

## Lareece Chambers: In It, To Win It!

I, Lareece Chambers, want to be the next Storm Bowling Prodigy. I believe I have the skill, dedication, and most importantly, the passion for the sport of bowling. I love it so much, I want to be on bowling team in college, and then become a PBA bowler! And I know I need two things to get there. The first thing is when and how you throw your ball. The second thing is attitude.

Though, what do I exactly mean by saying *attitude*? It means being a leader and always encouraging or helping others. It also means to have a role model behavior. These are two different things, but they are both required to have the *right* bowling attitude. So, now that you know all about the bowling *attitude*, let tell me tell you what it has accomplished for me.

I currently do a bowling league with a partner. For three seasons in a row, I never knew who my partner was going to be, and all of them were new. So, because my partners were new to this league, they didn't know how things worked around here. I told them I would be team captain, because, usually, the team captain knows how to handle things when there's a problem in the lanes or writing the scores or making payments. At first, I did everything for a couple of weeks because I wanted my partners be adjusted. Then, after a month went by, I ask them to watch me fill out everything a team captain is suppose to do. So when they understand, they can have practice by taking turns every other week. That way, they can pass on what they've learned to other new people. Plus, I also have to be supportive, encouraging, and helpful, which is role model behavior. And sometimes, I have to do that for myself.

While I do not have lots of local, female role models, where I live, I can still continue to be my best. It was exciting when I found out that PBA bowler Kelly Kulick won the 2010's *Tournament of Champions*. I believed she earned it. Hopefully, that can happen to me when I want to win one.

You see, the reason why I brought this up is to prove that just because I'm a girl, it doesn't mean I can't be as good as one of the guys. That's why I'm so competitive when I go against other people; I especially get more competitive when I have to go against the guys. And I've use one special strategy when I bowl..... singing.

Whenever I bowl, I always sing songs in my head depending on how I feel. I bowl okay if I was to sing a song of how I exactly feel. And you want to know the weirdest part? I always seem to bowl my best whenever I sing a song's emotion of the exact opposite of what I'm feeling. Whenever I'm happy, I sing a sad song in my head. Whenever I'm energetic, I play a mysterious song. Or, whenever I'm.....oh, you get the point. It may not be one hundred percent accurate, but I that will be a start for me. And it helped my average along the way.

You see, I'm a quick learner. When I first started bowling the Victor Bowl/USBC league, I was 12 and had a beginning average of 96. Currently, at age 14, I have an average of 144! And I only did this league for about 2 years. That a difference of +48! Now to me, to increase that much for three years is pretty big to me! And I made accomplishments during the time I've improved. Here's a list of awards and accomplishment I've gotten so far.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place award during my summer bowling league; 2010
- 50 pins over average award (Citrus Belt, 2010)
- Pepsi Qualifier two times in a row (2009 and 2010)
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Last Chance Tournament winner for the GRAND PRIX (2009)
- Sportsmanship Award (2009)
- Two 1<sup>st</sup> place awards during both of my summer bowling leagues (2008)
- 100, 120, 150, 175, and 200 game patch.
- 250, 300, 350, 400, and 450 series patch.
- 5 high scratch game awards
- Beat Your Coach Award

These accomplishments, above, happened, because I'm determined to have bowling goals achieved before I'm 18. I wanted to put goals that would be difficult so I can be more willing to push myself harder to become a better bowler. And so far, it has worked for me. So I'm going to stick with this strategy. Let me tell you the future goals I want to accomplish before 18.

Well, for the first one, I wanted to bowl a 200. Well, that's accomplished. My others goals are to bowl a 600, 700, and an 800 series before I'm 18. Also, I want to bowl a 300 before 18. I haven't reached the previous two goals yet, but, I will accomplish them. By the way, I have two role model bowlers that encourage me to go far into my bowling career.

Parker Bohn III is one of my role models; the second one is Rhino Page, because they are left-handed bowlers – like me! And second, they are really serious and focused when they bowl. So, if I was to win the contest, it would be the most astounding thing to meet Rhino Page (since he's one of the Storm Bowlers) and actually have a coaching session with him.

So, by everything I've experienced, so far, I believe I can be Storm's next bowling prodigy. It's not because I have to, it's because I want to. I'm going to prove that I can become anything I set my mind to. And I know I will reach my desires in time. So, I'm in it, to win it!