

Up close and personal: JAMES GASKILL III

Role of bowling: It gives me more like an out after school to come to the bowling alley and practice. I can get everything off of my mind and just work on my game.

Strongest part of my game: On certain conditions, I can almost overpower the lane—be able to get the ball right and get it back. A lot of times, that's a fault, too.

Weakest part of my game: Spare shooting and probably going up the boards.

Toughest spare: 10-pin.

Knowledge level of equipment: Pretty good. I almost know what everything in my bag is going to do.

Handling pressure: I try to block it out by concentrating on filling frames, striking and sparing, and trying not to let it get to me.

Favorite pros: David Ozio, Pete Weber, and Brian Voss

Bowling goal: An 800 series (current high: 791).

YABA plans: Maybe one more year—if that long. I'm not sure yet.

Like most about bowling: It gives me a chance to stand out, and it's a thing I do well. I think I had talent; I just needed someone to direct me in the right way.

Bowling future: I've thought about [becoming a pro], but I know I have to get my education first. I'll try to get my degree in physical therapy or what have you and leave bowling on the side or behind after my education.

Why physical therapy? I'm good with people, and I like working with people, so why not?

Student self-evaluation: A good one, with a 3.2 – 3.3 GPA.

What friends don't know about you: They know I bowl every weekend or every other weekend, but they don't know *how well* I bowl.

Favorite cereal: Cheerios

Favorite movie: "Smoky and the Bandit."

Present car: Nissan Maxima.

Desired car: Lotus, with a top speed of 230 mph.



Greatest fear: Not succeeding in life. I don't want to be a failure.

Motto to live by: Have fun!