

Measuring Pennant Performance

QUESTION:

Measuring performance in pennant bowls: At a recent seminar the question was asked, Who in the room keeps personal stats, or, their club has a process for the team keeping stats? Please share the process and experience.

ANSWERS

- Premier league player – reason for keeping stats was to drive my performance. What level am I at so I know how to improve. Feedback received was that if the side won then he did not play well. First bowls pressure – first bowl within mat width, mat length.
- A second premier league player – recording effective bowls for each player during the game.
- A third premier league player noted – discuss game plan before the game. Keeps stats for the whole team during the game and discusses as a team (with red) after the game. Re-write the card – examine score cards at the end of a game and looks at ends where losses were reduced to 2.
- Division one player – one rink of the four examines and looks at consistency of bowls in the head for lead.
- Division one club – invited members to participate in a forum to present ideas for improvements to the club. Every skip measures mat length bowls. Mat length front end – 2 in the head. Head situation after the first 4 bowls; same for 3rds and skips; 42% front end and 38% for back end; after 2 and a half years of stats they have found that if they win 11 ends and win more multiples than lose then they win the game.
- Club coach – if front end is holding circle that on the card and assess results at the end of the game.
- One club expects 40% effective bowls from division one pennant players.
- We know a club that won division two by players performing at 38% effective.
- Another club knows they win every time they win the majority of the 21 ends in pennant.
- A premier league side years back knew whenever the front end team players had 2 bowls with a ML of the jack 17/25 ends the rink always won.
- One club records a series of indicators - everyone on a mat length (ML) basis, score on the changeover for the skip, score at completion of the end, number of ends won in a segment of 5 ends, total ends won on the day, multiples either won or lost; players in the rink mark each other and also do the 3.2.1. at pennant for the merit of the selectors; players use a typical score card to mark a tick or X to indicate an effective delivery; the club has printed a specific card for pennant players marking.

- One club has front end expected to achieve 40-45%, third 38% and skip 30% as measured benchmark at division one.

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