

A Prodigy in the making

Prodigy. What is a prodigy? Webster's dictionary defines it as, a portentous event, something extraordinary or inexplicable, a highly talented youth. For some, god given talent and athletic ability provided them with a foundation for greatness. For me, it was a lot of hard work to become a sensation. A sensation, that is, on the lanes. From my earliest days of bowling in youth leagues, to bowling in major events for cash prizes, and all the practice regiments in between. Hard work and persistence was the key.

What took me the longest to discover was the relationship between equipment and performance. Practice makes perfect, they say, but practice without the latest technology can leave you lagging behind the competition. The newest advances in bowling equipment in the capable hands of a prodigy, now that bowler will stand out from the rest of the field.

Bowling equipment has changed dramatically over the years. I've tried most of the offerings. Sometimes you get lost in the choices. But there's one company I've turned to recently that have made those choices easier. Storm. Their equipment has become my first choice when I need reliable performance and consistent reaction on critical shots, whether it is in league play, or tournaments. From the Gravity and Energy series to the Prodigy, I have the confidence to face the competition with technology that I can depend on. The "Matchmaker" process is perfect. If only social networking worked this well.

A Prodigy in the hands of this prodigy, well that just might be something extraordinary and inexplicable, as the definition goes. The only thing missing is being Storm's newest prodigy. That's where I want to be.

My goal? To be the best bowler I can be. And with Storm products, I'm almost there. The sport has evolved, and with that evolution has come demanding lane conditions of every conceivable pattern. Demanding yes, but when you find the right combination of ball and line, and it's delivered properly, the result is tremendous. Once, recently I shot a 299 with the Energy. The ball performed well. I on the other hand, well let's say the 7 pin left standing wasn't the ball's fault. That's how it goes I guess.

But, my accomplishments in the sport are many. Over the years I've shot seven 300 games, one in a men's county tournament. Not bad for a girl. I consistently average over 200 and have won on the local and state level. If only I could win the WIBC Queens. That would be sweet. The only thing I can think of that would be sweeter, winning the prodigy contest. Boy, if my friends could see me now. I'll take the Hy-Road all the way to the top of the contest. My four leaf clover will come with me too for good luck.

For me bowling is the constant that will always be there. As long as I can propel the ball down the lane I will be happy. And when that day comes, when I become older and weaker, I'll look back and wonder and marvel at the phenom, the prodigy that I once was or could have been. There will be no regrets. Only the memories of the accomplishments and times spent with friends and competitors playing this great sport.

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