

Danny Wiseman Superior Performance



Danny Wiseman was born in Baltimore on September 24, 1967 to Dorothy H. Wiseman-Potter and the late Albert P. Wiseman Jr. He has one sister, Catherine A. Wiseman. Danny graduated from Dundalk Senior High School in 1985.

As a child Danny was an avid baseball player, with bowling being a close second. Danny started bowling at age 5 occasionally going with his father and sister to Fairlanes Eastpoint to bowl duckpins. By 6 years old tenpins had become the bowling game of choice and at 7 he was averaging 119. Many nights were spent at home bowling in the basement with his dad using plastic pins and tennis balls. Dad would set them up and I would knock them down every night recalls Danny. Saturdays were quite hectic with bowling in the morning and baseball in the

afternoon. "I was always late for baseball practice" says Danny, but the coach tolerated it because I could throw a fastball for strikes at 50+ mph at age 9 and was also a good third baseman.

As a kid there were many trips from his house on Berkshire Road through the Burger King parking lot and then running across Merritt Blvd. with 4 - 8 bowling balls to Fairlanes Dundalk to practice every day. That was back before 3 ball rollers. "A luggage cart with straps worked" says Danny. Little did he realize that some 20 years later, 50+ balls loaded into his SUV would be the norm. Eventually bowling took precedence over baseball and at the age of 15 in January 1983 at Fairlanes Dundalk, Danny became the youngest bowler in the Maryland AJBC to bowl a 300 game and 750 series. Danny was averaging 188 when he was 15 years old and he saw that increase to over 200 within the next 2 years as he practiced more.

Success came early and often upon entering the adult leagues. Honor scores and tournament wins garnered Greater Baltimore Bowling Association Bowler of the Year awards in 1986-87 and

1987-88. After the Bowler of the Year awards it was time to test his mettle in the PBA Regional's. "With some moderate success early in the regionals, I decided to go on the summer Midwest swing of the PBA Tour in 1988. After missing 2 out of 4 "rabbit" squads then getting my brains beat in, I realized the physical game that had worked for me to become the GBBA bowler of the year on local conditions did not work against the big boys. I needed to totally rebuild my game". Through countless hours of practice and videotaping over the next 2 years the "tour" game began to appear. With the "urethane" release and a long slide Danny won 4 National and 4 Regional Titles in the first 2 full years on Tour. His first title being the 1990 Fairlanes Open in front of a hometown crowd. All was going well but not for long.

Life began to change in 1992 when my father and ardent supporter, Albert, passed away from terminal cancer. With 1993 and 1994 came a divorce and urethane balls that were behind the times as the resin balls came into play. These all became huge crossroads to handle. "Personally, emotionally and financially I had to step up and put things back together and prove I belonged on Tour. I resigned from my staff position with Hammer Bowling and once again retooled my physical game". "At the beginning of 1995 I was on my own with only \$3000 in the bank. I was going to succeed or go home. A couple of weeks into the winter tour, I made my first TV show in more than 2 years at Windsor Locks, CT and finished 3rd. With renewed confidence in myself came a win in Erie, PA along with \$39,000 the following week and I have paid my way on Tour ever since".

As the PBA Tour environment changes, so does the retooling of Danny's physical game again and again so he can remain as one of the best. Danny has appeared on 48 TV shows with wins on the major networks- ABC, CBS, NBC and ESPN. Among his 12 PBA National Titles is the 2004 USBC Masters Title which Danny cites along with his 1st title the 1990 Fairlanes Open as the accomplishments he is most proud of. With over 20 years on Tour Danny has represented only 4 companies; Turbo Grips and Hammer Bowling early in his career, Brunswick Revolution from 1998-2002 and now Vise Grips.

Danny has proven to himself and his critics that he has the necessary tools to bowl with the best. The "Kid" from Dundalk has bowled around the world and accomplished more than any other Maryland native has through hard work, dedication, desire and the sheer will to succeed even after failing more than once.

Selected as one of the Top 50 Greatest Bowlers in PBA history.

Selected as a Bowlers Journal All American - 8 times

44 career TV appearances with a 46- 32 record. (224.09 record)

Maryland State USBC Championship Titles:

1998 Team Scratch

1989 Singles Scratch

Greater Baltimore USBC Bowling Association Titles:

1989 Team Scratch

1999 All Events Scratch

1999 Doubles Handicap

1999 Singles Scratch

Baltimore 700 Club Titles - 5

2004 USBC Masters

Professional Bowlers Association National Titles - 12

Professional Bowlers Association Regional Titles - 6

300 Games - 37 (PBA) 23 (USBC)

800 Sets - over 40 (high of 867)

Award of merit in 1986 - 87 for a 844 set

Selected as the 1986-87 /1987-88 Bowler of the Year

Selected to the 1986-87 / 1987-88 Baltimore All Metro Team

Therefore, for his overall performance in the sport of tenpin bowling, the Maryland State Bowling Association welcomes Danny Wiseman into its Hall of Fame in the Superior Performance category.