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BIRTH DATE: July 18, 1993

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Springfield, Va.

EDUCATION: Senior at Annandale High School

CURRENT JOB: I work at Starbucks.

EARLIEST BOWLING MEMORY: My Dad was a semi-professional bowler in Indonesia, where I was born. He wanted to teach me bowling when we came to America, so I rolled my first bowling ball when I was about six. Ever since that day, I kind of fell in love with the sport.

CURRENT BOWLING LEAGUE: Senior Stars Youth league at Bowl America Shirley

BEST PART OF MY GAME: My consistent ball speed

WORST PART OF MY GAME: My concentration and my balance. My balance is the key to my consistency.

MOST EMBARRASSING BOWLING MOMENT: A couple of years back, I had eight in-a-row in, I believe, a Vern Burke tournament. I was getting an adrenaline rush, I guess, and forgot to dry my hand on the hand dryer. It turns out I swung my hand, and the ball went totally in the other direction. Instead of knocking pins down, I almost knocked my teammates down! Let's just say I didn't get the strike after that because I was too embarrassed.

SPARE-SHOOTER RATING (10 = best / 1 = worst): From last year, I can say I've improved magnificently. Last year, it was about a "6"; this year, it's probably an "8" or "9." I've worked a lot on my spares—more than anything else. I don't care about strikes; strikes will come, but spares is what keeps me going.

FAVORITE PRO BOWLER: Chris Barnes. I kind of see him as myself. I feel like the Chris Barnes of youth bowling right now

because I've been winning a lot of local tournaments, and that's what he does, so I kind of compare myself to him.

PERSONAL COACH OR INSTRUCTOR: [NCAUSBCA member] Darryl Carreon has kind have been the mentor to me—the one who tells me I've been doing this wrong, and he tries to fix it as best as he can. About 99 percent of the time, it's helped.

IMPORTANCE OF BOWLING IN MY LIFE (10 = most / 1 = least): 10

MOST IMMEDIATE BOWLING GOAL: To become the best bowler. The only reason I say that is because if I just pick a small goal, once I accomplish that, I have to pick another goal. I'm going to Junior Gold this summer, and I've been practicing on a number of Sport shots to try to work on my accuracy and my consistency and my balance. Hopefully in the next year or two or three while I'm in Youth, I can get a lot higher in the rankings in Junior Gold and get up there the way I've been doing in the Youth [Scratch] Invitational.

HOW I HANDLED THE PRESSURE IN THE INVITATIONAL POSITION-ROUND MATCH: I sat down and looked down on the floor. The only thing I was thinking about was just past moments of my life where I succeeded. I was thinking about how I beat Adam [Mitchell] by two pins last year, and if I did it last year, I can do it again. Moments like that make me happier, and make me think, I can do this; I can beat him!

COMPETITORS I MOST ADMIRE: The biggest two I would have to say are Rodney Eckles and Robert Alston. Robert Alston was in the No. 1 spot for three [Invitational] rounds. Even though he hasn't motivated me, he's been the person that's like, *I have to get him! I have to beat him!* Instead of people changing and someone else going into first, it's, *I have to beat Rob! I have to beat Rob! I have to beat Rob!*

With Rodney, almost every tournament I'm in, he's in, and he's always on my back, he's always the one beating me, so he's also been the one motivating me to bowl better. Thanks to him and Rob, I overcame those two and I won. So those two are the two people I *admire*, not I hate the most, but I admire them. *Hate* is not a word in my vocabulary when it comes to bowling. I can never hate someone. I can only ... just want to beat him!

INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF BOWLING: I used to play lacrosse at school. I work a lot, so my daily routine is usually school, work, bowling, and sleep—and then the same thing over and over again. I don't like to put too much things on myself because that's what complicates people's lives. So if I keep it simple with just school, work, and bowling, then I can succeed in things.

BIGGEST MISCONCEPTION ABOUT MYSELF: I wish I had my sister next to me to tell me this! A lot of people think that I'm very arrogant and cocky. Like after I win something, they think I like go around blabbing my mouth and, you know, have that bragging right, but I really don't do that.

ELECTRONICS: I'm a big Xbox guy. All my friends have the PS3. I say, *Nope!* I'm sticking with the Xbox 360.

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Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

26 – NCAUSBCA Scratch Mixed Doubles Tournament at Bowl America Shirley.

27 – NCAUSBCA Annual Meeting at Bowl America Gaithersburg.

