

DECISION MAKING BASED ON SITUATION AWARENESS

A bowler can learn so much about the tactical / decision making skill every time they compete, regardless of the position played in the team, regardless of the level of importance of the event.

That bowler can learn to react and anticipate. By thinking about what we will play, what the opposition might play, when or which bowl and where to deliver, so as to create options for our later team deliveries.

Those players who compete at the top elite level don't appear to have better eyes than us.

They are one step ahead because as better bowlers they are more capable, I hesitate to say expert, than us at seeing and picking cues to help them anticipate, react and decide better and quicker than us, the typical bowler.

We can learn too, at training.

All these good bowlers did was tune in totally to the situation and do so more with the relevant information.

Mostly bowlers 'spectate' at the head, they watch the flight of the bowl, observe the finish, commentate on the whys and wherefores and record the score outcome.

Did they watch the delivery action of the bowler, the variety of options had by that bowler on the mat, the occasional lost opportunity conceded by that bowler, the effectiveness of the team bowls already in the head, the effectiveness or performance of the team bowls at certain lengths, the vagaries of the two hands to choose, the player from either team who is presently excelling, or the person now struggling.

All information, which is little understood or taken in by most players not in the act of delivering the bowl.

So much to learn, so much time to do it in, so little awareness of both.

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