

# 1. Client & Player Information

**Player Name:** Shaurya Gupta

**Age Group:** 12

**Primary Skill(s) Analyzed:** Batting (Pull/Hook Shot)

**Client Name (Parent/Guardian):** Amit Gupta

**Date Video Received:** 2025-04-21T16:04:00.846-07:00

**Video Details:** Short YouTube clip showing a dismissal (pull/hook shot caught at square leg).

**Analyzed By:** Coach Gemini

## 2. Executive Summary

Shaurya shows positive intent and aggression when facing short-pitched deliveries. This analysis focuses specifically on the pull/hook shot played in the clip, identifying the technical aspects that led to the dismissal and suggesting ways to improve control and safety when playing this shot.

## 3. Detailed Skill Analysis

### A. Batting Analysis

#### Setup (Stance, Grip, Position):

- **Observations:** Initial setup looks reasonably balanced before the bowler's delivery (based on brief view).
- **Positives:** Appears ready and watching the bowler.
- **Areas for Focus:** Ensure the setup allows for quick and balanced movement both forward and back.

#### Pre-Movement & Trigger:

- **Observations:** Moves back and slightly across in response to the shorter length.
- **Positives:** Reacted to the length appropriately by moving back.
- **Areas for Focus:** Ensure the trigger movement maintains balance and keeps the head steady, allowing for controlled execution of the chosen shot.

## Shot Execution (Pull/Hook Shot leading to dismissal):

- **Observations:**
  - Identified the short ball and committed to an aggressive pull/hook shot.
  - Swung the bat on a horizontal plane towards the leg side.
  - Made contact with the ball, but the trajectory was high, travelling towards the deep square leg boundary.
  - The ball was caught by the fielder.
- **Positives:**
  - Good intent to attack the short ball.
  - Attempted to play an attacking shot appropriate for the length.
- **Areas for Focus (Why the shot went wrong):**
  - **Lack of Control / Height:** The primary issue was hitting the ball in the air. This often happens due to:
    1. Not getting 'on top' of the bounce; contact may have been slightly underneath the ball's equator.
    2. The bat face angle at impact was likely open or flat, rather than angled downwards.
    3. **\*\*Crucially, failing to 'roll the wrists' over the ball at the point of impact.\*\*** This action is key to keeping pull and hook shots down along the ground.
  - **Bat Swing Path:** A very horizontal or slightly upward bat swing, rather than swinging slightly down or level **\*through\*** the line of the ball, increases the chance of hitting it airborne.
  - **Shot Selection Context (Risk):** While the pull/hook is an option for this length, playing it aggressively in the air towards a boundary fielder is high-risk. Learning to control it along the ground or pick gaps is essential.
- **Video Timestamp(s):** Entire duration of the clip focuses on this shot.

\*(Other sections like Bowling, Fielding, etc., are omitted as they were not present in the video clip provided.)\*

## 4. Key Strengths Summary

- **Positive Intent:** Shows confidence and willingness to attack short-pitched bowling.
- **Reaction to Length:** Able to identify the short ball and make a backward trigger movement.

## 5. Key Areas for Development

- **Priority 1: Controlling the Pull/Hook Shot (Hitting Down)**
  - **Why it's important:** To significantly reduce the risk of getting caught when playing this attacking shot. Hitting it along the ground turns a potential dismissal into runs and puts pressure back on the fielding side safely.
- **Priority 2: Wrist Roll Technique on Cross-Bat Shots**
  - **Why it's important:** Rolling the wrists over the ball at impact is the specific technique required to control the height of pull and hook shots. Mastering this adds control to Shaurya's attacking leg-side game.
- **Priority 3: Shot Selection Awareness**
  - **Why it's important:** Understanding when to play the aggressive aerial shot versus controlling it along the ground, defending, or evading, based on the field setting and specific ball trajectory.

## 6. Recommendations & Drills

For [Controlling the Pull/Hook Shot & Wrist Roll Technique]:

- **Drill 1: Underarm/Slow Feed Pulls - Focus on Roll**
  - **Focus:** Have a coach/parent throw slow underarm feeds or use a soft ball from a short distance. Shaurya should practice the pull shot focusing *\*only\** on rolling the wrists over the ball at impact to hit it firmly downwards into the ground in front of square leg. Exaggerate the roll initially.
- **Drill 2: Top Hand Control Pulls**
  - **Focus:** Practice pull shots with a very light bottom hand grip or even taking the bottom hand off just before impact (in shadow batting or against slow feeds). This emphasizes the top hand's role in controlling the bat path downwards over the ball.
- **Drill 3: Target Practice (Ground Pulls)**
  - **Focus:** Set cones or targets on the ground in the mid-wicket / square leg area. Using sidearm throws or a bowling machine at moderate pace, Shaurya aims to hit the ball along the ground towards these targets using the pull shot with controlled wrist roll.

For [Shot Selection Awareness]:

- **Drill 1: Scenario Practice**
  - **Focus:** Coach calls out a field setting (e.g., "Deep square leg is back") before delivering a short ball (using sidearm/machine). Shaurya practices deciding whether to pull along the ground, try

to beat the fielder, or choose a different response (defend/evade). Discuss the decision afterwards.

## 7. Next Steps & Conclusion

**Summary Statement:** Overall, this clip shows Shaurya's positive intent to play attacking cricket. The dismissal highlights a key technical area to work on: controlling cross-bat shots like the pull/hook. By focusing diligently on rolling the wrists and hitting the ball down using the recommended drills, Shaurya can turn this potentially risky shot into a safe and productive part of his batting arsenal.

**Encouragement:** Keep practicing hard and smart, Shaurya! Mastering this control takes time, but focusing on the technique will make a big difference. Well done on sending the video!

## 8. Disclaimer

This analysis is based solely on the video footage provided and observations made during that specific shot. Performance can vary day-to-day. Consistent practice and application in match situations are key to long-term development.

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