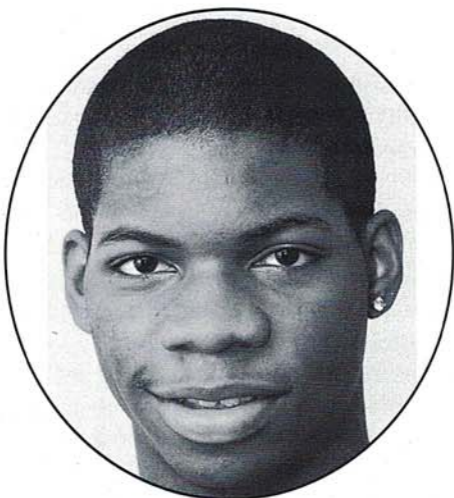


In the Spotlight



WAYNE ARTIS

On October 7, Wayne Artis of Waldorf tossed his first career certified perfect game in the Silver Hill Strikers youth league at AMF Marlow Heights, scoring 300-246-225/771—his second highest series after an earlier 775.

With many of the league members and coaches watching, the 17-year-old right-hander, a senior at McDonough High who scored a 290 game in the league in September and rolled a 298 and placed second to Allen Windsor in the Vir-Mar District 600 Club Tournament of Champions last March, admitted he was a “little nervous” as he walked onto the approach to roll his second ball in the tenth frame of his opening game. Before he could take his first step, however, he realized he didn’t feel right and stepped back off the approach to compose himself, which turned out to be a courageous and correct move. The 12th ball, he said, was comparatively easy.

Artis, who would like to be a pro bowler and admires Chris Barnes because “he’s not one-dimensional,” plans to bowl and major in engineering at college and presently is considering attending the University of Central Florida. He currently competes in as many youth events as possible, hoping to collect those much-needed and appreciated scholarship funds.