

2010 NCAUSBCA Youth Scratch Invitational finalists mini-bios

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Division champions

JASON EMAN • JOSEPH LAVELLE • DE'ANDREW CLARK

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A DIVISION (185+ average)



1. JASON EMAN, 16, Springfield, Va. ... 214 average ... bowls in the Youth All-Stars league at Bowl America Shirley ... highest certified game/series: 290/777 ... first bowled at age 7 ... junior at Annandale High School ... other interests include video games ... future plans: “to have kids” ... bowling rates a “9” (with 10 as “most important”) in his life ... next bowling goal is to win Junior Gold Nationals ... 15-pound Roto Grip Mutant Cell is the usually the first ball out of his bag ... wears Nike bowling shoes ... favorite meal: fried rice ...

beverage: Sprite ... TV show: “Nitro Circus” ... movie: *The Proposal* ... music group or singer: Taylor Swift ... Web Site: *facebook.com* ... spends too much money on games ... hates to do paperwork ... one word that best describes me: “loser” ... refuses to eat crabs ... would like to meet Jackie Chan ... first item I would buy if I won the lottery: “a ring for the girlfriend”



2. ADAM MITCHELL, 20, Chantilly, Va. ... 205 average ... home center is Bowl America Bull Run ... leagues: Saturday Morning Youth and Youth PBA Experience ... 300/727 ... first bowled at age 10 ... sophomore at Northern Virginia Community College ... serves as a director on the NCAUSBCA board ... plans include finishing college and getting a Bachelor’s degree in business / human resources while continuing to bowl ... bowling rates an “8” ... best part of my bowling game is my mental game ... worst part: “lack of confidence

sometimes” ... bowling goals: “get another 300 and shoot first 800” ... 15-pound Hammer Toxic ... Dexter bowling shoes ... best moment in bowling was 300 game on May 1, 2004 ... I bowl because it is fun/competitive, and I enjoy being around the people I bowl with ... Chinese food ... Coke ... “House” & “NCIS” ... *Miss Congeniality* ... Daughtry ... *facebook.com* ... normally wakes at 7 a.m. ... spends too much money on fast food ... hates to shovel snow ... “meticulous” ... refuses to eat mushrooms ... would like to meet Sandra Bullock ... would buy a house with lottery winnings



3. MARCUS ALEXANDER, 17, La Plata, Md. ... 207 average ... rolls in the Teenpinners at AMF Capital Plaza ... 289/715 ... first bowled at age 6 ... freshman at Delaware State University ... enjoys hanging out, video games ... plans to become a successful computer scientist ... bowling rates an “8” ... 15-pound Storm Fast ... wears 3G bowling shoes ... doesn’t want to see the 6-10 spare combination in the 10th frame ... best moment: “when I took 1st in this tournament” ... I bowl because it calms my nerves, [and is] fun and exciting ... hot wings

& fries ... Kool-Aid ... “The Game” ... Friday ... *facebook.com* ... normally wakes at 8:15 a.m. ... spends too much on clothes ... hates to put gas in his car ... “intelligent” ... hates carrots ... would like to meet Gabrielle Union ... would pay off tuition with lottery win



4 (tie). TYLER BROOKS, 18, Brandywine, Md. ... 197 average ... Saturday Morning Youth league at AMF Waldorf ... 285/760 ... first bowled at age 13 ... freshman at Prince George’s Community College ... enjoys basketball, football, working on cars ... plans to become one of the top crime scene technicians ... bowling rates a “9” ... best part of my game: staying focused ... worst part: missing my spares ... bowling goal: win Junior Gold ... 15-pound Hammer Toxic ... wears Ebonite shoes ... best moment: “bowling my 285” ... I bowl because

it’s something I love to do and I’m good at it ... lasagna ... root beer ... “House of Payne” ... *The Hangover* ... ‘Lil Wayne ... *facebook.com* ... normally gets up at 7 a.m. ... spends too much on clothes ... task I hate to do: “go to school” ... “laid-back” ... refuses to eat broccoli ... would like to meet Barack Obama ... after winning lottery, would buy “my own place”



