

‘Team (member), it’s not your turn’

I got my dander up listening to a bowler, who is also a coach, who lamented the decisions of their skip from a recent game. Mainly the bowler disliked the skip choosing the hand opposite to what the bowler wanted to do (as a second).

Why I react poorly to this bowls attitude is because I see it is not the turn of the bowler, to get shot, as there are as a minimum four (4) more team deliveries to come from our back end members.

Skips are selected to steer the ship as they see the game. They may not see the game the way the rest of the team members view it, however, on the day you as a team member simply perform as well as you can.

Discuss the issue, if it is an issue, after the game as a foursome. Don’t bleat at the bar, don’t object to the selectors. Either say something to the skip and team or else grin and bear it.

I disapprove of the old school approach of scoring only your teammates post game; rating yourself for others to compare is a degree of honesty we should all welcome. So that second may be the odd one out in their pitch on how the game is to be played, for them.

I reckon more bowlers need to be concerned about being better team contributors beyond hurling two (2) deliveries.

How about better understanding your position role on the given day. Knowing it’s not your turn to hold shot, it is your turn to deliver two (2) team bowls, as per the instructions of your skip.

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