

ROLLED GOLD

THE KELVIN KERKOW STORY

KELVIN KERKOW WITH DAVID TENENBAUM

Kelvin Kerkow is arguably Australia's most recognizable and successful lawn bowler. When Kelvin won the Commonwealth Games Gold medal in the men's singles tournament in Melbourne, 2006, he created one of the enduring images of Australian sport when he ripped off his shirt and was chaired around the 'green'. To get to this point was a remarkable achievement as Kelvin was crippled as a child with the life threatening, rare Guillain Barre syndrome which attacks the nervous system. Kelvin was in a coma, paralysed and spent years undergoing surgery and being wheelchair bound. To this day, Kelvin bowls with the aid of a stick. It was only a mother's love that enabled him to regain movement in his hands. She would sit by his bedside day and night massaging his fingers until movement returned.

That Kelvin could then rise above his 'handicap' to be the youngest bowler to represent Queensland at 19 years, the youngest to be selected in the Australian side at 25 is a remarkable story. What makes it even more remarkable is that Kelvin not only went on to win the Commonwealth Games bowls gold but also the World Indoor Pairs Titles three times, the Welsh International Masters three times and Australia's most prestigious singles tournament, The Golden Nugget three times, amongst many other victories.

Throughout his life and career Kelvin has maintained a down-to-earth larrikin streak and typifies the never-say-die Aussie spirit.

This book will be of immense interest to lawn bowlers as it gives Kelvin's descriptions of some of his greatest victories, how he rose through the ranks and some of the secrets of his success.



It is also a 'tell all' behind the scenes look at the world of bowls with some startling revelations!

The book also features a section called Kelvin's Coaching Clinic where he gives valuable advice for both new and experienced bowlers.

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