

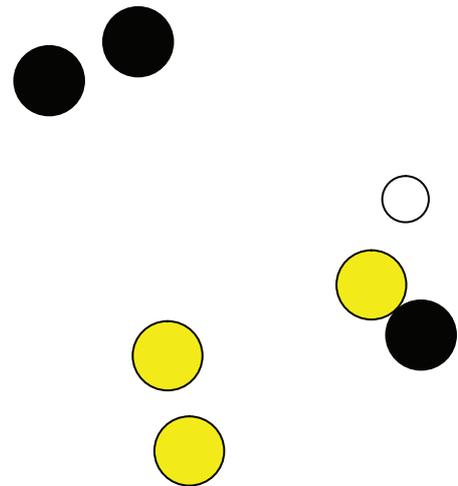
Welcome to this (monthly) edition of the coaching column titled '...On Line Delivery' on Henselite's website

DECISIONS TO MAKE

This Head, which was experienced by two players in the set play singles contest in the recent 2010 national Queensland Grand Prix event, is my sample for the month highlighting.....
Decisions to make????????????

CONSIDER THIS SCENARIO

Playing from the bottom of the page/screen up to the head first set drawn, this second set Yellow leads by one at the start of the final end; one player (yellow) is holding shot about one bowl from the jack as per the diagram; those two closest bowls are BOTH on their running surface; Yellow has the next delivery and player with black bowl will have the final delivery. Yellow has third shot; the other 3 bowls in the diagram are all just short of a metre from the jack;



Decisions to make????????????

If you were YELLOW what would you do, and, can you identify all the options if that singles player who was Yellow were to ask YOU for the options?

What does yellow player do?

There are many options - think them through yourself - some options more difficult than others, some options more effective than others - all are options nevertheless.

What actually happened?

Yellow moved his shot bowl slightly when bumping into black on the right forehand at the head leaving black to be holding shot at the heat about a full bowl from the jack; thus scores are now level with black able to have the final delivery; Black did not play his last bowl meaning scores level thus forcing a play off; Yellow won the sudden death play off.

Why did the player with black bowls choose not to deliver his bowl?

Try all options yourself out at training as well as those used by these two skips. Find out what works, and, what not to try. As important an approach as any that last comment.

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