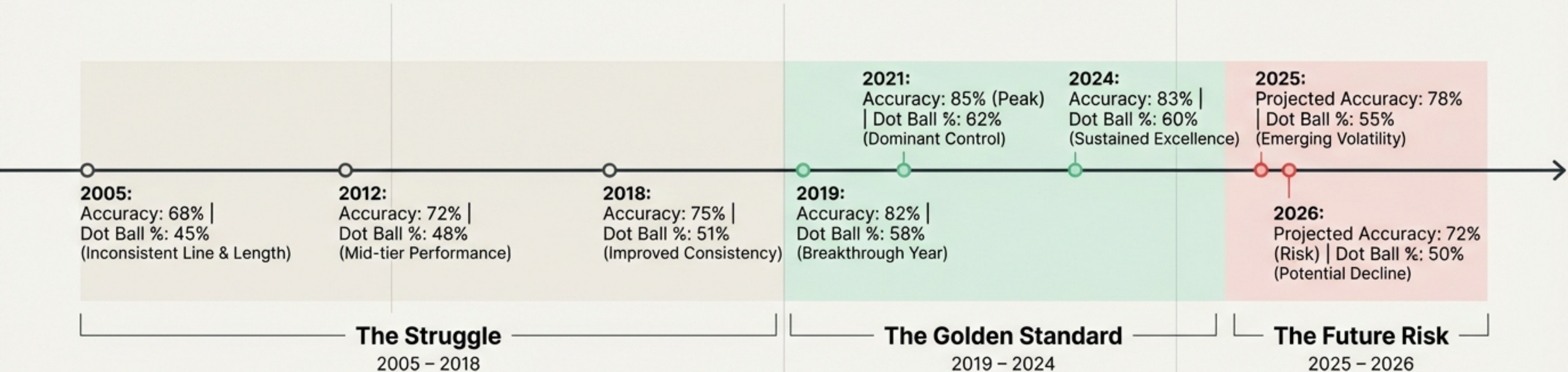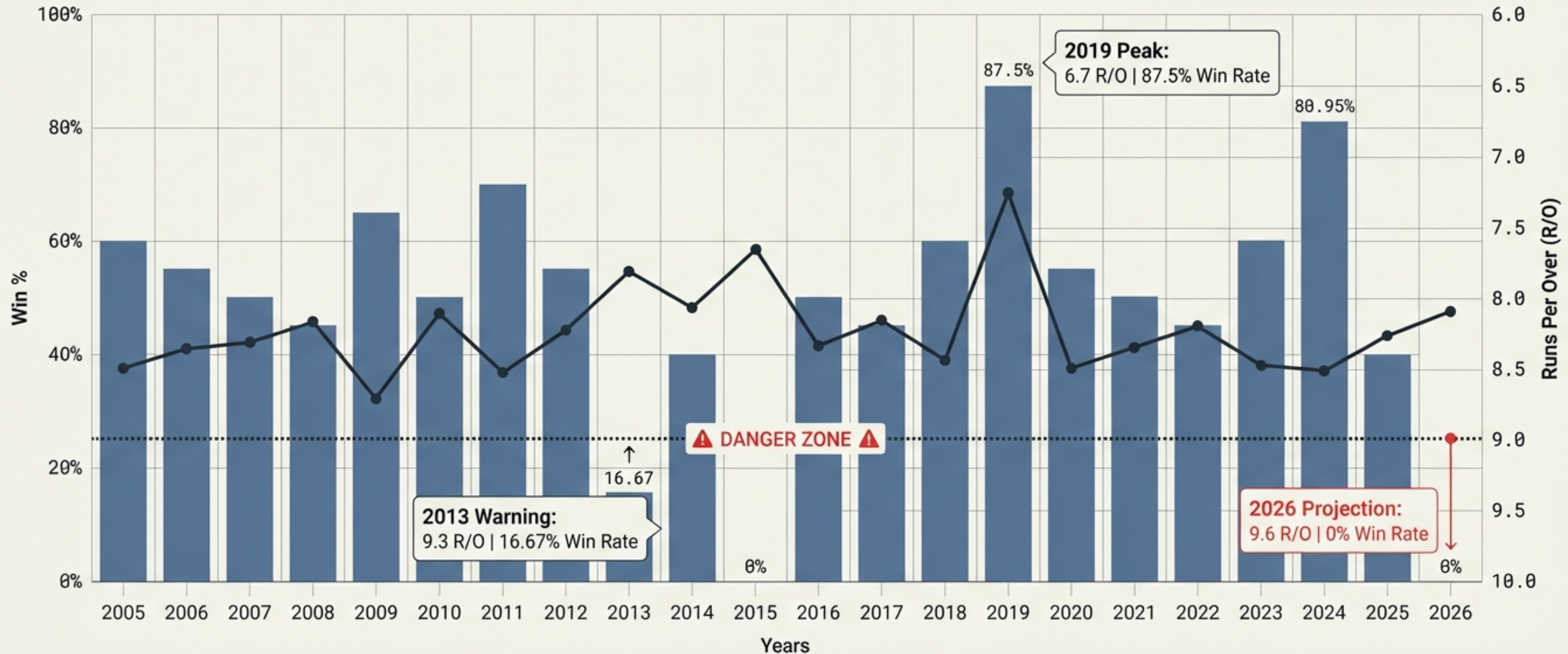# Bowling Control is the Primary Predictor of Match Outcomes (2005–2026)
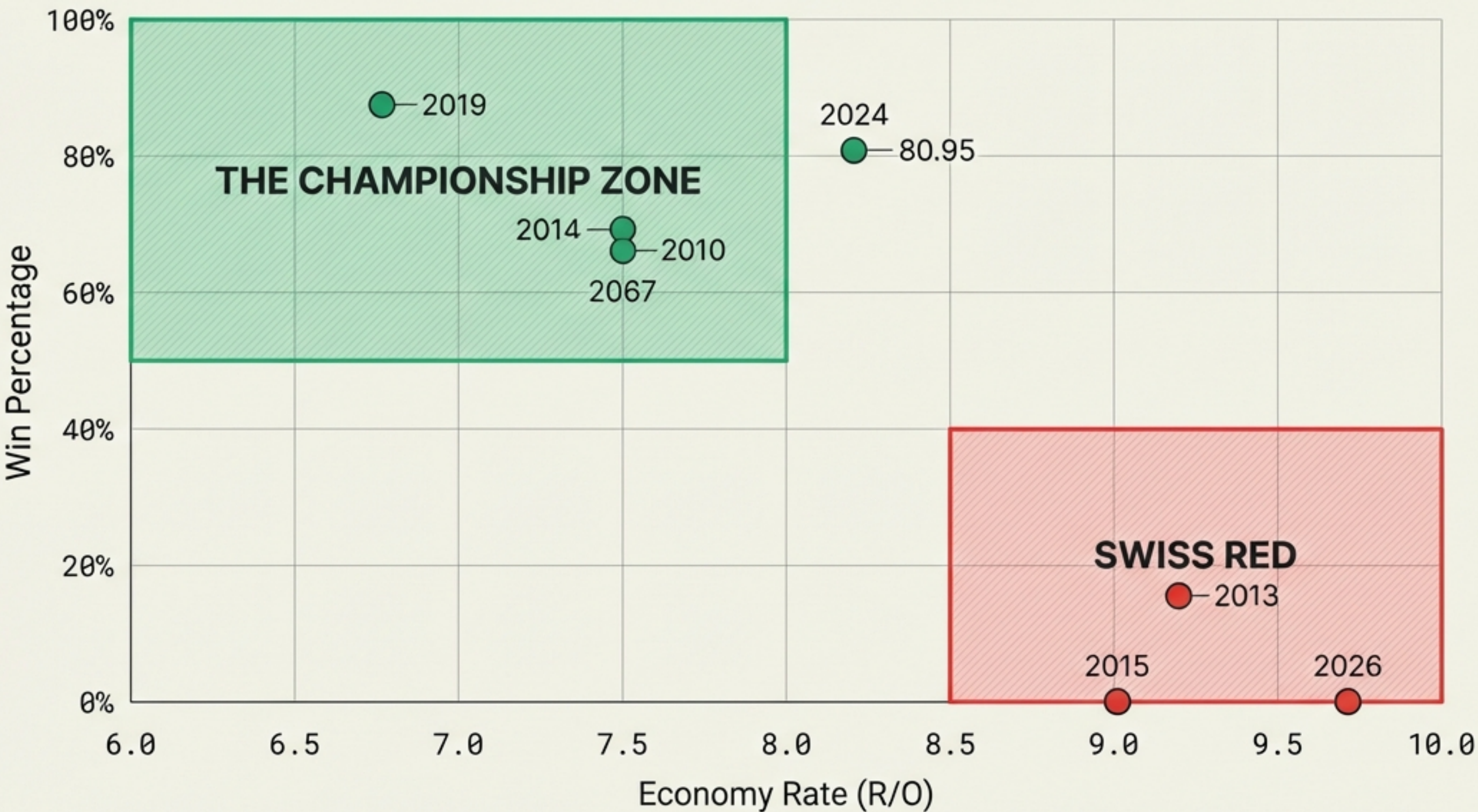
A longitudinal analysis of two decades of performance metrics, highlighting the 'Golden Era' of efficiency and the projected volatility of 2026.
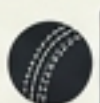
2021:
Accuracy: 85% (Peak)
| Dot Ball %: 62%
(Dominant Control)

