

Game plans, reactions

Some of the replies from pBus squad members were of such interest that I wish to react to what I read where I paraphrase the bits that caught my eye:

Pennant fours team rink

% Statistics standards: the figure in brackets is the number bowls deemed Mat Length (ML) or effective delivery from a total of 42 bowls delivered over 21 ends as accepted pennant performance objective at stated levels.

Pennant competition level	LEAD	Second	Third	Skip
Premier league	50 (21)	50 (21)	45 (19)	45 (19)
Division 1.	40 (17)	40 (17)	33 (14)	33 (14)

Gavin

Reference is made to their WA synthetic surfaces running at 20sec. (bragger) restricting the delivery skill to either draw or drive.

I have heard that (drive or draw) a million times over the years and it is flawed.

I shared this insight with a sports psychologist mate years back and his view, if I recall, was the player accepting this factor already had a barrier to excellence as they sought to accept it and not be challenged to acquire the added skills.

If you restrict yourself to those two deliveries, on either hand, and an opponent can call on about another four weight variance deliveries and on either hand, the law of averages means you have four options, whereas they have 12 options in the long run you are hampered in your deliveries and your game plan.

How to overcome it?

Don't accept there are only two delivery choices and get out and develop your competence, your proficiency with the other four weighted deliveries - which would be a metre over/ 2m over/ 4m over/ a running or firm delivery without it being a full drive.

Joanne

Jo asked which bowl goes where with the first four deliveries in the team format.

I well remember Danny at MCC at training last year when he teamed with a good young bowler (now in the national squad) when the four-five rinks had two players simulating what they planned to do.

Danny commented to us all at the conclusion he was rapt to know he had an objective as a team objective and it did not matter whether he or the young bloke secured the objective so long as one of their four bowls did the deed.

And Dan and Simon also trained as a pair with game plan objectives at the time and again the goal was meet the objective of the front end team deliveries and not in any order.

Gavin

His statistics are so, so informative as he knows and the club know if 75% is met with a bowl within ML and one behind after four deliveries, they win.

And that is only 2/4 with a specific role.

Sometimes the lead does it immediately, sometimes the second has to do it with the lead being off, sometimes, both put in one effective delivery. All in all, 75% is their dual target.

Pat

That Dave Peitz anecdote about moving on when having 75% success rate really resonates.

Over a period I have urged players keep stats. so as to have an ongoing average % for performances, and of course, the pb, which may get updated every so often.

A handful of years back when coaching Robbie we sat and set some objectives in his role as a lead in premier league pennant here.

What we know from that is:

He averaged 52% effective deliveries (which will adjust each time he competes.)

His pb for effective deliveries was 61.

Of 21 ends played he had an effective bowl average was 17/21.

And his pb was a 19/21 contribution.

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We agreed on a target for the first bowl being within MW as 12/21 ends.

Well we know the average was 9/21 times or ends.

And his pb first bowl was 12/21 times or ends.

Quoting Pat, I reckon Robbie knew what to pitch for as a new average based on that record, which incidentally has him leading in the premiership winning team that year.

All of us can use the records you keep to apply this Dave Peitz formula.

Dan

Your player example of one member under-performing is spot perfect and might be our game plan B or C when things aren't on for us any one game or period of a game.

Note that, you squad as many of you shall skip at times; don't let the poor form period last long as it is important to intrude to change our collective effort.

Alison said she called her team together yesterday every five ends and had not realized it could so upset the opposition.

As long as you have the mat (courtesy) it is you setting the tempo of the game, may well be a component of the game plan.

When Dan refers to specific deliveries - tuck, hide, trail n- I view them as choices at the time to apply a plan rather than any one delivery being a requisite for the game plan.

You as the skip call deliveries for the players to adhere to a game plan.

Again harking back to Danny asking the lead to drive.

It could have been the second but the game plan may have been to intimidate the opposition for the first five ends and then see how will we go about it.

Danny

His opening statement about the best opportunity to grow and improve when the skill is just beyond our current level. Hence, I cite Robbie's previous stats., I cite Gavin WA exploring those other four weighted deliveries in our armoury. And as Danny says we use training and coaching (which includes sharing views like these here) to elevate our capacity to meet the next level of skill, which takes our performance level onward and upward.

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