

My Name is Brendan Pick, and I am the next prodigy in the world of bowling. My credentials may not seem like that of a Team U.S.A member, yet that is. I have a high game of 289 (x2) and high series of 731 but my talents in the field of bowling go beyond numbers. I have a passion for this life, to not only push myself forward and get better, but to push those around me and help coach them to be their greatest. I will succeed in the 3 worlds of bowling: performing, coaching and the business and science behind it all. I pride myself on my ability to listen and learn. I always have my eyes open and I continually ask questions when I find myself in the presence of bowlers more physically talented than I. I refuse to pass up an opportunity to reach a higher level in my game. This ability to learn quickly has guided me to a high school G.P.A. of over 4.0 and I intend to use this gift every day of my mortal life to learn something new that helps me in the alley. Whether I am learning how to pick a 10 pin, what pin placement does on a ball, how different surfaces affect a ball, or how to get a 10yr old bowler to keep trying even though they just can't seem to get something.

I want, and intend to learn it all. One day I will be not only a P.B.A. bowler but more so, I intend to reach Gold status as a USBC coach. After all, if you can't help those around you, what fun is the game in the end? This perseverance, necessity to achieve greatness and burning passion to accomplish my goals is what will lead me to greatness as a prodigy of the bowling world.

I compete against some of the area's best bowlers, and to be quite honest I lose, a lot; but I continue to hold my head high and help those around me. No matter what my score, I make sure that I am aiding those that need it. To me the numbers on the scoreboard don't matter. If I happen to be near the top great, if not it's ok. All that matters is that I got better, and that I learned something that will help me next time. I need to feel like I not only reached this new level but that I helped someone else reach it too, just as those I learned from did this for me. I don't think I'm the best, far from it in fact, but as a man of true competitive nature I will welcome any challenge, because I know that the harder the competition the better my own performance.

I am not a world-class marksman of the lanes like Walter, nor am I a PBA winner at 18 like Norm; but I have a burning desire and will that won't die until I am truly successful in every aspect of the life of bowling. I not only want to bowl, I want to learn. I want to teach. I have to succeed. And - I WILL be the next prodigy of the bowling world.