

CONSULTING COACH COLUMN ... ON LINE DELIVERY APRIL COLUMN 2012

Welcome to the April 2012 (monthly) edition of the coaching column titled '... On Line Delivery' on Henselite's website.

The theme of this column is......

Trust

A bloke I regard as both a very good bowler and coach spoke to me at a tournament recently about his frustration seeing/ hearing players disregard calls made by skips.

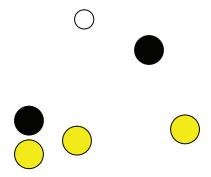
For example this illustrated head (presume the bowler is on a mat a the bottom of the page or screen) where black is to deliver bowl 3;

Call from skip to his second - "Come around the bowl on your right and end a metre behind the head" (The skip is thinking of his priority - game plan - to have a bowl behind as early as possible so as to have more options for the back end team)

Thoughts of player on mat - "But if I go through the gap of these short bowls I will get shot"

Issue - the 'I' versus the need of the team, read skip

Training - let 4s play a few ends with coach and selectors viewing; then 'replay' the deliveries and calls where issues of individual versus team needs are apparent



Will the trust improve - who knows?

But I can tell you that all I have heard week in week out in pennant all these years is 'we' play for the team! What I see is mostly the issue above.

Don't players realise we don't have to hold shot too early?!

Enjoy the read.

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