

The Next Prodigy

By Caleb Scott

It was the winter bowling season 2006 that I started bowling; now I joined bowling as a sport to keep me busy during the off months of baseball and basketball season. But after that first Wednesday night league session I knew I had found my sport. The prodigy was just taking form.

Now I will be the first person to admit I wasn't very good at all starting off and I didn't start bowling till I was in the 8th grade so I didn't start off having great expectations. After my first season was average was a 122 throwing a straight ball but I was determined to improve. The summer season of the same year I improved my average up to a 136 with the help of my coaches Laurie Morton and 3 time PBA US Open Champion Dave Husted.

Now let's fast forward to the present year 2010, that same boy averaging 122 is now a feared competitor who just averaged a 202 at his summer league. He was a Pepsi State finalist in Washington for the year of 2007, and Oregon Junior Classic Champion for 2009. But to say bowling is the only reason I should be considered the prodigy is an understatement. When I graduate high school in 2011, I will also have earned my associates degree in college because I participate in a program called running start which allows me to attend college full time. I am also active in my community, each day after school I help out at my old elementary school for 2 hours and I also volunteer at local churches. When I am not at bowling practice 4 days a week or helping out I enjoy just being a regular kid.

Now that my bowling career has taken off the possibility of earning a bowling scholarship is quite likely. I have been actively talking to coaches in Kentucky and Indiana, and plan on taking college visits in the winter and spring. My ultimate goal is take my talents as far

as they will allow me, but should I not go pro that's ok. I plan on earning my masters degree in education and one day becoming a teacher. College coaches are pleased especially with my average being raised by over 30 pins over the last year.

Unlike most of your contestants I am the prodigy for more than one reason, I also show the game of bowling the respect it deserves. Most people right now think of Stephen Strasburg, standout rookie pitcher for the Washington Nationals, as the prime example for a prodigy. Now Strasburg as been perfecting his craft for many years, in just the span of four years I went from a 122 average to a 202 average, this was all done without buying any real expensive bowling balls, I throw the Storm Fast as my main ball, just imagine what I will be able to over the next couple of years with the new bowling equipment. Thank you Storm for your time.