

My name is Andrew Pomichter and I believe I am the next bowling prodigy. I live in Upstate NY and I have a little local bowling center about 5 minutes away from my house by car. The place has only 8 lanes in it and has no pro shop, it is old wooden lanes. I am about to turn 17 and I have been bowling since I was 4. I may have been bowling for about 13 years, but I have only been serious about bowling for the past 4-5 years. I didn't get my first ball until I was 13 which was a straight ball, I then realized that bowling is an amazing sport that is really fun for everybody.

I have been bowling on my school team for 3 years, I will be a senior in high school next year and it will be my 4th year on the team. I joined the team with a plastic straight ball and I saw all of the bowlers better than me had one thing in common, they were using bowling balls that curved, so I decided that I had to get a new ball that could curve and create some angle into the pocket. My parents bought me a new bowling ball, a hammer brand ball, the Anger, this ball is not very aggressive but its all I had. I used that ball for about a year and a half bowling my first 200 game with that ball and my very first 600 series ever, I used that ball to boost my average from a 135 to a 157 and moved my way into a regular role on the 5-man team for my school. I turned 16 this past year and I had a big party got around \$250. I used that money to buy myself a brand new ball, I went out and looked at bowling balls and asked some of the people I knew about the ball I should get and I asked my very good friend Jeff, who averages around 200, and he recommended the storm hy road. I went to the nearest pro shop in Rome and bought the hy road. With that ball I boosted my average up to a 178 on the league I do at my local center and boosted my average on the team to a 184 and at this point I was fighting for a spot on doubles and even averaging close to the singles bowler we had. At this point I had bowled numerous 200 games and 600 series. I was constantly boosting my high game up, from a 205 to a 223, then to a 224, then a 235, a 247, and finally a 258 where the only 2 frames I didn't get strikes in were two 10 pins. I recently bowled in a no-tap scholarship tournament and bowled my first 300 game where only 3 of the frames were no tap strikes, I also bowled a 279 my next game where I left and 8-10 split in the first frame and struck out from there, only 1 of those 11 strikes being a no tap strike. I ended up winning the tournament with a 908 series with handicap, that is an average of over 300.

I have bowled a lot over the year, I was at a point this year where I was bowling 6 days a week. I would bowl monday and tuesday for my team, thursday and firday for my team, saturday on the youth

league at my local bowling center, and on saturday nights I would go with my family and friends. On Sunday mornings I would go with my 2 friends and one of my friend's grandfather to a bowling center in Utica and bowl 3-4 games. I owe a lot to my friend and his grandfather because they have taught me a lot over the past year and I appreciate having that kind of help and practice. While bowling there I saw a summer league at this bowling center in utica that is for people 16 years and over where you bowl on a 3 man team and everybody gets any bowling ball of their choice, so we joined the league and as soon as we did I started looking at bowling balls and I knew immediatly that I was going to get a storm product, because storm is the best brand of bowling balls out there. I ended up ordering the storm reign of fire. As soon as I paid off the ball I went to the nearest pro shop I could and got the ball drilled. The guy that drilled it let me bowl a free game with it and see how I liked it, I immediately went out and bowled a 202 with my brand new bowling ball. The very next day I bowled in the league with my new ball and bowled a brand new high game with a 277, and a 668 series. The next week I went to the league with my head held high. I went out there and bowled my very first 700 series. I shot 252, 236 and 231 for a 719 scratch series and a 749 with handicap. That series boosted my average from a 190 to a 194 after 14 weeks of bowling on this league. I bowled in the league this past week and shot a 634. With the reign of fire I appear to be unstoppable and I plan on keeping it up for I am a bowling prodigy.

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