4 (tie). KYLE SUTPHIN, 16, Prince Frederick, Md. ... 189 average ... league: Junior/Majors at Lord Calvert Bowl ...288/729 ... first bowled at age 5 ... 10th-grader at Calvert High School ... outside interests include track ... “I want to be a cop” ... bowling rates a “9.5” ... best part of my game: “I am coachable” ... worst part: “TEN PIN” ... bowling goal: “to shoot a 300” ... 15-pound Ebonite Striking Motion ... wears Dexter shoes ... 10th frame: doesn't want to see the 2-4-5-8 ... best bowling moment: “when I shot my first 700 series” ... I bowl

because I love it, and it is what I'm good at ... pizza ... McDonald's Sweet Tea ... “Nitro Circus” ... *The Hangover* ... Killswitch Engage ... *facebook.com* ... normally awakens at 5:45 a.m. ... spends too much on food ... task I hate to do: “go to school” ... “goofy” ... refuses to eat “anything green” ... would like to meet Megan Fox ... lottery win equals mansion



6. TOMMIE AUSTIN, 19, Alexandria, Va. ... 186 average ... bowls in Silver Hill Strikers at AMF Marlow Heights ... 290/699 ... first bowled at age 4 ... freshman at NOVA (Alexandria) ... future plans: dancer ... bowling rates an “8” ... 15-pound Hammer The Sauce ... wears Dexters ... best moment in bowling: making the 7-10 split four times ... I bowl because it's something to do outside the house ... Popeye's chicken ... iced tea ... “Bones” ... *Bride Wars* ... Pink ... *youtube.com* ... normally awakens at 6:30 a.m. ... spends too much on

Popeye's chicken ... hates paperwork ... “wow” ... refuses to eat squid ... would like to meet Beyonce ... would buy a new bowling ball with lottery win



7. STANLEY HARRIS JR., 19, Chesapeake Beach, Md. ... 193
average ... competes in Junior/Majors at Lord Calvert Bowl ... 288/694
... first bowled at age 5 ... sophomore at the College of Southern
Maryland ... other interests include basketball, football, and having
fun with the family ... future plans: “To meet LeBron James and one
day to help little kids by coaching” ... bowling rates a “10” ... next
bowling goal is to qualify for Junior Gold ... 15-pound Hammer
Black Widow ... wears Brunswick shoes ... best moment: rolled 288

game on 16th birthday ... I bowl because it is a fun thing to do and because you get
to meet new people ... seafood ... Sprite ... “ESPN SportsCenter” ... *More Than a Game*
... Ne-yo ... *facebook.com* ... normally awakens at 10 a.m. ... spends too much on food
and bowling ... hate to clean my room ... “sociable” ... refuses to eat peas ... would
purchase a car with lottery win



8. BRANDON LOWE, 16, Washington, D.C. ... 209 average ...
rolls in Silver Hill Strikers at AMF Marlow Heights ... 289/796
... first bowled as a 3-year-old ... junior at Maya Angelou Public
Charter School ... interests include singing and tennis ... future
plans: “bowling and singing, college, and making a lot of money”
... bowling rates a “9” ... best part of my game: conditioning ... worst
part: adjusting to lane conditions ... next bowling goal is to win
Junior Gold ... 15-pound Ebonite The One ... wears Dexters ... best

bowling moment was winning the Eastern Regional ... I bowl because I enjoy it ...
Chicken Tenders ... Sweet Tea ... “The Game” ... *Medea Goes to Jail* ... Clark Sisters ...
youtube.com ... normally awakens at 8 a.m. ... spends too much money on bowling ...
hates cleaning the car ... “Libra” ... refuses to eat chitlings ... would like to meet Patti
Labelle ... would buy a car with lottery win

B DIVISION (165-184 average)



1. JOSEPH LAVELLE, 16, Alexandria, Va. ... 184 average ... Generation Gap at Fort Belvoir ... 296/682 ... first bowled at age 9 ... junior at Bishop Ireton ... enjoys golf and ice hockey ... future plans include collegiate bowling ... bowling rates a “10” ... placed fifth in B Division last year ... making adjustments is best part of my bowling game ... spare shooting is the worst ... bowling goals: 300 game and 700 series ... 15-pound Track Tantrum ... wears Dexter SST 8 shoes ... best moment in bowling: “shooting my 296” ... I bowl because

I can ... Big Mac ... Red Bull ... “NUMB3RS” / “The Office” ... *League of Ordinary Gentlemen* / *Top Gun* ... Blink 182 / George Strait ... *facebook.com* ... normally wakes up at 7:15 a.m. ... spends too much money on bowling ... hates homework ... “tall” ... one food I refuse to eat: “Mom’s Stew” ... would like to meet Steve Yzerman ... would buy a Ford F-150 with lottery winnings



2. CORY WATHEN, 16, California, Md. ... 184 average ... Pax Youth league at Patuxent River ... first bowled at age 5 ... sophomore at Great Mills High School ... interests: video games and cars ... future plans include college ... bowling rates a “9” ... best part of my game: “ability to make adjustments” ... worst part is picking up 10-pins ... bowling goal: 300 game ... 14-pound Track Hexplosion ... Etonic shoes ... best moment: “bowling my 289” ... I bowl because it’s fun ... Popeye’s chicken ... Ice tea ... “NCIS” ... *Blues Brothers* ...

