

# **Tyler Lewis**

## **Superior Performance**

### **Stars of Tomorrow**



Tyler Lewis is the nineteen year old son of John and Gwyneth Lewis of Perry Hall, Maryland. Tyler is a 2015 graduate of Perry Hall High School and will be attending Vincennes University in Vincennes, Indiana in the fall. He will be a member of the top-15 varsity bowling team. He is not the only bowler in the family, as older brother Trevor is a former Central USBC All-Events champion and currently bowls for Davenport University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His younger sister, Hannah, was the 2014 U20 Pepsi Maryland State Champion, and recently accepted a softball scholarship offer to attend Wagner College in 2016.

Tyler will be following in the footsteps of many family members and majoring in Law Enforcement/Homeland Security. His uncle was a Baltimore City police officer for many years, and his cousin, his cousin's wife, and his grandfather all have worked for the FBI. Tyler is hoping to join the FBI upon graduation from Vincennes.

Tyler also lettered in varsity golf at Perry Hall High, and was a two-year member of the award winning marching band drum line. An accomplished drummer, Tyler can sit down, listen to a rock album once, and play the entire thing soon after. Ty has also worked as a lane server and snack bar attendant at Perry Hall Lanes.

Tyler began bowling at the tender age of 3, as soon as he was able to pick up a bowling ball. At the time, the Perry Hall pee-wees were using bumpers, but halfway through his first year the bumpers were taken down, and Tyler was on his own. He quickly adapted, and began a lifelong odyssey to become the best bowler he could. This included stints in the Perry Hall Bantam, Junior Varsity, and Varsity leagues.

Tyler found that he was pretty good at the sport, and his average steadily progressed as he grew up culminating in a career high 217 average his senior year of high school. He became a regular participant in Central Maryland and Maryland state USBC tournaments, placing in the top 3 several times in various singles, doubles, or team events.

Tyler eventually broke through to win the 2014 Maryland High Average Invitational, averaging over 240 and running through the stepladder after barely qualifying in the fifth and final spot. He was also able to win the Brunswick Weekly Winners tournament, and claim the \$500 top scholarship prize.

Through the years, Tyler has had the help and support of both his family, and several coaches. His Dad, John, filled the role of his first coach until it was apparent Tyler was ready for some more advanced instruction around age 12. That's when Silver Certified instructor Chuck Assero stepped up and took over. Tyler really blossomed under Chuck, as his swing and release got stronger and stronger. As it became apparent that Sport Shot bowling would take over tournaments and College bowling, Tyler joined the Storm Sport Shot League at Country Club Lanes. He quickly became one of the top bowlers in that league, and won the second session league and tournament in his senior year. Tyler still needed tutelage, and two more mentors entered his life.

Locally, Danny Wiseman took Tyler under his wing, and began to show him how to adapt his game and read the lanes during tough sport shot conditions. A trip to the Indiana High School Bowling Camp the summer before his junior year led to an introduction to Coach Gary Sparks, who not only mentored Tyler, but eventually recruited him to Vincennes.

During junior year of high school, Tyler rolled his first 300 game. Ironically, he followed it up at a birthday party later in the same day with another one, throwing the final strike through a tunnel constructed of the arms of the other party guests. That would be a preview of what was to come January 24, 2015. That morning, in the Saturday Varsity league at Perry Hall Lanes, Tyler started off hot, throwing the first 8 strikes before leaving the 4-7-9 in the ninth. After picking up two, he struck out for a fine 265. Tyler stayed red hot, and went perfect through game 2, for a 300. He had never shot 800 before, so there was a little pressure building, but Tyler rose to the occasion. He followed up the first 300 with a second one, finishing up with an amazing 27 strikes in a row for an 865. The set was the highest youth score ever bowled in Maryland, and was in the top 15 of youth series nationally all time. Tyler had reached the pinnacle of success.

Tyler would like to thank the Maryland USBC for this Stars of Tomorrow recognition. With this support, and the support of the folks listed in this article, Tyler expects success with the Vincennes Bowling team, and in the classroom.