2024:
Accuracy: 83% |
Dot Ball %: 60%
(Sustained Excellence)

2025:
Projected Accuracy: 78%
| Dot Ball %: 55%
(Emerging Volatility)

2005:
Accuracy: 68% |
Dot Ball %: 45%
(Inconsistent Line & Length)

2012:
Accuracy: 72% |
Dot Ball %: 48%
(Mid-tier Performance)

2018:
Accuracy: 75% |
Dot Ball %: 51%
(Improved Consistency)

2019:
Accuracy: 82% |
Dot Ball %: 58%
(Breakthrough Year)

2026:
Projected Accuracy: 72%
(Risk) | Dot Ball %: 50%
(Potential Decline)

The Struggle
2005 – 2018

The Golden Standard
2019 – 2024

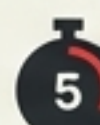**The Future Risk**
2025 – 2026

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Economy drives victory: When R/O exceeds 9.0, win probability collapses below 20%.

The Anatomy of Winning: High win rates cluster exclusively around sub-8.0 economy rates.

Win Percentage (y-axis): 0%, 20%, 40%, 60%, 80%, 100%

Economy Rate (R/O) (x-axis): 6.0, 6.5, 7.0, 7.5, 8.0, 8.5, 9.0, 9.5, 10.0

THE CHAMPIONSHIP ZONE
- 2019
- 2024 — 80.95
- 2014
- 2010
- 2067

SWISS RED
- 2013
- 2015
- 2026

R/O: Average Runs conceded Per Over.

% L 5: Percentage efficiency in the Last 5 overs (Closing ability).

% C 5: Percentage efficiency in Critical 5 overs (Clutch ability).

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Boundary control is the leading indicator of defensive stability.

