

2008 NCAUSBCA Youth Scratch Invitational finalists mini-bios

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Division champions (from left)

J.R. PALMER • RODNEY ECKLES • THOMAS BRADY

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A DIVISION (180+ average)



1. J.R. PALMER, 17, Owings, Md. ... 228 average ... Lord Calvert is home bowling center ... highest certified game/series: 300/797 ... senior at Northern High ... future plans: “Be successful” ... hobbies/interests outside of bowling: cars, shoes, clothes ... fifth Youth Invitational, placed ninth last year and fourth in 2006 ... next bowling goal: “Junior Gold, bowl 800” ... bowling rates a “10” in importance in his life ... Robert Smith is the famous person he’d most like to be for one day ... favorites -- food: pizza ... beverage: Coke ... fast food restaurant: Salsarita’s ... musical group or singer: Nickelback ... place I’ve visited: Niagara Falls ... TV show: “The Simpsons” ... movie: *Superbad* ... Web site: *s10forum.com*



2. JESSE HATTON, 19, Fort Washington, Md. ... 202 average ... AMF Waldorf ... 280/726 ... sophomore at Penn State University ... plans “to work in a lab as a microbiologist” ... enjoys playing video games ... third Invitational ... bowling goal: “bowl an 800” ... bowling rates a “9” ... would like to be Tom Brady for one day ... pizza ... fruit punch ... Burger King ... Seether ... Florida ... “Family Guy” ... 300 ... *facebook.com*



3. WAYNE ARTIS JR., 18, Waldorf, Md. ... 202 average ... AMF Marlow Heights ... 300/775 ... plans to attend the University of Maryland at College Park ... enjoys basketball, football ... second Invitational, placed 14th in 2007 ... next bowling goal is to place in nationals and Tournament of Champions ... bowling rates an “8” ... Hi-C ... Burger King ... Jay-Z, Lil Wayne ... California ... “The Wire” ... *American Gangster*



4. SEAN CROOKSTON, 18, Woodbridge, Va. ... 212 average ... Liberty Lanes Stafford ... 298/745 ... American Home School senior ... plans to become a video game designer ... enjoys World of Warcraft, video games ... fourth Invitational, placed 22nd in 2006 ... would like to make it to Jr. Team USA ... bowling rates a “9” ... Tommy Jones ... Bagelbites ... Mountain Dew ... Taco Bell ... Foo Fighters ... Kegel Bowling Camp ... “Smallville” ... *Pirates of the Carribean* ... *worldofwarcraft.com*



5. BOBBY MIDDLETON JR., 18, Waldorf, Md. ...215 average ... AMF Waldorf ... 297/778 ... freshman at College of Southern Maryland ... currently a bowling center mechanic, plans to get a degree in journalism ... enjoys poker, all sports, video games ... fourth Invitational, placed 13th last year and 11th in 2006 ... wants to make the cut at Junior Gold ... bowling rates a “10” ... John Elway ... Buffalo Wings ... orange soda ... Burger King ... T-Pain ... Florida ... “SportsCenter” ... *Superbad* ... *yahoo.com*



6. JOHN KOLESIDES, 21, Great Falls, Va. ... 214 average ... Bowl America Dranesville ... 300/785 ... sophomore at George Mason University ... plans include finishing college and going to law school ... basketball, buying Jordans, poker ... ninth Invitational, placed 11th in 2007 ... wants to shoot 800 ... bowling rates an “8” ... Michael Jordan ... pizza – Pomodoro’s ... vitamin water – citrus ... Wendy’s ... Jimmy Eat World ... Cozumel ... “Law and Order – SVU” ... *Lucky Number Slevin* ... *23isBACK.com*



7. MARCUS ALEXANDER, 15, La Plata, Md. ... 190 average ... AMF Capital Plaza ... 268/714 ... sophomore at La Plata High School ... plans to go on to college to become a forensic scientist ... enjoys playing soccer ... third Invitational, made it to second round last year ... bowling goal is to “win many more” tournaments ... bowling rates a “9” ... Tyler Perry ... fried/barbeque chicken ... virgin daiquiri ... Burger King ... Hawaii ... “Fresh Prince” ... *Rush Hour 3* ... *myspace.com*