P.O.D. ... *youtube.com* ... normally wakes up at 6 a.m. ... spends too much money on “my truck” ... hates to shovel snow ... “quiet” ... refuses to eat spinach ... would like to meet Norm Duke ... would buy a Ferrari if I win the lottery



3. BOBBY KESSLER, 18, Olney, Md. ... 165 average ... Family Funtime league at Bowl America Gaithersburg ... first bowled at age 10 ... senior at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School ... enjoys golf ... future plans: “accountant, University of Maryland” ... bowling rates an “8” ... first ball is best part of my game ... missing 10-pin is worst part ... 16-pound Storm Shift ... Dexter bowling shoes ... best moment in bowling: winning the Virginia State High School Tournament ... I bowl because I enjoy the competition ... steak ...

Dr. Pepper ... “Sons of Anarchy” ... *Fast and Furious* ... Nirvana (Kurt Cobain) ... *youtube.com* ... normally awakens at 7 a.m. ... spends too much on movie tickets ... hates to “clean my room” ... “quiet” ... refuses to eat peanuts ... would like to meet Megan Fox ... would purchase a Lamborghini Murcielago upon winning the lottery



4. RODNEY HIGGS, 15, Suitland, Md. ... 185 average ... Rinaldi’s Youth league at Rinaldi’s Riverdale Bowl ... first bowled at age 6 ... sophomore at Dr. Henry A. Wise High School ... plans include college and bowling or playing football ... bowling goal: “to win the Virginia State” ... 15-pound Storm Virtual Gravity ... wears Dexters ... best bowling moment: “my first 600 set” ... I bowl because it’s something I like to do, and I enjoy it ... pizza ... root beer ... “106 & Park” ... ATL ... T.I. ... *facebook.com* ... 7:30 a.m. ... spends too much

on shoes ... hates to wash dishes ... “hyper” ... refuses to eat peas ... would like to meet T.I. ... first item I would buy if I won the lottery: “a house for my mom”



5. CHRIS WARD, 15, Manassas, Va. ... 175 average ... High Rollers at Bowl America Bull Run ... 276/724 ... first bowled at age 3 ... ninth-grader at Osbourn High School ... enjoys baseball, basketball, golf ... future plans include college ... bowling rates a “9” ... finished sixth in B Division in 2009 Invitational ... bowling goal: winning Junior Gold ... 15-pound Storm Virtual Gravity ... Dexter bowling shoes ... best moment: “bowling my first 700” ... I bowl because it’s fun and challenging ... chicken ... Dr. Pepper ... “ESPN SportsCenter”

... *Avatar* ... Drake ... *addictinggames.com* ... wakes up at 6 a.m. ... spends too much money on games ... hates homework ... “hyper” ... refuses to eat green beans ... would like to meet A-Rod ... would buy a bowling center with lottery winnings



6. SKYLER FOSTER, 17, Germantown, Md. ... 180 average ... Saturday Morning Youth at Bowl America Gaithersburg ... 265/666 ... first bowled at age 4 ... senior at Northwest High School ... interests include basketball ... college ... bowling rates an “8” ... placed eighth in C Division in 2009 Invitational ... best part of my game: good ball rotation ... worst part: “can’t pick up the 10-pin (3 out of 10)” ... bowling goal: “to improve my average” ... 14-pound Hammer Cherry Vibe ... Ebonite bowling shoes ... best moment: 265 game ...

I bowl because it is relaxing and fun ... fried chicken ... Sweet Tea ... “Family Guy” ... *Remember the Titans* ... ‘Lil Wayne ... *facebook.com* ... normally wakes at 4:50 a.m. ... spends too much money on bowling ... hates to clean ... “different” ... refuses to eat sushi ... would like to meet President Barack Obama ... would buy a Lotus Elise with lottery winnings



