

Leadership, Within Us

Regardless of where you play in the (fours) team, you can own a level of leadership within that team.

The Skip determines the tactics, our style of play, the game plan, our collective approach to winning.

Our leadership, our strength of character, within the team can be on display in these ways:

- Chatting pre-game with our team mates about our game plan, our specific role(s).
- Being an energizer during the game with encouragement, advice, acknowledgement.
- Wanting to do more than is required of you, enough being never enough.
- Feeling there is always something that can be done, something more to ensure victory.
- Taking personal responsibility for getting started, a self starter.
- Initiate your own spark to be a leader within the team, not one being led.
- Self motivation is a key to being ahead of other (teams).
- Understand and lead the value of morale boosting contributions to the team.
- Being emotionally up, even if your playing performance is down (temporarily).
- Challenge the negativity from within any one of our team, sensibly.

On negativity and the challenge it presents to a team:

We can all hear and see when someone in our team (it better not be you) is giving off levels of negativity / defeatism, often a cause of distraction, dissention.

And if we observe it, so do our opponents.

Why then do we allow that team member to join the opposition, because that's what they have done and if you do not exert influence, intrude even to change their behaviour, you succumb to being a team of three versus the opposition now with five unofficial members.

Bowls is a sport, a contest, a challenge.

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During the course of the contest today it will not be all plain sailing for each or all of us team members.

If we are a team and if we have a sense of leadership, both personal and collective, then you as one team member, having the guts to be a responsible leadership team member. will address the negative / defeatist issue with the team mate immediately it arises or certainly within a time not long after it first rears its head.

The strength of the team, and your own leadership character, is on the line when someone strays into the negative / losing mindset.

Don't expect to win if you and your team mates struggle to address this cause for losing.

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