sods who expect the unrealistic.

Tactical skill - skips

One session focused on the directions / instructions of the skip calls and the expected outcomes compared to the actual outcomes.

I have now done this session three times since 2008 using 656 delivery attempts and can cite that when a skip calls to the lead bowler for draw one bowl short of jack, success rate is 3%
draw one bowl beyond the jack, success rate is 2%
draw the bowl a foot beyond the jack, success rate is 4%, and
if asked to draw within **ML** of the jack, success rate is 38%.

The **ML** is realistic and reinforces positivity in the mind of the lead and the skip and the team, and, it is excellent.

Description	Total deliveries	No. bowls successful	% success
Bowl in front of jack			
2008	192	6	3
2009/ 10	160	5	3
2011/12	304	10	3
TOTAL	656	21	3
Bowl behind the jack			
2008	192	4	2
2009/ 10	160	6	4
2011/12	304	6	2
TOTAL	656	16	2
Bowl a foot behind the jack			
2008	192	8	4
2009/ 10	160	6	4
2011/12	-	-	-
TOTAL	352	14	4

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Bowl ML from jack			
2008	192	42	22
2009/ 10	160	40	25
2011/12	304	165	54
TOTAL	656	247	38

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