
The Best Bowling Tip I've Ever Had

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When I was growing up and bowling in the junior leagues, Andy Rydock, my coach, was teaching me all that he knew, and he gave me my best tip. It was about staying within yourself and keeping with the basics and the fundamentals. He would always say, "Don't do what ten other guys are trying to do out on the lanes."

In an important match play tournament in 1977, his tip came back to me when I started the event with all of the other guys out on the gutter where "the shot" supposedly was. I began with games of 180- and 190-something, while these other folks were rolling some big scores from the gutter.

I've always known that my game was designed more for a second-arrow kind of shot, so I moved in to the second arrow and I ended up winning the tournament. I'll never forget that win because all of the guys around me stayed out on the edge.

The idea there was that I stayed within *my* game: I stayed within what *I* knew best and it worked out for *me*. And it has worked out many times since then.

So learn to stay within *your* game and don't do what's not there for *you*.