NCAUSBCA Youth Invitational Scratch Singles Tournament Finalists' Mini-Bios

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A DIVISION



average ... home center: AMF Waldorf ... highest certified game/series: 300/788 ... junior at North Point High School ... hobbies & other interests: video games ... future plans: attend college and bowl on the PBA Tour and make Team USA ... bowling rates a 10 ... first bowled at age 4 ... strongest part of my game: versatility ... must improve my mental game ... first ball out of my bag: 15-pound Storm Pitch Black



JACOB BOCKSTIE, 15, Nottingham, Md. ... 207 average ...The Lanes Fort Meade ... 289/707 ... ninth-grader at Calvert Hall ... enjoys baseball ... future plans include college bowling, baseball ... bowling rates a 10 ... first bowled at age 11 ... strongest part of game: able to adjust ... must improve making spares ... 15-pound Storm



PIERCE McLAUGHLIN, 18, Millersville, Md. ...228 average ... senior at Severna Park High School ... interests include animals, beach, video games ... "college and become a vet" ... bowling rates a 10 ... first bowled at age 7 ... strongest part of my game: work ethic & knowledge of my equipment ... must improve transition ... 15-pound Idol Helios



MARKIE ELMER, 18, Crofton, Md. ... 212 average ... Crofton Bowling Centre ... 299/719 ... senior at Arundel High School ... interests include digital design & video editing ... plans to attend Cumberland University, majoring in graphic design ... bowling rates a 10 ... first bowled at age 4 ... strongest part of my game: picking up spares ... must improve mental game ... 15-pound Storm Code Red



NATE TRENTLER, 17, Phoenix, Md. ... 227 average ... The Lanes Fort Meade ... 300/794 ... junior at Dulaney High School ... enjoys cooking ... plans to bowl on tour and pursue a career in finance ... bowling rates a 10 ... first bowled at age 2 1/2 ... versitility is strongest part of my game ... must improve "beating transition" ... 15-pound 900 Global Burner Solid



JA'SEAN BILLINGS, 17, Hyattsville, Md. ...214 average ... The Lanes Fort Meade ... 300/815 ... junior at Suitland High School ... interests include video games, golf, tennis, baseball ... plans to be a psychologist ... bowling rates a 10 ... first bowled at age 3 ... strongest part of my game: "ability to adjust quickly, consistency" ... must improve trust ... 15-pound Storm Code X



NICHOLAS MENENDEZ, 17, Crownsville, Md. ... 221 average ... The Lanes Fort Meade ... 300/810 ... senior at Indian Creek School ... interests include Tang Soo Do (Martial Arts), Student Government Association, chorus, solo choir, school musicals ... future plans: "college --> medical school --> pediatric doctor" ... bowling rates an 8 ... first bowled at age 5 ... mental game is strongest part of my game ... must improve "playing the games left to right" ... 15-pound Roto Grip Idol



BLAKE BAPISTELLER, 16, Glen Burnie, Md. ... 210 average ... The Lanes Fort Meade ... 297/750 ... junior at Glen Burnie High ... future plans: "PBA pro" ... bowling rates a 10 ... first bowled at age 4 ... approach is strongest part of my game ... must improve; "not drifting left" ... 15-pound Storm Trend

B DIVISION



SAVANNAH DOUGLASS, 15, Huntingtown, Md. ... 189 average ... Lord Calvert Bowl ... 287/710 ... ninth-grader at Huntingtown High School ... plays basketball ... future plans: "veternarian & horse racing trainer" ... bowling rates a 10 ... first bowled at age 7 ... strongest part of my game: "my strength" ... must improve: "willing to grind spares" ... 15-pound 900 Global Zen High Performance



DEION AHMED, 14, Alexandria, Va. ... 193 average ... Bowl America Woodbridge ... ninth-grader at South County ... football, basketball, baseball, fishing ... future plans include college ... bowling rates an 8 ... first bowled at age 5 ... strongest part of game: "my rev rate" ... must improve shooting spares ... 15-pound Storm IQ Solid (Black)



ZACHARY MISKELL, 16, Owings, Md. ... 185 average ... AMF Waldorf ... 267/682 ... sophomore at Northern High School ... basketball ... future plans: "be rich" ... bowling rates a 7 ... first bowled at age 6 ... spares are strongest part of game ... must improve playing deeper angles ... 14-pound Storm Dark Code



