

Welcome to this (monthly) edition of the coaching column titled '...On Line Delivery' on Henselite's website with this theme being.... **Tactical Skill**

Your team (yellow) is holding 3 shots per the diagram and both skips have ONE delivery to play with your Skip going first. Your skip's choice of deliveries is so numerous – before reading further can you identify the options if he was to ask you.



Delivery Choices
(consider in no order of priority)

Forehand (right hand)

1. draw another shot
2. draw to cover back black bowl
3. draw a metre short to block opposition entry for a draw shot
4. hide jack between two yellows on left of diagram
5. trail jack behind second yellow bowl on left
6. draw and stay as a resting toucher
7. push back black bowl into the ditch and stay on green yourself
8. push right yellow bowl over behind the jack as protection

backhand

1. draw another shot
2. draw to cover back two black bowls
3. draw narrow and a metre short to block opposition entry for a draw shot
4. drive out two black bowls on left of diagram
5. draw and stay as a resting toucher
6. push back black bowls into the ditch and stay on green yourself
7. push left yellow bowl over behind the jack as protection

To conclude, the 15 options show that we need to support the Skip as there is every chance, 1/15, we have a different view to him/ her. In your own time, why don't you now consider the choices if both Skips had their final 2 bowls to play to the same head with our Skip going first
Enjoy the read.

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