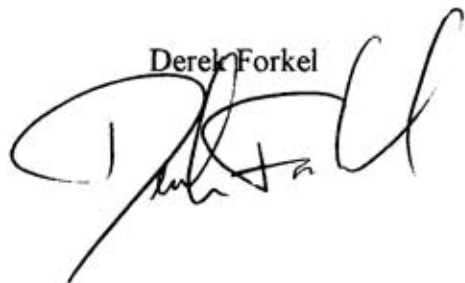


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Storm Prodigy

Well my name is Derek Forkel, I feel I am and will be the next Storm Prodigy of bowling. My bowling experience started back in 2006, after a horrible motorcycle accident I had and I almost lost my left leg, it was just hanging on by muscles. I now have a rod from my ankle to my knee. Doctors said I would not be running again or do to many other activities because of the rod and the screws in there. Well needless to say I started doing my own physical therapy, climbing stairs, doing squats, anything to get more flexibility in my leg. Then I met my new wife, and she reintroduced me to bowling. Of course the first ball I throw in this league already into half of their season was a gutter ball, how embarrassing. I was a no thumb thrower, I could rev the ball up but with no real consistency at all, could not hit my mark twice in a row to save my life. Well after that first half season with them, I went out bought my own ball, shoes, etc...and I practiced, and practiced, I changed my bowling style that I only knew my whole life, started throwing the traditional way "with my thumb in the ball also". I went back the next season, and everyone was like wow, you have improved, and that means a lot to me, with all the hard work I put into it. I threw a 297 that year 11 in a row that tugged the ball on the 12th, was really nervous. That was the end of that season. Season over with, I was out there practicing again for the summer. I went back for the next season of bowling, throw my first of three 300's, but I was only averaging 196, I had a few seven hundreds in there and a lot of six hundreds, meanwhile I am bowling all these games with no plastic spare balls at all, I always made fun of the guys walking in there with three or four bowling balls, and told them, if you can't do it with just one you are doing it all wrong. Was I mistaking, I bowled a few local tournaments around here, couldn't hit the pocket if it was right in front of me, see I only had the one ball and it was always really oily lanes, I couldn't figure out how to hit the pocket so I would just leave. Well this year, I took my bowling even more serious, I went to a bowling camp for the summer, where the coach taught the dick ritger bowling style. They tore my bowling apart and turned me into a true bowler, taught me angles, taught me the math involved in bowling, since then I have been averaging 230's, I cannot wait for the local tournaments this year, because watch out I will be on tv here, my goal is to go and try to be pro in a year or two, so whether you guys like my essay or not, you will see me on espn, bowling with wes, tommy, chris, walter, pdw, I promise that to you guys at storm. Who knows you may even sponsor me when I get there, I can't wait. Thanks for your time in reading this letter..

Derek Forkel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derek Forkel', written over the printed name above it.