
Make Better Lane Play Decisions: A Primer on Launch Angle

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In the April Slowinski at-large, I share with readers a detailed exploration of launch angle. Often misunderstood and rarely applied accurately, the goal of this article is help players and coaches develop a more enriched comprehension of launch angle especially with the line of intent of the player as well as launch angle changes based on moves to deal with transition. For example, how does launch angle change with a 2-1 move? Historically in the sport of bowling, the concept of launch angle has been utilized extensively. Yet, for nearly all bowlers and coaches, this remains a relative concept. For example, we often hear statements such as tighten up the line or open it up. Due to the lack of specificity, there lacks a mathematical comprehension of specific launch angles related to moves or explicit target lines.

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