

I am Prodigy!!

PRODIGY. By definition means, something extraordinary or inexplicable, a highly talented child or youth. In so many words, this is an accurate assessment of what I am in the bowling community. Compared to most in my bowling circle, I am by far an infant to the sport. Having never picked up a bowling ball until the age of nineteen, I am eleven years or better, later than my closet counterpart. Having never bowled a certified league until the ripe age of twenty five, sets me even further behind most of those who are considered "elite" bowlers. My first league was a sanctioned summer hav-a-ball league, which gave me a chance to practice and get two balls at one time. THE greatest idea since sliced bread! I bowled on a somewhat put together team, my girlfriend and I joined another couple, and Rock and Rose was born! (The ladies names were Raqcael and Rose). I averaged a whopping one fifty something. My high game was a high one ninety or maybe a low two hundred. A stellar performance by my standards. We won the league and so began my love affair with bowling!!

To some, bowling is a recreational activity and up until recently, I shared the same sentiment. But something inside of me was not satisfied just being another average bowler. I wanted NO!!..... I NEEDED MORE!! I needed to experience the pressure of needing a strike to lock out an opponent. The intense emotions and satisfaction of competitive league bowling. To receive all the rewards and accolades that come with this sport's participation. I needed that!! I needed to know that with hard work and determination, that anything was possible!

Through the years following, my skills stayed fairly stagnant. I progressed as anyone would practicing without proper coaching or guidance. A slow rise in my average was apparent but no extraordinary spike in scoring or awards. But then it happened.....all of a sudden it all made sense! Just when I was about to pack it up and take up kayaking, just like that, it all became clear.....my averages across the board went up twenty pins. I shot my first honor score, a 290 game... AMAZING!!!! The year following was even better, my average went up another ten pins, a 299 game, SWEET!!!!!! Then the unfathomable happened, with only SEVEN years in the game, an infant still to most, I became a bowling icon! In one season, six 300 games!! (one unsanctioned). My first 800 series!! Multiple tournament cashes, two king of the hill victories and many top four finishes. Out of five leagues, averaging over 200 in all of them, in five different houses. My lowest average was 205, my highest was 230!! My eleven honor scores were accomplished in nine different houses across two states in three years!!

Something extraordinary or inexplicable, a highly talented child or youth! When it comes to bowling, I am truly defined by the word PRODIGY! Either by extraordinary talent or inexplicable accomplishments! In my careers infancy, I continue to exceed my own expectations and raise the standards for generations to come. My future plans are to help the progression of the sport of bowling through coaching and sharing my tools to success to all that will listen. I'm the next PRODIGY, not because I believe it, but because I know it!!