

# The Next Bowling Prodigy

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Prodigy - (Prod-i-gy) - A person, especially a child or young person, having extraordinary talent or ability. I truly believe that I am the next prodigy in American bowling. Some may say that you have to be good at something from the moment you start to be a true "prodigy," but in my opinion that is not necessarily always how it goes. I started bowling at the age of 13 at Guttormsen's Recreation Center in Kenosha, WI. I started practicing more and more as time went on and improved my average from 149 in the 2007-2008 winter season to 209 in the 2009-2010 winter season. This talent that I possess quite possibly could be genetic, my dad Mark was a pretty good bowler himself, but I think this gift just happened to fall upon me. Whoever said there is no such thing as a golden right hand is mistaken, because there is one attached to my wrist right now.

Usually prodigies, such as those in music and other sports, don't have to work very hard to achieve their high level of skill in their field. When I began the sport of bowling, I was able to get plenty of revolutions on the ball, but I didn't know how to adjust very well. I could make adjustments, but it ended up taking more than one shot to do so. As time went on I got the hang of it and began to make my own corrections frame by frame. I practice six or seven days a week to perfect my God-given skill. I have had the potential to be a great bowler since I first picked up a ball.

On February 6, 2010 I threw my first perfect game. Within the next month, I had the first eight strikes of a game three times, two 700 series, and had four chances for 290 games. If you ask me, that's not too shabby for just starting bowling three years ago. I have been on a hot streak ever since, having an average of 217 on a house shot and 194 on the Kegel's Beaten Path pattern this summer season. Considering I don't bowl as much during the summer months as I do in fall and winter, I would consider these averages well above the norm.

In the future I would like to show everyone in America what a prodigy really is. I especially look up to people such as Pete Weber, Norm Duke and Rhino Page. (My nickname on

my high school's bowling team is Ryno). Hopefully I will be as successful and as looked up to as those PBA champions. All of those men have been good since they were young, so they themselves could be considered prodigies. As many people know, PDW threw his first 300 at 12 years of age, Norm Duke won his first PBA title at the age of 18, and Rhino Page was a collegiate MVP and member of Junior Team USA.

My major goal for my career in bowling is to be compared to, and bowl against, the best of the best. Hopefully I will get a chance to do that during my life. Thank you for your time.