

## **‘Good, Not Great Teams’ Knowing so as to improve performance.**

I have written previous articles on my view of the components for a great team, which can be viewed on my website either in the TEAM menu or the COACHES menu.

What might be the difference between a great bowls team and for this article, a reasonably good bowls team. I will do a separate website article on differences to a weak bowls team.

### **What do I recognize about a good team, though not a great team?**

- Win the close games, generally.
- May even be finals contenders without having frequent success.
- Their strengths are balanced against their weaknesses.
- Probably have a few outstanding bowlers.
- Leadership evident though not as strong or as widespread within team.
- Might depend on young talented bowlers.
- Balanced with solid reliable experienced bowlers.
- Competitive in many games where result is close.
- Hide weaknesses without any strategy to rectify that for the future.
- Strategy employed in games not consistent, still requires developing.
- Skips are very good bowlers, occasionally may have the people and tactical skills.
- Plan a game in a vague, general sense.
- Team members are in attendance at training though more as an exercise rather than for a purpose with the team.
- Players demeanour is generally good, fight well without assurance that can keep up the level of positivity when struggling, personally or as a team.

These players and teams can move toward the Great tag category when the attitude of the leadership of the team is entrenched with that desire, that mindset to be better, to perform better as a collective and it is generally filtered then throughout the rest of the team (members).

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### ***Good, not great teams***

And something else I would note about the attributes of those tagged as Great teams, and players too, and that is they bear the ‘uncontrollable factors’ better than the lesser lights (teams, players) because they know that in these circumstances it evens out.

- Respect for opponents.
- Luck has 2 sides of the coin over the long haul.
- Luck comes your way by the tactics you employ to exert pressure.
- Acceptance that you have to play in all weather conditions.
- You lose your confidence not your skill, so keep on the positives.

How keen are you as a team member, as one who takes responsibility for team leadership, to ensure your team moves onward and upward in pursuit of being a better team unit.

Start by setting the example.

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