7. BRETT SMITH, 17, Annandale, Va. ... 173 average ... Saturday Youth at Bowl America Fairfax ... 275/718 ... first bowled at age 10 ... senior at Falls Church High School ... enjoys football ... future plans: college ... bowling rates a “10” ... best part of my bowling game: “my style of bowling” ... worst part: “things getting me during a game” ... bowling goals: possibly bowl in college and a 300 ... 16-pound Storm Fast ... Etonic bowling shoes ... best moment: “when I shot my best series of a 718” ... I bowl because I love the game ... pasta ... Sweet Tea ... “CSI” ... *Transformers* ... Linkin Park ... *facebook.com* ... normally gets up at 6 a.m. ... spends too much on bowling equipment ... hates to clean ... “humorous” ... refuses to eat spinach ... would like to meet Megan Fox ... 2010 Camaro would be first item bought after winning the lottery



8. DOUG TYLER, 17, Suitland, Md. ... 183 average ... Saturday Morning Youth at AMF Waldorf ... 253/657 ... first bowled as a 5-year-old ... junior at Surattsville High School ... drag racing, working on cars, auto transport ... future plans: “own my own auto mechanic shop” ... bowling rates an “8” ... best part of my game is when I’m focused ... worst part: missing spares ... bowling goal: win Junior Gold ... 15-pound Roto Grip Rogue Cell ... Etonic bowling shoes ... best moment in bowling: meeting new people ... I bowl because I love bowling, and it runs in the family ... fried chicken ... fruit punch ... “Tyler Perry House of Payne” ... *Pineapple Express* ... Gucci ... spends too much on bowling balls ... hates to “clean my room” ... “giddy” ... refuses to eat spaghetti ... would like to meet President Obama ... would buy a 2010 Chevy Camaro

C DIVISION (150 to 164 average)



1. DE'ANDREW CLARK, 14, Upper Marlboro, Md. ... 156 average ... Teenpinners at AMF Capital Plaza ... 290/731 ... first bowled at age 4 ... 8th-grader at Gwynn Park Middle School ... hobbies & other interests: baseball, football, soccer ... future plans: veterinarian, professional athlete ... bowling rates an "8" ... is able to get strikes but does not listen to coach when bowling bad ... bowling goal: City Tournament ... 14-pound Ebonite Gamebreaker ... best moment: striking out ... I bowl because I like competition ... seafood ... root beet ... "That 70s Show" ... *Terminator* ... Wale ... *facebook.com* ... normally wakes at 6:30 a.m. ... spends too much money on candy ... task I hate to do: "clean a lot" ... "shy" ... refuses to eat sushi ... would like to meet Will Smith ... would purchase video games if I won the lottery



2. CAMERON KICAK, 13, Alexandria, Va. ... 151 average ... U.S. Bowling Youth ... 267/701 ... home-schooled 8th-grader ... enjoys baseball ... future plans include Major League Baseball and pro-am bowling ... bowling rates an "8" ... first bowled at age 2-1/2 ... 14-pound Storm Zone ... best moment in bowling: "when I bowled a 267 game" ... I bowl because it is a fun and competitive game I can enjoy ... bacon cheeseburger ... root beer float ... Brooks & Dunn ... *serebii.net* ... normally gets up at 9:30 a.m. ... task I hate to do: homework ... "competitive" ... one food I refuse to eat: brussels sprouts ... would like to meet Cal Ripken Jr. ... would purchase Xbox 360 and baseball season tickets after winning the lottery



3. TAYLOR PAYNE, 14, Lorton, Va. ... 163 average ... Saturday Youth league at Fort Belvoir ... 246/627 ... first bowled at age 7 ... 8th-grader at Hayfield Secondary School ... enjoys baseball and skateboarding ... future plans include the military ... bowling rates an “8” ... best part of my game: “my release” ... worst part: “when I miss 10-pins” ... bowling goal: 600 Club championship ... 14-pound Hammer Vibe ... Brunswick bowling shoes ... best moment in bowling: “my 289 game” ... I bowl because it’s entertaining, fun, and a way to meet people ... Chinese food ... orange juice ... ESPN ... Alesana ... *facebook.com* ... normally awoken at 6 a.m. on school days and 9 a.m. on weekends ... spends too much on baseball equipment, coffee, and food ... task I hate to do: dishes ... “outgoing” ... refuses to eat brussels sprouts ... would like to meet Derek Jeter ... would buy a car if I won the lottery



