

JOE TREMPER



BIRTHDATE: June 11, 1972

BIRTHPLACE: Dover, Delaware

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Laurel. I'm four minutes from the bowling center.

SOCIAL STATUS: With my girlfriend for 12½ years.

EDUCATION: 1990 graduate of Laurel High School

EMPLOYMENT: I fill the high-pressure cylinders at Roberts Oxygen, a welding supply distributor in Baltimore.

EARLIEST BOWLING MEMORY: At age 7, I bowled half a season in a youth league.

2002-03 LEAGUES/AVERAGES: 220 in a travel league / 222 at Fort Meade / 224 at Columbia in Baltimore / 248 for 39 games in the Men's Continental at Laurel.

BEST PART OF MY GAME: Consistency—I'm reasonably accurate.

WORST PART OF MY GAME: I would say extreme conditions—extreme dry and extreme wet. I've gotta work on those. I feel like I can adjust fairly quickly. I adjust a lot faster than anybody else I know. Let me qualify that: I'll move more and faster than any other left-hander I know since I don't have to deal with what the right-handers have to deal with.

BEST TACTIC I USE TO HANDLE PRESSURE: When I stand at the lane and I'm getting ready to take my shot, I close my eyes, put my head down, and I just count my rhythm. Once I stand on the lane, there is no more pressure. It's just, *Make the shot.*

SPARE-SHOOTER RATING (10 best – 1 worst): 9½ ... I'm a good spare shooter.

IMPORTANCE OF BOWLING IN MY LIFE (10 most – 1 least): Oh, it's up there—probably an 8.

THE THING I LEAST UNDERSTAND ABOUT BOWLING: The reason

why they can't make it more fair for lefties and righties to balance it out—why they can't do anything to balance it out.

LOCAL BOWLER I MOST ADMIRE: Lee Brosius. He's a machine.

INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF BOWLING: I golf two or three times a month when I want to beat myself up. I read fantasy, science fiction, and stuff like that.

FAVORITES: Meal (prime rib); Beverage (iced tea); Ice Cream Flavor (Cookies 'N Cream); TV Show: ("Dawson's Creek"); Movie (*Star Wars*); Non-Bowling Magazine (*Time*); Fast Food Outlet (McDonald's); Vacation Spot (Las Vegas).

MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: My house

RECENT NON-BOWLING ACCOMPLISHMENT OF WHICH I'M MOST PROUD: I shot 75 in golf at Fort Meade.

PRODUCT FOR WHICH I'D LIKE TO BE SPOKESMAN: Columbia bowling balls

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION I CAN NEVER KEEP: To get in shape

TASK I HATE TO DO: Clean the house

THREE FAMOUS PEOPLE (LIVING OR DEAD) I'D INVITE TO MY HOME FOR DINNER: Martin Luther King Jr., John F. Kennedy, and Muhammad Ali. I'd really like to have them explain to me their thoughts about their beliefs, their ideas, and the way they went about carrying out their ideas.

PET PEEVES: Bad drivers

ONE WORD THAT BEST DESCRIBES ME: *Confident*

PEOPLE IN HIGH SCHOOL THOUGHT: I was a loner.

BIGGEST PERSONAL FAILURE: I don't think I've ever reached my potential as far as maximizing my abilities in a lot of things—school, work.

ONE THING I'D CHANGE ABOUT MYSELF: I think I'd like to be able to change my demeanor. I'm kind of confident to the point of arrogant and cocky sometimes. I wish I could change that. If people don't know me, I come off as very arrogant, very cocky. ... In match play, I will use this to my advantage. If I'm bowling head-to-head against somebody, I will intimidate him!

THE ONE THING I'VE LEARNED: Patience. You've just gotta let it happen and deal with it. What's gonna happen is gonna happen.

THE ONE PERSON I'D LIKE TO BE FOR A DAY: Daniel Snyder. I'd love to own the Washington Redskins.

LAST TIME I CRIED: New Year's Eve 1994 or 1995. At the time, I was not having any contact with my father.

WHEN I GET AWAY FROM IT ALL: I read fantasy. That's my escape: I sink into a book.

BOWLING GOALS: I want to compete and win some tournaments, and I want that big gold ring for that 900!

LIFE GOALS: I just hope I can still walk at 50! I've had arthritis for years in my spine, both ankles, my right shoulder, and it's probably developing in my knees. It's not debilitating—my back can be, on occasion, and I'll take painkillers for that. It's not usually a problem during bowling once I loosen up and get going. It's really tough, however, getting out of bed in the morning.

PHILOSOPHY I LIVE BY: You better get yours because I'm gonna get mine!