

‘Myths’ Debunked, A Challenge

Comments thrown around that have no substance, yet get plenty of airplay on greens.

Leads

I beat my opponent (yeah, well they were two metres away as well.)
I hate leading, my bowls never stay shot later on (go play singles).
Are reckless in approach to jack throwing (no understanding of the jack value).

Seconds

Never drive (Brilliant 2^{nds} with imaginative skips drive, intimidates).
Under recognised (know your role, accept your role, play your role).

Thirds

Expected to be up and shut up (DH skips selected by who knows).
Why isn't he / skip asking me to play that shot (they steer you toil).
Are you supporting everyone (be a team energizer, not energy sapper)

Skips

Lets the lead decide the length (Steer the ship take responsibility.)
Plays first five ends to see how we go (will be all over by then, pal).
Sees anything short as useless and protest accordingly (language).
Mat length(ML) short (therefore) useless (ML is zone of excellence).
Skips win games (75% of team is up the other end, sorry no).
Never up, never in (maybe truth, but draw is still the par excellence).
Game is 90% draw bowling (but other deliveries need be executed).
Play around the clock (play to each player's strength).
Play One side of the green (possibly if a horrid hand).

Team ignorance of these factors that provide road to success:

Leads and their Tactical foundation
Front end team comprising lead & second
Leads wander off partially disinterested when not bowling
Leads have greatest impact with one third of the deliveries,
Don't be greedy
Maintain then gain
Game plan, what game plan?
Bowling narrow is an option rather than changing hands
Standing on the green at the head not accepted

Website menu: facts, measures & knowledge
Myths debunked

Can't seek explanations of directions

Don't hold shot too early

Bowls in the head (and one behind) early

Grunters, grizzlers, soaks, slackers and snipers

Four rink teams make the Club pennant side

How did the team go today, rather than how did you fare today?

Need to discuss all the above, so members understand what they need to do to change their own approach and influence an improved approach with their club teammates.

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