4. NICK DELONGIS, 15, Fairfax, Va. ... 161 average ... Saturday Morning Youth at Bowl America Fairfax ... 279/659 ... first bowled at age 11 ... 8th-grader at Sidney Lanier Intermediate ... enjoys skateboarding ... future plans: “college, electrician, pro bowler, or pro skater” ... bowling rates a “9” ... best part of my bowling game: consistency ... worst part: my nemesis, the 10-pin ... bowling goal: “take home ‘City’” ... 15-pound Brunswick Twisted Fury ... wears Etonic bowling shoes ... my best bowling moment: “learning the hook” ... I bowl because it’s fun ... lasagna ... Mountain Dew ... “Scrubs” ... *Enter the Dragon* ... *Rise Against* ... *facebook.com* ... normally gets up at 6:45 a.m. ... spends too much money on skateboards ... hates taking out the trash ... “tall” ... refuses to eat eggs ... would like to meet Chris Cole ... after winning the lottery, would buy a “plastic ball to finish my arsenal”



5. KYLE MERRIMAN, 16, Fredericksburg, Va. ... 164 average ... bowls in the Quantico Youth league ... 247/640 ... first bowled at age 13 ... junior at Chancellor High School ... video games, football, baseball ... future plans: go to college and raise a family ... bowling rates a “7” ... best part of my bowling game: “only using one ball” ... worst part: “picking a target” ... bowling goal: “bowl a 300” ... 14-pound Tropical Storm ... Brunswick bowling shoes ... best bowling moment: “making it to the final 8 in the 2010 NCAUSBCA

Invitational” ... I bowl because it’s fun and not too many of my friends bowl ... Chipotle burrito ... Mountain Dew ... “24” ... *Shooter* ... ‘Lil Wayne ... *youtube.com* ... normally gets up at 6:30 a.m. ... spends too much on video games ... hates to do laundry ... refuses to eat mustard chicken ... would like to meet Jason Witten ... would buy Bugati Veyron with lottery winnings



6. DENARD BANKSTON II, 11, Fort Belvoir, Va. ... 151 average ... Generation Gap at Fort Belvoir ... 226/594 ... first bowled at age 7 ... 6th-grader at Fort Belvoir Elementary School ... interests include football, basketball, fishing ... future plans include college bowling ... bowling rates a “9” ... the ability to adjust is the best part of my bowling game ... worst part: “keeping my form” ... bowling goal: “scholarship” ... Ebonite Showtime ... PBA Tour bowling shoe ... does not want to see the 3-6-10 spare combination in the 10th

frame ... best moment in bowling: winning the 2007 NRV Commonwealth Games in Christiansburg, Va. ... I bowl because I love doing it ... pizza ... Gatorade ... “Everybody Hates Chris” ... *Disaster Movie* ... 50 Cent ... *funbrain.com* ... normally awakens at 6:50 a.m. ... spends too much money on music CDs ... task I hate to do: “clean my room” ... “versatile” ... refuses to eat brussels sprouts ... would like to meet President Obama ... would buy a mansion for my parents if I won the lottery



7. AUSTIN SUTPHIN, 14, Prince Frederick, Md. ... 162 average ... Junior/Majors at Lord Calvert Bowl ... 257/599 ... first bowled at age 4 ... 8th-grader at Calvert Middle School ... enjoying playing Xbox ... future plans: “be a pro bowler” ... bowling rates a “7” ... best moment in bowling: “bowling in this tournament” ... I bowl because I like it—it’s a family competition ... hamburgers ... Dr. Pepper ... “Suite Life of Zac & Cody” ... *The Hangover* ... 3 Days Grace ... *facebook.com* ... normally wakes up at 6 a.m. ... spends too much (of Mom’s money) on video games ... hates to do the dishes ... “funny” ... refuses to eat broccoli ... would like to meet LaRon Landry ... would buy an ATV with winnings from the lottery



8. E. MAURICE MOTON, 14, Waldorf, Md. ... 163 average ... Silver Hill Strikers at AMF Marlow Heights ... 244/608 ... first bowled at age 4 ... 9th-grader at Westlake High School ... basketball, football, video games ... future plans: “professional chef” ... bowling rates an “8” ... best part of my game: “I can make adjustments to the lane condition” ... worst part: “7-pin spare” ... bowling goal: 300 game ... Brunswick Impulse Zone ... Dexter bowling shoes ... doesn’t want to see the 6-10 spare in the 10th frame ... best bowling moment: 2nd place in the M.A.Y.B.E. Tournament ... I bowl because I love the game, and my entire family bowls ... Subway’s Foot-long turkey, ham, and cheese ... Sweet Tea ... “Martin” ... *Transformers 2* ... ‘Lil Wayne ... *myspace.com* ... normally wakes up at 6:30 a.m. ... spends too much money on clothes ... hates washing dishes ... “funny” ... refuses to eat beets ... would like to meet Martin Lawrence ... would buy a house with winnings from the lottery