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On Kow Lee's April 2024 Library Newsletter

The blooming cherry blossom reminds us it's time to prepare for a new bowling season. A few days ago, I, together with Linda Ng, went to the Chinese radio station AM 1470 "Modern Deborah" morning show to talk about lawn bowling. Hope this can help to promote our sport. For more information, please visit: facebook.com/p/Deborah-Moore-100048133276807/

I'd like to share with you two bowling videos.

(1) People often call lawn bowling an old man's game. When I watch those young bowlers play their games, with their natural ability of body coordination and high spirit, I can't help but say this is in fact a sport for the young people.

This is the 2024 Under 18 State Championships Boys Singles Final between Koby Cromie and Jacob Cartwright.

Please watch Koby's performance. Playing bowls seems so easy and natural for this young boy. He just kept drawing to the jack consistently with perfect line and weight every end without any effort. He dominated the whole game without playing any heavy shots. This aroused my curiosity. If he is such a good bowler, can he also possess other skills such as drive shots. He solved my query. Coming to the end of the game, he was winning 19: 3. He had two bowls closed to the jack and Jacob played a beautiful shot touching the jack. Giving away one shot was not a problem. But funny enough, (maybe he wanted to show off) Koby played a drive shot with his last bowl which was straight right on the target, taking all his bowls out. This allowed Jacob, with his last bowl, to draw in to win a four-ender.

Anyway, please watch the last end to see how Koby played a perfect shot to end the game. He is definitely a rising star.

youtube.com/watch?v=tBMiex63jY0

(2) Another interesting game is the men's pairs final of the 2024 Victoria Open.

Cromie and Mahoney vs Ball and Bye-Norris

Four of them played some good shots. Cromie with his consistent drawing bowls is the best performer of the game and he deserved to win. But the other team won the trophy.

It is about strategy. When the lead bowler plays well with his bowls all so close to the jack, back position bowls are necessary especially when the opponent skip is a good drive player.

Watch the game and figure out why the Mahoney team lost the game and how to win if you have such a good lead as Cromie.

youtube.com/watch?v=6FCYAxEdWW8

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