DONTAE' CASEY, 15, District Heights, Md. ... 184 average ... The Lanes Fort Meade ... 299/620 ... sophomore at Dr. Henry A. Wise High ... basketball and football ... bowling rates a 10 ... first bowled at age 5 ... versitility is strongest part of game ... must improve mental game ... 15-pound Storm Phaze 3



JANIYAH HIGHTOWER, 14, Fort Washington, Md. ... 183 average ... AMF Capital Plaza ... 290/697 ... eighth-grader at Isaac J. Gourdine Middle School ... basketball ... plans to study business management in college ... bowling rates an 8 ... first bowled at age 3 ... ability to read lane changes is strongest part of my game ... must improve "not getting down on myself" ... 14-pound Obsession Tour



AMBER MASON, 14, Woodbridge, Va. ... 192 average Bowl America Woodbridge ... 289/727 ... freshman at Woodbridge Senior High School ... plans to attend college on a scholarship and become a coach ... bowling rates a10 ... first bowled at age 7 ... strongest part of my game: "my balance" ... must improve spare shooting ... 14-pound Storm IQ Tour



CHARLES SMITH, 16, Gainesville, Va. ... 181 average ... Bowl America Bull Run ... junior at Edginuity Virtual Academy ... snowboarding ... future plans include college ... bowling rates a 10 ... first bowled at age 16 ... strongest part of game: "ball speed / rev rate" ... must improve "taking my time" ... 15-pound Storm Trend 2



MICHAEL KEYES, 15, Montclair, Va. ... 180 average ... Bowl America Woodbridge ... 297/736 ... sophomore at Forest Park High School ... baseball, gym, hanging out with friends, eating ... attend college "for baseball, academics, and possibly bowling" ... bowling rates a 7 ... first bowled at age 3 ... "my mentality" is strongest part of my game ... must improve "consistency on my spares" ... 15-pound Roto Grip UFO

C DIVISION



BENJAMIN SARNS, 16, Chesapeake Beach, Md. ...165 average ... Lord Calvert Bowl ... sophomore at Huntingtown High School ... games -- video & sports ... future plans: "no idea other than attending college" ... bowling rates an 8 ... first bowled at age 9 ... strongest part of my game: "straight / rolling up 5" ... must improve "hooking with speed" ... 15-pound Roto Grip Idol



JAYDEN BURRELL, 11, Glenn Dale, Md. ... 174 average ... Crofton Bowling Centre ... 244/650 ... sixth-grader at Excel Academy ... basketball, karate ... "go to college and bowl, go to NBA" ... bowling rates a 9 ... first bowled at age 9 ... strongest part of game: ball selection when a change is needed ... must improve making spares and staying down on shot ... 14-pound Roto Grip Hustle



ANAYA HALL, 14, Silver Spring, Md. ... 178 average ... The Lanes Fort Meade ... 253/625 ... eighth-grader at Francis Scott Key Middle School ... reading, sculpting, drawing ... go to college and become an atomic physicist ... bowling rates a 5 ... first bowled at age 5 ... "keeping my composure" is strongest part of my game ... must improve "how to angle my ball" ... 14-pound Storm IQ



CHRIS MUCKLE, 13, Bowie, Md. ... 177 average ... The Lanes Fort Meade ... 240/637 ... eighth-grader at Holy Redeemer ... basketball and video games ... pro bowler or basketball player ... bowling rates a 10 ... first bowled at age 3 ... strongest part of my game: "making my left-handed spares" ... must improve playing the lanes better ... 12-pound 900 Global Zen or Reality



XAVIER HAMLETT, 14, Crofton, Md. ... 168 average ... Potomac Lanes ... 247/664 ... eighth-grader at "The Historic Cherry Hill Elementary / Middle School" ... video games ... college ... bowling rates an 8 ... first bowled at age 5 ... strikes are strongest part of my game ... must improve "10-pin / spares" ...14-pound DV8 Night Prowler