MARCH

5-6, 12-13 – NCAUSBCA Youth Championship Tournament at Bowl America Woodbridge.

6 – Entry closing date for NCAUSBCA Open Championship Tournament and Women's Championship Tournament.

12 – Junior Gold (Mini) Tournament at Valley Lanes, Harrisonburg, Va.

26-27, April 2-3, 9-10, 16-17 – NCAUSBCA Open Championship Tournament at AMF Annandale and AMF Capital Plaza.

26-27, April 2-3, 9-10, 16-17 – NCAUSBCA Women's Championship Tournament at AMF Annandale and AMF Capital Plaza.

APRIL

16 – Junior Gold (Major) Tournament at Bowl America Short Pump, Glen Allen, Va.

17 – Vern Burke Tournament at Bowl America Manassas.

MAY

1 – 600 Club Tournament of Champions at Bowl America Falls Church.

7 – Junior Gold (Mini) Tournament at Pinboys at the Beach, Virginia Beach, Va.

Tournament Roundup

NCAUSBCA Youth 600 Club Winter Doubles at Bowl America Dranesville

– 1, Donald Bock, Jeffersonton, Va. (657 series) & Chris Ward, Manassas (645), 1,302, \$100 (scholarship); 2, Malcolm James (718) & Michael Simpson, Woodbridge (528), 1,246, \$80. ... *Other Tournament of Champions qualifiers:* previous qualifier Ryan Anders, Dunkirk, Md. (648); Zane Evans South Riding, Va. (644); Augie Bransford, Fairfax, Va. (631); and Tyler Brooks, Brandywine, Md. (621). ... Malcolm James bowled his first 300 game.

WINDOWS OR MAC: Windows ... and Bill Gates

HOT DOG OR HAMBURGER: Cheeseburger!

MY ONE GUILTY PLEASURE: I always go for the best. It's always *quality* for me; it's never *quantity*. I always grab the best, even if it's the most expensive, if it's the hardest to reach. If it comes to goals, my goal isn't just to win the tournament; it's to be the best bowler in the world.

VEHICLE I DRIVE: Chrysler 300M—an old man's car!

NICKNAME: My sister and a lot of my friends back in my early high school and middle school years called me "Fatso." I used to be a chubby little guy. People took it as a joke, but I took it seriously, and I'd get really upset. I didn't really exercise, but I just stopped eating that extra meal that I would always have at home—the snacks and all those candies. About a year or two later, puberty shot up, and I grew into my own weight. My sister stopped talking bad about me now that I'm winning these tournaments! She's the one person who's always kind of bringing my self-confidence down, but ever since I had a job and started doing well in school, and I kind of started bowling better and taking care of my life, that's when she kind of backed down and appreciated me.

FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL: I want to say *lunch*, but that's not a subject! Any type of business class grabs my interest, like marketing. I'm taking a class called "Entrepreneurship" that's teaching me how to run a business, and that's what I plan on doing someday—running my own business. I'm one of those people who don't like *taking* orders; I'm one of those who likes *giving* orders.

TYPE OF PRODUCT OR SERVICE WITH WHICH I ENVISION WORKING: Something I'm really good at is bowling, so maybe I'd like to open my own pro shop someday—somewhere in the area that's not around a famous pro shop but maybe something I'm familiar with so that I don't have to make a lot of studies. Maybe open my own bowling alley one day if I ever had that much money. If not in bowling, then an athletic store maybe, kind of like a Dick's Sporting Goods.

BRAND FOR WHICH I'D LIKE TO BE SPOKESMAN: In athletic ware, it's got to be Nike. In bowling, it's Roto Grip: I used a Roto Grip Theory to win the [Invitational].

PET PEEVE: Annoying people and loud people. I like people who are quiet, calm, and laid-back.

MY MOST TREASURED POSSESSION: My TV

SUBJECT ABOUT WHICH I'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE: The Professional Bowlers Association. I'm not really quite sure about what they do up there with the U.S. Open and other events, so I'd really like to learn more about them, so I can get to them someday.

PHILOSOPHY I LIVE BY: If you want respect, you've gotta give respect.

Hall of Famer Earl Hickerson dies



At press time, it was learned that [Earl Hickerson](#), a member of the NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame, died February 20 at a nursing home in Richmond, Va.

Hickerson, who served as president of the Nation's Capital Area Bowling Association for the 1980-1981 season, provided guidance to association's board, especially its newest directors, during his many years of service to the association and its members. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1983.

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