THE MODEL - 2019

11.12
Boundary Rate

87.5%
Win Rate

THE OUTLIER - 2008

10.03
Boundary Rate

50%
Win Rate

Historical anomaly: Elite control but offensive failure.
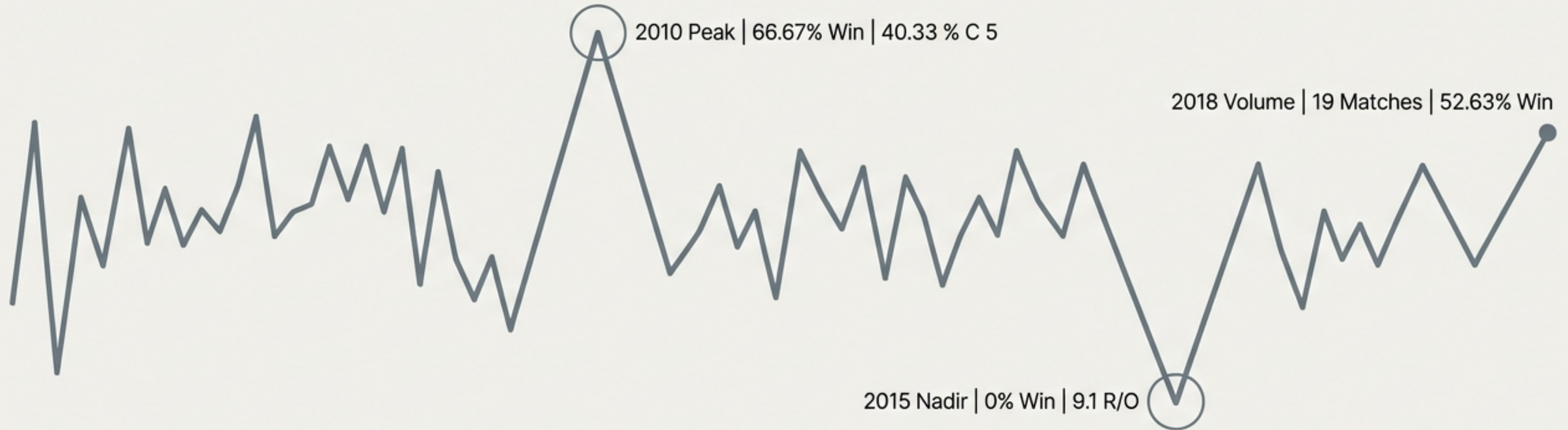
THE COLLAPSE - 2026
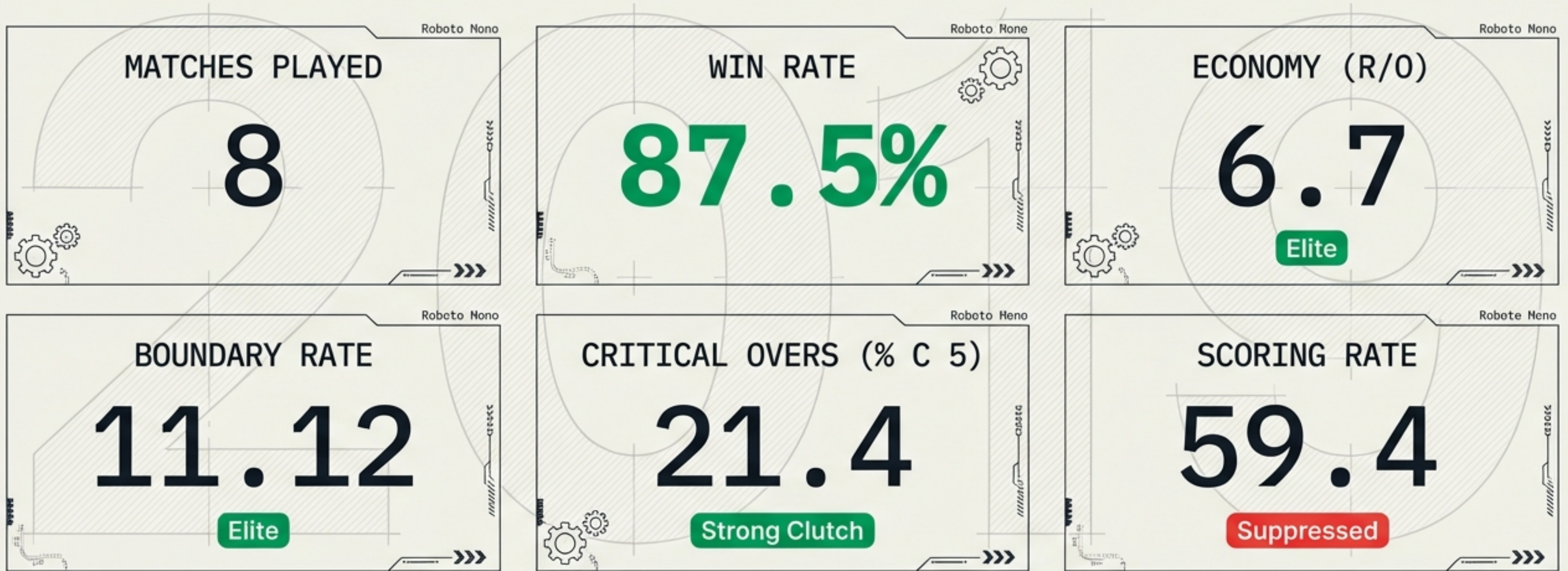
20.28
Boundary Rate

