



Situation:

Red is up by three points in the 7th end and has hammer. Yellow throws two center guards followed by a come-around with their third stone. Red also tried a couple of come-arounds. Red has the next shot.

Questions:

How many points does red want to score this end?

What is the smart call for red's next shot?

Thinking Ahead:

Red is afraid of giving up a point and would like to beat yellow to the button, so they continue drawing. What happens if these shots are not precise and yellow is able to make a couple of successful draws to the button?

Would it make sense for red to put up a guard on the left side to block the draw path to the button? What would yellow likely do?

You could argue that guards might help red score a point because they would give red something to hide behind. What is the flaw in this argument?