

Austin Davis

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The Next Bowling Prodigy

My name is Austin Davis and I am the next prodigy of bowling. I am 20 years old and I live in Corona California with my two loving parents Frances and Richard. They both want me to succeed in anything my heart desires, and that desire is to be successful in the sport of bowling. I have bowled for most of my life starting at the age of 5, but it wasn't until I was 17 years old that I started to compete in tournaments. I have yet to win a tournament, but I have come very close numerous times by coming in second place. I joined an organization called the Junior Scratch Tour that is run by Butch Hesketh and his wife Lenni. I struggled at first, but with the support of my family, Butch, and Lenni I was finally making progress when I came in second place in a tournament at Del Rio. This encouragement is what drives me to be the best I can be in this sport. I have now graduated from JST since I am no longer eligible due to my age and joined a PBA experience league with my mom and dad at my local bowling center in Norco California. It is by far the best thing I have done with my career in bowling. I love participating in this league with my family and friends and accomplishing more things than I ever had. I have bowled on the PBA patterns with my Storm bowling balls and have had great success. I am averaging 180 in the league currently and it is continuing to grow as the league progresses. I feel that I wouldn't be able to have this drive and motivation if it wasn't for the support of family and friends that encourage me to move forward even when I have set backs to go with it.

I have also become a coach at my local bowling center helping kids become better bowlers as they grow. I do this as a volunteer basis, because I want kids to have the same opportunities that I received so they can become the best kids that they can be. I have support from my mentors Deborah Bell, who organizes the junior leagues, and Elliot Easley, who assists me coaching the kids in the program. The program is great for the kids and they love being a part of something they can be

successful in, and that is something that makes me very proud. My future goals are to go to Washington State University in spring 2011, and participate in PBA style tournaments to gain further experience in the sport. Plus, I want to continue helping youth bowlers become successful in the sport of bowling. I want to be working in sports psychology, helping bowlers and other athletes alike with obstacles that might get in the way of success and to pave a road of success for them to get them on the right track. By helping others and helping myself is what makes me a prodigy where I can become the best bowler and coach simultaneously.

