

How to change the way a game is heading

Generalizations:

"a written or spoken statement in which you say or write that something is true all of the time when it is only true some of the time"

an example could be "redheads all have fierce tempers" or "all Volvo drivers drive slowly"

We all make them, and in bowls they can be a negative way of dealing with what is happening on the green

"no point trying anything as they are just too good"

"they always beat us"

"they love playing on our greens"

Reality

What if we used Generalizations to our advantage? How could we do that? What signs do we look for?

Games we play can be usually placed into these six categories:

1. We were absolutely thrashed
2. We were comfortably beaten
3. We lost narrowly
4. We won narrowly
5. We won comfortably
6. Gee we were awesome

Let us concentrate on 1. & 2. above (where we lose badly)

Here are some Generalizations we can look out for and perhaps use them to our advantage by doing something:

1. Teams that are winning comfortably are noisy and chatty and immersed in their own achievements

what we do is start to increase our talk, stay together, find every opportunity to be positive

2. Teams that are winning comfortably are repeating their game plan

what we do is the opposite, change things

3. Teams that are winning comfortably are getting off to a great start

what we do is play the same hand as their lead

4. Teams that are winning comfortably do not pay much attention to their opposition

we can make our changes and slowly make inroads