8. KEITH JOHNSON, 19, Mitchellville, Md. ... 203 average ... AMF Capital Plaza ... 289/731 ... sophomore at Prince George’s Community College ... future plans include United Parcel Service ... enjoys basketball, shopping for clothes ... sixth Invitational, made it to third round in all of them ... bowling goal: “go adult and bowl with my dad and beat all his friends” ... bowling rates a “9” ... lasagna ... Vanilla Coke ... Taco Bell ... Snoop Dogg ... Bahamas ... “The Simpsons” ... *American Pie* series ... *23isBACK.com*

B DIVISION (165-179 average)



1. RODNEY ECKLES, 16, Fairfax, Va. ... 178 average ... Bowl America Fairfax ... 280/737 ... sophomore at Robinson Secondary School ... undecided about the future ... enjoys football, basketball ... third Invitational, first finals ... bowling goal: “work on being more consistent” ... bowling rates a “10” ... Denzel Washington ... Chicken Wings ... ginger ale ... Wendy’s ... any rap artist ... Disney World ... “Grey’s Anatomy” ... *Friday* ... *bowlingball.com*



2. JOSHUA MYLES, 14, Stafford, Va. ... 177 average ... Liberty Lanes Stafford ... 256/614 ... seventh-grader at A. G. Wright Middle School ... plans: “graduate high school, go to college to become a pro bowler” ... enjoys skating, football, basketball ... first Invitational ... bowling goal: “Win more!!” ... bowling rates a “10” ... Norm Duke ... fried chicken ... Sprite ... Taco Bell ... B5 ... Buffalo, New York ... watches MTV ... *Why Did I Get Married?* ... *myspace.com*



3. ANTHONY LEGATIE, 16, Fairfax, Va. ... 175 average ... Bowl America Burke ... 269/625 ... junior at Robinson Secondary School ... wants to go to Johnson & Wales University for culinary training and open his own restaurant ... enjoys cooking, fishing ... third Invitational ... bowling goal: “bowl a 300” ... bowling rates an “8” ... Bobby Flay ... spaghetti ... water ... Five Guys ... Red Hot Chili Peppers ... New York ... “Kitchen Nightmares” ... *The Godfather* ... *facebook.com*



4. WES AMONETT, 15, Herndon, Va. ... 171 average ... Bowl America Dranesville ... 287/645 ... freshman at Herndon High School ... no future plans ... enjoys playing the tuba ... first Invitational ... bowling goal: “win more tournaments” ... bowling rates a “9” ... Wes Mallot ... Buffalo Wings ... Mountain Dew ... Taco Bell ... Linkin Park ... Kings Dominion ... “Family Guy” ... *Superbad* ... *youtube.com*



5. MYLES AUSTIN, 16, Upper Marlboro, Md. ... 178 average ... AMF Marlow Heights ... junior at Wise High School ... plans to attend college after graduating in 2009 ... enjoys going to the movies and other sports ... second Invitational ... bowling goal: "Bowl a perfect game" ... bowling rates an "8.5" ... Pete Weber ... fried chicken ... Gatorade ... McDonald's ... Boyz II Men ... Florida (Disney World) ... "Family Guy" ... *The Great Debators* ... *youtube.com*



6. TYLER MILLER, 17, Oakton, Va. ... 167 average ... Bowl America Fairfax ... 245/657 ... junior at Oakton High ... future plans: poker player ... enjoys basketball ... third Invitational, placed 23rd in 2005 ... wants to "bowl 300" ... bowling rates a "9" ... steak ... Mountain Dew ... McDonald's ... Italy ... "Dark Angel" ... *The Pest* ... *youtube.com*



7. RICHARD JACKSON, 16, La Plata, Md. ... 170 average ... AMF Waldorf ... 259/595 ... junior at La Plata High School ... future plans include college ... enjoys soccer ... first Invitational ... bowling goal: "bowl a 600 series" ... bowling rates a "9" ... Tony Stewart ... tacos ... root beer ... Burger King ... Rascal Flatts ... Denver, Colorado ... "American Idol" ... *The Longest Yard* ... *myspace.com*



8. BRANDON MIETHE, 17, Centreville, Va. ... 171 average ... Bowl America Chantilly ... senior at Westfield High School ... future plans include going to college part-time and working at Chantilly Bowling Supplies ... other interests include the guitar ... first Invitational ... bowling goal is to average 185 and get into the A Division ... bowling rates a "10" ... Slash of Guns & Roses ... Chinese food ... Blue Jolt Cola ... Chipotle ... Atreyu ... Washington State ... "Prison Break" ... *Resident Evil* ... *facebook.com*

