

Brian Kasperowski: "The Next Bowling Prodigy"

My name is Brian Kasperowski and I'm fifteen years old, and I am both a USBC and USBC Junior Gold member. I am the owner of about 52 USBC Awards including league high game and average, and I feel that I am the next bowling prodigy. I feel that all the achievements that I've accomplished to this point show a sign that there are a lot of better things to come. I credit Storm Products for all of the accomplishments that I have achieved in bowling. Storm has helped me out big time in making changes in my game for the better. I will continue to use Storm for a very long time, and hopefully their ever-changing equipment will help me to reach my goals throughout my life. Storm is, and always will be a part of me on and off the lanes. Later on in my report, I will tell you all of the accomplishments that I've achieved with Storm, and my future goals in the bowling world.

I became serious into bowling about 6 years ago. On a Sunday afternoon, my dad was flipping through the channels. When we came across ESPN, we saw that Professional Bowling was on. The tournament was the Medford Open, and we came across the match between Pete Weber and Tommy DeLutz Jr. So I asked my dad to keep the bowling on because Tommy and Pete both had the front 8 strikes, so they were both going for a perfect game. None of them got the 300 but the outcome of the match was very close. Pete Weber had beaten Tommy DeLutz by 9 pins, resulting in a 265-256 win for Weber. It was his 30th career PBA title. That telecast jumpstarted my start in the youth league, and watching the pros on television. Ever since that show, I've recorded literally every PBA Telecast. I've been recording and watching their shows for 6 seasons. My favorite bowlers are Norm Duke, Pete Weber, Tommy Jones, Sean Rash, Rhino Page, and Ronnie Russell. As you

can see, three of my favorite pros use Storm and are a part of the Storm Staff. Just by watching the telecasts, Storm Bowling Balls hit very hard and react strongly on medium oil. Also this year, I've seen Storm at its best when two-handed bowlers Osku Palermaa and Jason Belmonte made television. Just watching these pros on television and YouTube has helped me out a bunch with my fundamentals.

I've enjoyed the sport of bowling ever since I had set foot into a bowling center. In the beginning, what really motivated me was watching the graphics come up for a spare or strike. It just made me want to do better every time. Also, whenever my Uncle and Aunt came in from Florida every summer, we'd all go bowling some night. Bowling runs in our family's blood. Me, my dad, my cousin Evan, my grandfather, grandmother, Uncle Mickey, and Uncle Gary all bowl. We are all spectacular at it. My Uncle Gary last year bowled a perfect game and picked up the 7-10 split in one season. I've shot 299 before this year, but I'll tell you about that later. As you can see though, bowling runs in the Kasperowski blood.

My first reactive ball I had ever used was a Storm Jolt Particle. It may be hard to believe but I got my Jolt about two years ago. Before that, I would use an old-time urethane bowling ball. I struggled in my first outing with this ball, but in my second, its magic went to work. The Jolt's magic would continue and continue for me. The Jolt has gotten me about 10 USBC Titles, a 250 game, a 600, and 650 series. It almost amazes me how in such little time with reactive resin that I've accomplished many things, yet I've felt like that I've had this ball forever. Even though the Jolt did so much for me, I needed change. I needed something heavier, and something even more reactive. Thus, the age of the Virtual Gravity was born.

It was around Christmas time when I decided to get a newer and better ball. So I went on bowlingball.com to look

up some new balls. Every time I saw a ball I liked, I would read the reviews and watch the videos on it to get an idea of what the ball will do. When I came across the Virtual Gravity, I watched the video and it absolutely amazed me. Just the angles you can play with this ball are phenomenal. So then, I ordered it. Everyday when I got home from school, I would check and see if it came. Fortunately, it came on Christmas Day, how ironic. The colors were all amazing. I couldn't wait to get the ball drilled so I can see the orange, black, and blue swirl down the lane. When my bowling ball was drilled and ready, it was time to use it. The ball worked like a charm and I was so glad that I ordered it. I believe I shot 580 with it but I knew that later on, that I would get even bigger and better scores. Soon enough, I've shot a 693 and 299. So yeah things most definitely got better. I am now a more versatile player. I am able to go straight when I want to and hook it when I have to. The only thing I can tell Storm Products is, "Thank you for creating a ball that works on almost any lane pattern." The Virtual Gravity is the best bowling ball on the market that Storm has ever created.

There are many future goals that I would like to accomplish during and after high school. These goals consist of shooting a 300 game and a 700 series. My plans for college are to join a university that has a bowling team. Before that though, I would like to earn a scholarship. I may have a chance next year at the National Junior Gold Championships. If I finish in the top 2 boys in my league this summer, then I could be heading to Las Vegas for a chance at a scholarship. After my college years, one of my two goals to accomplish is to win the USBC Masters. Ever since I've watched the PBA Tour on Sunday, it has been my dream to win the Masters. I find that the Masters format makes it even for PBA Players and Amateurs. There are 3 game matches and the winner is determined by total pins. If you lose, you are knocked into the loser's bracket. If you lose once more,

you're out of the tournament. It doesn't really matter to me if I win the Masters as an amateur or a touring player. If I win as an amateur, then I go down in history as one of the handful of amateurs who have won the Masters.

My second goal after college is to be a PBA member. To me, it doesn't matter if I'm on the big tour, regional tour, or senior tour I just want to be a part of the PBA. I know that the road will be tough, but I'm looking forward to the challenges to come in my future. If my plans for the tour don't go so well, then I would like to be a bowling ball tester for bowlingball.com. I always like trying new equipment, so I think that this job would be great for me. As you can see, my future plans include bowling. I want to have this sport of bowling in my blood for the rest of my life, and pass it on to my kids in the future.

I love the sport of bowling so much that I write about it. My facebook page is where I type about my bowling. While I'm typing, I try to make believe that I'm typing a magazine article. I give my article a title and date to when I typed it. I've typed my current bowling resume, my "Streak of Sixes", "Storm's ERA", "February Madness", "Half of a Year" where I type about my resurgence in the second half of my league, and my most recent article was about my motivation when I'm out bowling league. After my Junior Gold League, I will type about how it was competing on three very grueling conditions.

Bowling will always be in my blood forever. I live for the moments when I have a good outing out on the lanes. My 299 game was a moment that will never be forgotten. I honestly was not nervous at all on the 12th shot until I released the ball out onto the lane. After that, I left a solid 10-pin and my run was over. I was devastated but it was only open bowling, so it wouldn't have counted for anything. Hopefully though, I do it again this league season so I can earn either a ring or plaque. People say that bowling isn't a

sport but it really is, try throwing a super-reactive bowling ball down on a lane condition where your margin for error is slim. No one can ever master the sport of bowling because no matter what, you're going to have an off day someday. Even the best pros have an off week. When you do get on a roll though, it's like the best feeling in the world. Bowling is like a mystery game and I think that's why I'm getting obsessed with the sport. You never know what can happen out on the lanes. Hopefully in the future, I will make the PBA Tour which is where the mystery of sport, is at its best.