

My name is Nick Laviolette and I am a Storm Bowler. I have been throwing Storm bowling balls for about two and a half years and they never cease to amaze me. They are definitely the best bowling balls on the market.

I began bowling when I was five years old, but this is before I even had my own ball. For some unknown reason, I stopped bowling for ten years. I began bowling again on a summer youth-adult league. My father bought a bowling ball for me. It was a red Storm plastic ball. Sadly, this ball didn't last very long. It ended up being sanded to the core one night when it got stuck.

After summer was over and school started, I joined my high school's bowling team. Seeing as I didn't have my old red Storm anymore, I picked up a house ball. The coach gave me one of his old bowling balls. It was a Hammer Blade. After a few weeks of practice, my team's coach tells us about a fundraiser that we would be doing. We would be selling raffle tickets and whoever sold 60 would get a free ball.

It was difficult, but I managed to sell 60 tickets. I went to the pro shop to pick out my ball. I chose the Storm Secret Agent. After it was drilled, I went back to practice. Once I was set up and ready to bowl, I picked up my new ball and lined up just as I did when I was throwing my Blade. The Secret Agent over hooked by a long shot. I was amazed. If I remember right, I moved about 7 or 8 boards to the left before I started to find the pocket. My average jumped from 128 to 155 in a short amount of time. I also rolled my first 200 game, a 222, with the Secret Agent. I never used the Blade again, but still use that Secret Agent to this day. I was hooked on Storm from that point.

The next year, I sold another 60 tickets, but I waited a little while before getting my ball. The Invasion was coming out soon and I wanted it bad. I stuck it out with my Secret Agent and a Roto Grip Mutant Cell. When I finally got my Invasion, I was beyond excited to throw it. I got in three games with my Invasion. I rolled a 232, a 246, and a 252 for a 730 series. My first 700 series, but it was not sanctioned, unfortunately. I also had my first 240 and 250 games that day.

Within my 2 years of bowling, I caught up to my brother who never stopped bowling as a child like I did. I ended our winter league only 6 pins behind him with a 169 average. I will get him next year for sure.

I'm also bowling the summer league again this year. My average is sitting at 186. My Invasion and Secret Agent are my main arsenal.

I feel I am the next Prodigy not only because of my sudden return and quick average increase over such a short period of time, but also that I know I have every potential to rise above any expectation that I have for myself in bowling.

Bowling will always be a part of my life. I want to go to college at Purdue University and bowl for the Boilermakers, but even bigger dreams are in my sight. I want to make it all the way up into the PBA and bowl for Storm. And I know Storm will always be there to help me along the way by providing excellent equipment that goes beyond my expectations.