C DIVISION (150-164 average)



1. THOMAS BRADY, 15, Fredericksburg, Va. ... 155 average ... Liberty Lanes Massaponax ... 225/604 ... sophomore at Courtland High School ... plans to become a meteorologist ... enjoys football, baseball, hockey ... second Invitational, was only bowler among 24 finalists to appear in 2007 finals, where he finished seventh ... bowling goal: "improve my average" ... bowling rates an "8" ... would like to be Tom Brady for a day ... fried chicken ... Gatorade ... Vinny's Italian ... Fort Minor ... Canada ... "CSI" ... *My Cousin*

Vinny ... saturdayyouthlegends.com



2. CHRIS WARD, 13, Manassas, Va. ... 158 average ... Bowl America Bull Run ... 245/604 ... seventh-grader at Metz Middle School ... future plans include college and becoming a pro bowler ... basketball, other sports ... first Invitational ... win City Tournament ... bowling rates a "10" ... Sean Rash ... chicken ... Dr. Pepper ... McDonald's ... Fall Out Boy ... OBX ... watches PBA Tour ... *The Longest Yard* ... *addictinggames.com*



3. NICHOLAS ZECK, 13, Springfield, Va. ... 159 average ... Bowl America Shirley ... 276/682 ... seventh-grader at Key Middle School ... plans: "finish high school and continue with bowling" ... enjoys basketball, baseball ... first Invitational ... bowling goal: perfect game ... bowling rates a "7" ... Vin Diesel ... tacos ... Coke ... Fuddruckers ... Disney World ... "Family Guy" ... *Fast + Furious* ... *addictinggames.com*



4. ANTWAIN HILL, 13, Brandywine, Md. ... 150 average ... AMF Capital Plaza ... 265 high game ... eighth-grader at Gwynn Park Middle School ... future plans include college ... enjoys basketball and golf ... first Invitational ... bowling goal: "win more" ... bowling rates a "9" ... Pete Weber ... lobster ... strawberry daiquiri ... Taco Bell ... Linkin Park ... Bahamas ... watches ESPN ... *First Sunday* ... *myspace.com*



5. COREY CHATHAM, 16, Fredericksburg, Va. ... 161 average ... Liberty Lanes Massaponax ... 265/685 ... junior at Chancellor High School ... future plans: automotive mechanic ... enjoys four wheeling ... fourth Invitational, reached third round in 2007 ... bowling goal: “win nationals” ... bowling rates a “10” ... Travis Pastrana ... steak ... sweet tea ... Taco Bell ... Toby Keith ... Florida ... “Country Fried Videos” ... *Gridiron Gang* ... *myspace.com*



6. ANTOINE FAGAN, 16, Upper Marlboro, Md. ... 161 average ... AMF Capital Plaza ... 233 high game ... junior at Largo High School ... plans to major in graphic design and business in college ... enjoys creating Web page layouts, drawing, games (sports, strategy) ... second Invitational ... bowling goal: “improve my bowling form” ... bowling rates a “9” ... Pete Weber ... shrimp, fried chicken penne ... Mountain Dew Code Red, water ... McDonald’s ... Little Brother ... Australia, New Zealand (People to People) ... “Dirty Jobs” and “Brainiac” ... *Transformers* and *Cloverfield* ... *myspace.com*



7. ROBERT WARE JR., 17, Washington, D.C. ... 164 average ... AMF Capital Plaza ... 242/595 ... senior, home schooled – Mt. Oak ... future plans include photography ... enjoys basketball, football ... second Invitational, placed 14th in 2007 ... bowling goal: “move up in division” ... bowling rates an “8” ... Chris Paul ... pizza ... Sprite ... Sonic ... Seal ... Denver, Colorado ... “American Idol” ... *Pirates of the Caribbean* ... *yahoo.com*



8. TYLER KNIGHT, 14, Gaithersburg, Md. ... 153 average ... Bowl America Gaithersburg ... freshman at Gaithersburg High School ... plans to continue with school ... enjoys baseball, paintball, swim team ... first Invitational ... bowling goal: “bowl a 300” ... bowling rates an “8” ... Ben Roethlisberger ... pasta ... anything but soda ... Burger King ... Linkin Park ... Outer Banks ... “WWE” ... *Clerks 2* ... *facebook.com*

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