

Fuel for Thought

Playing as a Team

Queensland's demolition of New South Wales in the second State of Origin game was great to watch, and a real reminder of how important teamwork can be in determining the result of a game.



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While certain individual players had a definite impact on the result, there is little doubt that the Maroons displayed much better teamwork than their Blues opponents.

As every coach of juniors knows, one of the first lessons to be learned is to encourage the kids to play as a team.

No doubt if we had a dollar for every time we've heard the saying "there's no I in TEAM" we'd all be rich, but as a message it is easy to understand, and it is absolutely true.

However, achieving real teamwork involves more than just telling players to put aside individual pursuits and work together – it has to be done in a way that inspires commitment.

I'm sure the overwhelming success of the Queensland State of Origin team in recent years can largely be put down to their overwhelming commitment to playing as a team. I'm biased of course, and happen to think we have better individual players as well, but when the chips are down you can feel there is a greater unity of purpose among the team – even through a television screen.

Developing team spirit at work undoubtedly improves the odds of achieving a company's goals, and in my experience there are added benefits along the way, not the least being that it makes for an enjoyable workplace.

Our work at the moment is focused on driving efficiencies in our technology as we examine a range of options for future development of a commercial industry.

We're very pleased with the performance of our technology and the work we're doing. We face a number of challenges, particularly in the current environment of global economic uncertainty, but what is certain is that by operating as a team, we improve the chances of achieving our goals.



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