0%
Win Rate

Insight: There is a direct penalty for loose bowling. Every year with a Boundary Rate above 19.00 (2013, 2023, 2025, 2026) corresponds to significant defensive instability.

Era I (2005–2018): A decade of volatility and missed opportunities

2010 Peak | 66.67% Win | 40.33 % C 5

2018 Volume | 19 Matches | 52.63% Win
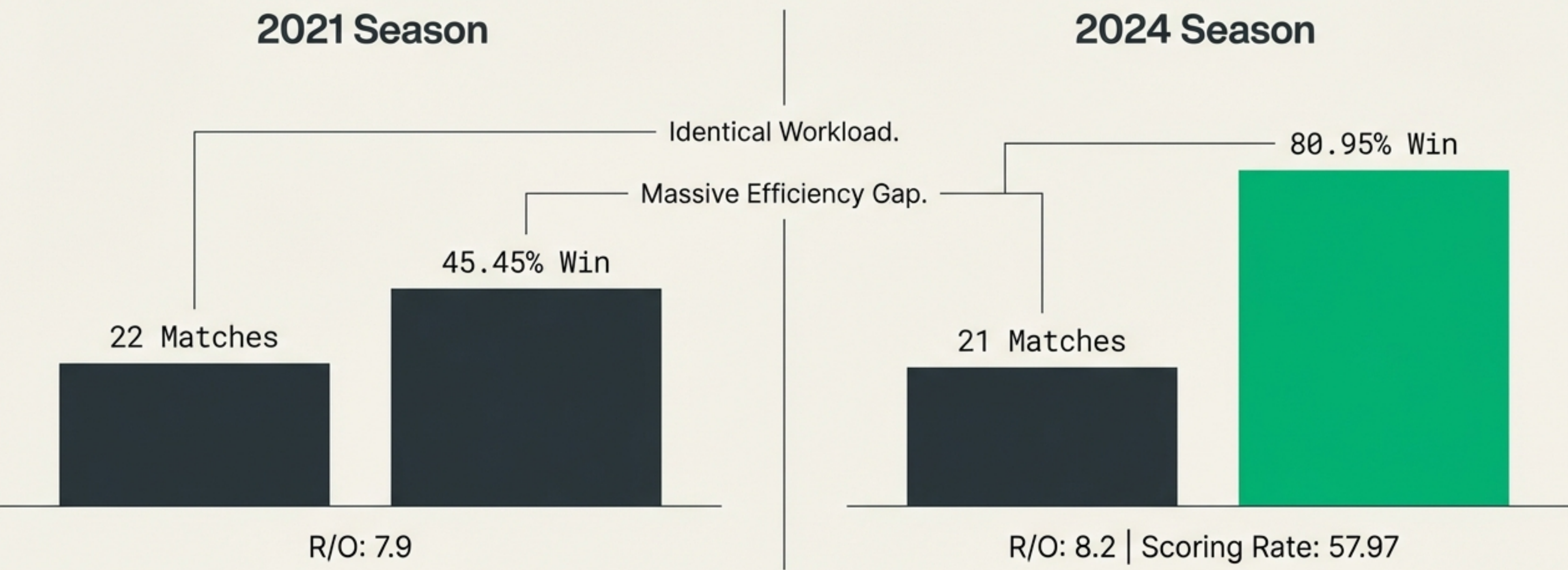
2015 Nadir | 0% Win | 9.1 R/O

