

The Best Bowling Tip I've Ever Had

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There's hardly a day in the life of an amateur bowler when he doesn't receive some kind of tip or advice on how to improve his game. All tips are not going to be beneficial to everyone because of particular styles and concepts. Most tips are merely someone's opinion anyway, and everybody has one. In fact, they're a lot like picking fruit: you pick the best and leave the rest.

The best tip I have ever received involved sparing. I hook the ball quite a bit at times, so when the lanes were dry, spares came about as often as a leap year. There's nothing worse than leaving a ten pin and knowing you're gonna miss it.

Most bowlers copy parts of other bowlers' games that appeal to them. So, when I saw players like Magic Gray and Bobby Hall throwing straight balls at spares, I figured that was for me. Naturally, I talked with them about it, and both recommended it.

Throwing a straight ball at spares doesn't guarantee that you'll make them all, but it sure does help the percentages. It's not as hard to do as it seems when you first try; it's just a matter of hand position and feel.

This tip has aided enormously in making this year my best thus far.