

The best bowling tip I've ever received

By Hezekiah Dillahunt Jr.



To be completely honest, I cannot name just one “best” bowling tip I’ve ever received that has resulted in my many accomplishments over the years. I will say, however, that my ability to “read lanes” has had a major impact on my game the past couple of years.

Two years ago, I would be stuck on throwing one particular ball because I rolled consecutive strikes with it in the first and second games. By the third game, the shot would change, and more than likely it was time for a ball change. At that time, I would not have changed balls, but today, thanks to the superb coaching of Cellus Benjamin and Tubar Thompson of New World Venture Pro Shop, I would put down that ball and choose another that would coincide with the transitioned lanes.

My dad, Hezekiah Dillahunt Sr., taught me at an early age to stay focused solely on my game and not be concerned with what my opponent is doing. This has helped me tremendously in bowling scratch tournaments.

Hezekiah Dillahunt Jr., a resident of District Heights, made NCABA's Top 10 Ranking for the first time in the 2003-2004 season, placing 10th with a 214.972 average. In last year's NCABA Championship Tournament at AMF Dale City and AMF Alexandria, he was runner-up in the scratch all events with a score of 2,150. This past October, he won his first Virginia-Maryland Scratch Bowlers Tour title in Baltimore. He's been a force locally, leading the competitive Wednesday Scratch Trios league at AMF Laurel with a current average of 230.