The Volatility Trap: High match volume in 2018 resulted in mediocrity due to average metrics (8.1 R/O, 16.00 Boundary Rate). Volume without efficiency results in a coin-flip (~50%) outcome.

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Era II (2019): The Efficiency Benchmark.

MATCHES PLAYED	WIN RATE	ECONOMY (R/O)
8	**87.5%**	6.7
		Elite

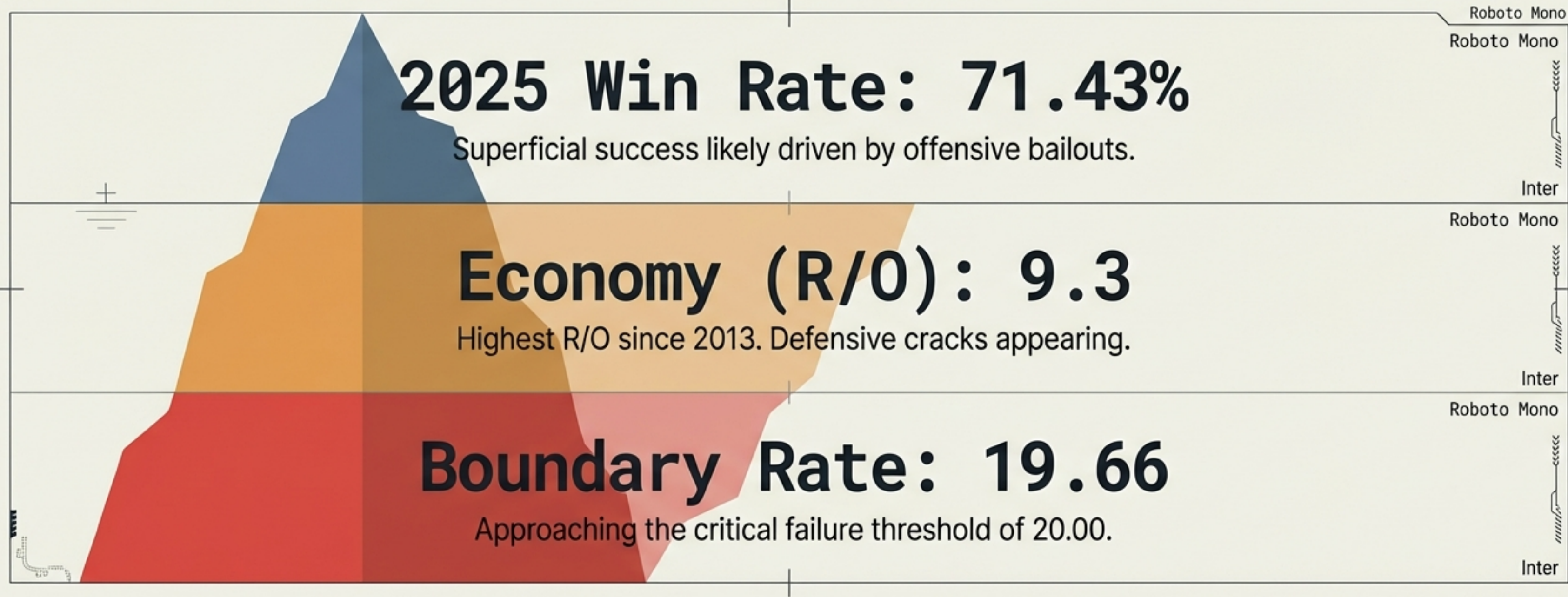| BOUNDARY RATE	CRITICAL OVERS (% C 5)	SCORING RATE
11.12	21.4	59.4
Elite	Strong Clutch	Suppressed