MAX EDER, 17, Springfield, Va. ... 179 average ... Bowl America Woodbridge ... 268/653 ... junior at Lake Braddock Secondary School ... geneology, writing, geography ... plans to be an English teacher and possibly bowl in college ... bowling rates a 10 ... first bowled at age 14 1/2 ... the ability to regroup is the strongest part of my game ... must improve "spare shot" ... 15-pound Proton Physix



KEVIN ELLEN, 15, Clinton, Md. ... 167 average ... Crofton Bowling Centre ... ninth-grader at DeMatha Catholic High School ... basketball, football, gym ... plans to become a doctor ... bowling rates a 10 ... first bowled at age 4 ... strongest part of game: "I am constant." ... must improve on spares ... 15-pound Roto Grip Idol



TYLER ANDERSON, 11, Odenton, Md. ... 173 average ... Crofton Bowling Centre ... fifth-grader at Monarch Academy ... travel (beach), car enthusisast (Porsche and Bugatti), nature/animals (red pandas, all cat breeds) ... police officer, pro bowler, veterinarian ... bowling rates a 10 ... first bowled at age 2 ... strongest part of game: staying focused, finishing strong strike shot, hitting my target ... must improve "follow-through and keeping my balance" ... 12-pound Storm Pitch Black

D DIVISION



AVERY EXNER, 17, Haymarket, Va. ... 161 average ... Bowl America Bull Run ... junior at Battlefield High School ... video games, eating, golf, watching football, church ... go to college -- volunteer at church ... bowling rates a 9 ... first bowled at age 12 ... strongest part of game: excitement and encouraging others ... must improve: "patience"



MATTHEW RAY, 17, Upper Marlboro, Md. ... 152 average ... Potomac Lanes ... 250/590 ... senior at Largo High School ... video games, basketball, and school ... veterinarian ... bowling rates an 8 ... first bowled at age 8 ... strongest part of game: spares ... must improve "hitting the second arrow" ... 14-pound Radical Squatch



JULIAN KNIGHT, 13, Bowie, Md. ... 154 average ... The Lanes Fort Meade ... 234/579 ... eighth-grader at Benjamin Tasker Middle School ... basketball, football, soccer, playing piano ... attend culinary arts school ... bowling rates a 7 ... first bowled at age 3 ... reading the lanes is strongest part of game ... must improve spare shooting ... 14-pound Storm Parallax Effect



EMMA EDER, 13, Springfield, Va. ... 161 average ... Bowl America Woodbridge ... 246/649 ... seventh-grader at Lake Braddock Secondary School ... soccer, drawing (art), gardening, bird watching! ... "keep working on my bowling! keep getting A's in school!" bowling rates a 9 ... first bowled at age 10 ... strongest part of game: "my ability to adjust and switch balls fast when necessary" ... must improve: "my release and wrist angle" ... 14-pound Storm Phaze III



DAUNTE JORDAN, 15, District Heights, Md. ... 151 average ... Potomac Lanes ... 235/598 ... sophomore at Suitland High School ... enjoys playing video games ... "college at an H.B.C.U." ... bowling rates a 7 ... first bowled at age 4 ... consistancy is strongest part of game ... must improve: "also consistancy" ... 15-pound 900 Global Zen Master



ARA PITTS, 15, Hughesville, Md. ... 162 average ... AMF Waldorf ... 241/592 ... sophomore at St. Charles High School ... reading, watching movies, hanging out with friends ... plans to become an elementary school teacher ... bowling rates an "8-9" ... first bowled at age 5 ... determination to improve is strongest part of game ... must improve spare shooting ... 13-pound Roto Grip Idol Synergy



AARON BROWN, 13, Washington, D.C. ... 159 average ... AMF Waldorf ... eighth-grader at Paul Public Charter School ... enjoys volleyball ... plans to be a professional bowler ... bowling rates a 10 ... first bowled at age 4 ... making strikes is strongest part of game ... must improve "my accuracy" ... 14-pound Hammer Infamous



SETH THORNE, 17, Lusby, Md. ... 151 average ... Lord Calvert Bowl ... junior at Patuxent High ... wrestling, video games ... future plans: union plumber ... bowling rates a 10 ... first bowled at age 5 ... strongest part of game: "Never give up. Believe in yourself." ... must improve: "Don't get discouraged." ... 14-pound Storm Motive