



Left handedness and Leadership in Interactive Contests

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Left-handedness is known to provide an advantage at top level at many sports involving interactive contests. Earlier studies revealed that this is because of the innate superiority of left-handed contestants. Again, most of the renowned leaders of the world are known to have been left-handed. We analyze the data of batting and bowling performance in Cricket and verify the advantage of left-handedness for batsmen. For bowlers, left-handedness provide no advantage. Leadership play an important role in politics, sports and mentorship. In this paper we show that Cricket captains who bat left-handed have a strategic advantage over the right-handed captains in Test cricket. Our results demonstrate that critical importance of left-handedness and successful leadership. Our study shows that left-handed captains lead in more number of games and are significantly more successful than right-handed captains. Interestingly left-handed captains have a higher batting average than the right-handed counterparts, perhaps indicating that the left-handedness may help in handling the pressure of leading the teams.

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