Analysis: 2019 proved that suffocating the opponent's run rate directly forces match outcomes. This is the strategic model.

Era II (2024): Proving scalability over a 21-match campaign.

2021 Season   **2024 Season**

Identical Workload.

Massive Efficiency Gap.   80.95% Win

45.45% Win

22 Matches   21 Matches

R/O: 7.9   R/O: 8.2 | Scoring Rate: 57.97

Key Insight: In 2024, the team maintained elite performance over a massive workload, proving the model is scalable.

Era III (2025): The False Positive—Winning masked the defensive decay.

2025 Win Rate: 71.43%

Superficial success likely driven by offensive bailouts.

Economy (R/O): 9.3

Highest R/O since 2013. Defensive cracks appearing.

Boundary Rate: 19.66
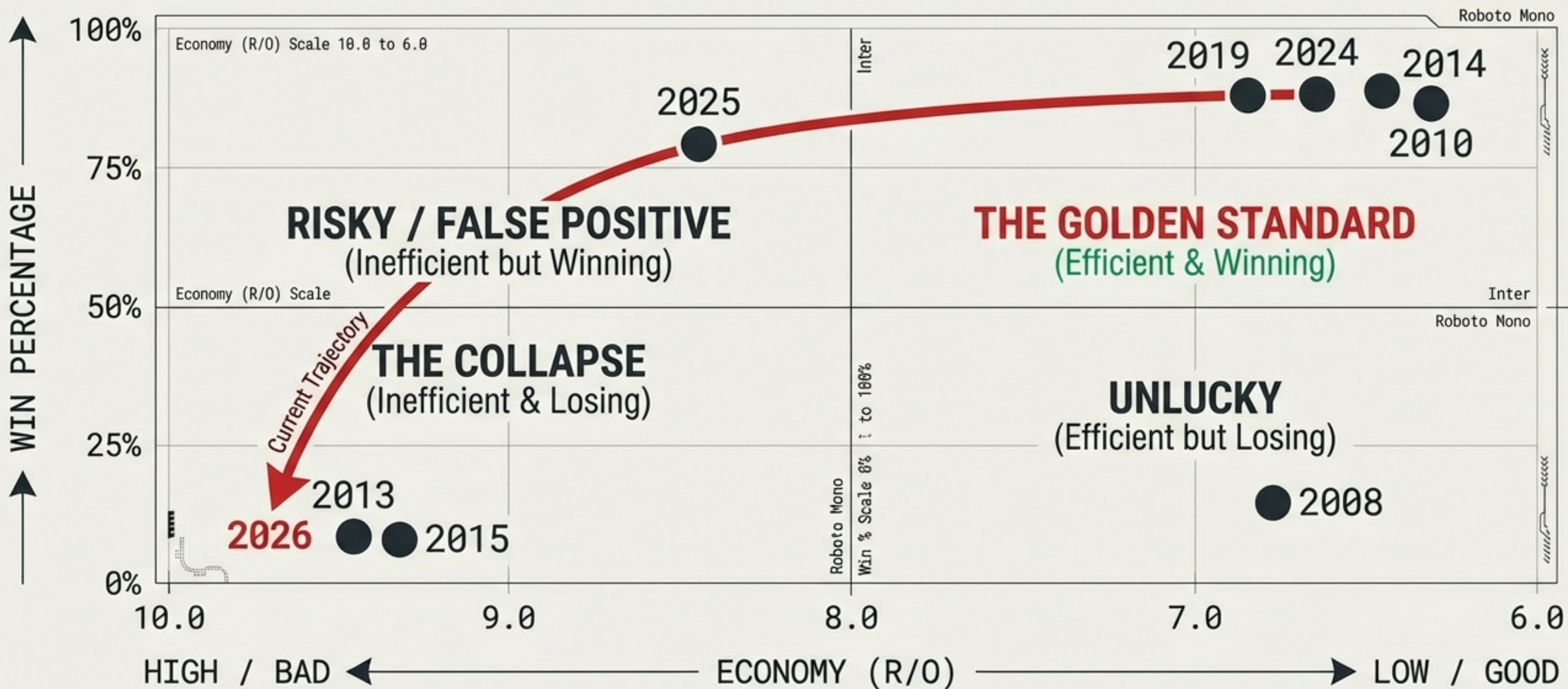
Approaching the critical failure threshold of 20.00.

