

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

The theme of this column is.....

### **... one percenters**

#### **Team spirit, faith, trust**

In round one at a recent bowls event, a team is 5 shots in arrears with 4 ends to play and the skip, bowling poorly at this stage, gathers his team mid-field, shares the progress score with the team and urges their persistence to tough it out in the belief they will win.

The 'sting' was the team...kept the faith (those of you who are Sting fans know the hit song) despite the skip still not doing much in bowling to win, simply fostering the spirit.

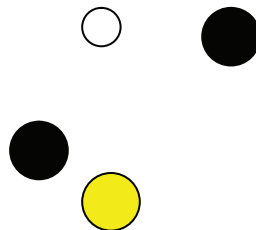
#### **Near enough is not good enough**

Same game, same opponents. The final end, scores level. Opposing skip tweaks jack between black and yellow head illustrated with his first delivery. In readiness to deliver the final bowl for the match the opposition skip asks his team to indicate the head position. After humming and hah hahing for an eternity they remain undecided as to which team is holding and advise...it's up and down! The skip does not go to the head to inspect. He delivers the final bowl. It moves the jack to the position on the diagram, two down, lose the knockout round.

When the other team get together they all agree that the opposition was holding prior to the delivery of that skip. In those circumstances what was the opposition skip thinking? Or was he hardly thinking?

What bad decision making, mental discipline. That decision should never happen, and this opposition team were premier league bowlers. That lacklustre effort from all of them in that final delivery situation cost them dearly.

How badly? Well the winning team continued on after that undefeated to be in the prize money at the end of the event. Simply because the opposition team members did not apply themselves to diligently examine the head for an appropriate judgement and decision to be made for the contest.



Tune out for a second and second is where you come, always

Enjoy the read.

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