2025 represents a strategic trap. The high win rate is a lagging indicator, while the bowling metrics are leading indicators of a crash.

Era III (2026 Projection): The collapse of defensive structure.

WIN %		ECONOMY (R/O)
0.00%	**SCORING RATE: 69.72** (Historic Maximum)	**9.6** (All-time High)
BOUNDARY RATE		% C 5
20.28 (Breached 20.00 Threshold)		**3.33** (Critical Failure)

The structural decay identified in 2025 accelerates in 2026. Loose bowling (Boundary Rate > 20) makes victory mathematically impossible.

The Efficiency Frontier: Visualizing risk and reward (2005–2026).

Comprehensive performance dataset (2005–2026).

Year	Matches	% Win	R/O	Boundary Rate	Scoring Rate	% L 5	% C 5
2005	10	60.00%	7.2	18.5	55.30	40%	20%
2006	11	60.00%	7.3	18.2	55.30	35%	20%
2007	11	50.00%	6.9	18.0	63.00	40%	20%
2008	10	45.00%	8.4	17.6	60.30	35%	20%
2009	10	50.00%	7.5	16.7	58.50	30%	21%
2011	10	60.00%	6.9	17.3	60.10	40%	20%
2012	11	50.00%	7.2	17.4	56.90	40%	20%
2013	11	35.00%	7.2	18.5	59.30	60%	31%
2014	12	40.00%	8.5	19.2	60.10	60%	33%
2015	12	25.00%	8.5	19.2	60.10	60%	33%
2016	10	30.00%	7.6	19.3	60.20	60%	32%
2017	12	40.00%	8.7	18.7	60.20	48%	21%
2019	14	78.57%	6.7	15.8	65.20	21%	14%
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2020	14	78.57%	6.7	15.9	65.20	21%	14%
2021	12	70.00%	7.5	16.3	64.70	19%	18%
2022	11	70.25%	7.7	16.3	64.50	18%	13%
2023	17	71.25%	6.9	16.1	64.50	19%	13%
2024	16	81.25%	6.9	16.1	64.50	19%	13%
2026	18	0.00%	9.6	20.28	69.72	83%	44%

Strategic Imperatives: Reverting the 2026 trajectory.

TARGET R/O < 8.2

History confirms this is the cutoff for sustainable winning (>60% win rate). Operational focus must shift from wicket-taking to run-suppression.

SUPPRESS BOUNDARY RATE < 16.00

The spike to 20.28 in 2026 is the primary driver of the collapse. We must return to the 2018–2024 baseline (~16.00).

REVITALIZE CRITICAL OVERS

The drop to 3.33% C5 efficiency indicates a loss of focus. Training must prioritize high-leverage simulations to restore the >30% baseline.

CONCLUSION: VOLUME IS NOT EFFICIENCY. WE MUST PRIORITIZE METRIC DISCIPLINE OVER MATCH QUANTITY.

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