NCAUSBCA Youth 2019 Invitational Scratch Singles Tournament finalists mini-bios

A Division (195+ average)



1. ANTHONY DANIELS, 17, Alexandria, Va. ... entering average: 231 ... home center: Bowl America Woodbridge ...high certified game/series: 300/797 ... junior at Mount Vernon High School ... other interests include basketball, playing saxophone, reading ... future plans: attend college, but I don't know what I'm going to major in ... importance of bowling in my life: "9" ... first bowled at age 3 ... strongest part of my game: spare shooting and versatility

... part of my game I must improve: shot-making abilities, being more accurate ... first ball out of my bag: 15-pound Storm Hy-Road ... "In 2019, I hope to bowl an 800 series for the first time and my second sanctioned 300 game."



2. AMARA SPEIGHTS, 18, Woodbridge, Va. ... 214 average ... Bowl America Woodbridge ... 300 game/791 series ... senior at Freedom High School ... other interests include doing makeup and watching basketball ... plans to attend the University of Nebraska, win an NCAA championship, and become a surgeon ... bowling rates a "10" ... first bowled at age 5 ... versatility and fundamentals are the strongest part of my game ... must improve mental aspect

of game ... 15-pound Storm IQ Tour ... "When you want to succeed as bad as you want to breathe, then you'll be successful." —Eric Thomas



3. NATE TRENTLER, 14, Phoenix, Md. ... 202 average ... The Lanes Fort Meade ... 279/722 ... eighth-grader at Cockeysville Middle School ... enjoys cooking ... accounting ... bowling rates a "10" ... first bowled at age 2½ ... strongest part of my game: versatility ... must improve staying ahead of transition ... 14-pound Storm IQ Tour ... 2-time Maryland State Pepsi champion with two seconds, 10th place (U12) at Junior Gold, USA Team Challenge champion,

Northeast Regional championship team will compete in Detroit this summer



4. GARRETT MEADOWS, 17, Springfield, Va. ... 224 average ... Bowl America Woodbridge ... 300/837 ... junior at Annandale High School ... enjoys football, chorus ... future plans include major in computer engineering and get an engineering job, and bowl a couple of PBA Tour stops ... bowling rates a "9" ... first bowled at age 3 ... strongest part of my game: my physical shotmaking ... I must improve controlling my emotions ... 15-pound Storm Hy-Road

X ... "Bowling is important to me because it is is how my family started and what keeps us together to this day."



5. COREY O'NEILL, 20, Waldorf, Md. ... 210 average ... AMF Waldorf ... 300/769 ... junior at College of Southern Maryland ... enjoys football, Fortnite ... bowling rates a "5" ... first bowled at age 5 ... strongest part of my game: shotmaking ... must improve mental game ... 15-pound Storm IQ Tour ... "Huge thanks to my mom and dad for being my biggest supporters. Thank you, John Faunce, Gene Blair, and the Lincoln Memorial University bowling

team. Hi, Emily."



6. QUINTON JOHNSON, 18, Stafford, Va. ... 210 average ... AMF Capital Plaza ... 289/719 ... Northern Virginia Community College freshman ... enjoys football, basketball, drawing ... plans to become a graphic designer ... importance of bowling In my life: "7" ... first bowled at age 3 ... strongest part of my game is my mental game ... must improve spares, consistency ... 15-pound Ebonite Game Breaker 3 Slash ... "If you want something you never

had, you have to do something you never did."



7. DAKWAN TYLER, 16, Lanham, Md. ... 219 average ... AMF Capital Plaza ... 300/803 ... sophomore at DuVal High School ... enjoys basketball, soccer ... future plans: PBA star ... bowling rates a "10" ... first bowled at age 3 ... strongest part of my game: power and speed ... must improve mental game/spares ... 16-pound DV8 Grudge ... "Bowling is important to me because I've been doing it my whole life, and it is what I love to do. This is my life."



8. ETHAN COTTLE, 18, Vienna, Va. ... 200 average ... Bowl America Falls Church ... 279/746 ... senior at George C. Marshall High School ... interests include plant science ... plans to go to college ... bowling rates a "7" ... first bowled at age 12 ... strongest part of my game: spares ... must improve consistent release ... 15-pound Hammer Scandal Pearl ... "Don't worry about the future, think in the present."

B Division (185 - 194 average)



1. LEONARD FARLOW JR., 17, Columbia, Md. ... 192 average ... The Lanes Fort Meade ... 289/708 ... senior at Wilde Lake High School ... interests include working out, photography, drawing, playing football ... future plans include college and receive two degrees ... bowling rates an "8" ... first bowled at age 5 ... strongest part of game: my dedication and mental game ... I must improve spares ... 15-pound Roto Grip No Rules ... "If only

everyone knew how intense bowling can be."



2. DEAN COURTNEY II, 14, Brandywine, Md. ... 180 average ... Potomac Lanes ... 278/652 ... 8th grader at Odenton Christian School ... interests include Civil Air Patrol ... future plans: naval aviator ... bowling rates a "10" ... first bowled at age 3 ... strongest part of my game: being there for my team, anchor bowler ... I must improve spares ... 16-pound Columbia 300 ... "I serve as a cadet master sergeant in the Civil Air Patrol, and I've met Senator Collins,

Tuskegee Airmen, and the First Lady of the U.S."



3. BEN MARTIN, 14, Falls Church, Va. ... 194 average ... Bowl America Falls Church ... 279/753 ... freshman at Yorktown High School ... interests include cross country, crew (rowing), High Point swim team ... plans to go to a good college and make money to buy a house in New York City ... bowling rates a "7" ... first bowled at age 7 ... strongest part of my game: "I am consistent and I stay calm under stress." ... "I would like more revs and more ball speed."

... 14-pound Storm Sonic ... "What inspired me to bowl: IDK, but I just kind of fell into it."



4. SEAN DAVIS, 16, Great Mills, Md. ... 189 average ... Lord Calvert Bowling Center ... 235/649 ... sophomore at Great Mills High School ... enjoys video games ... plans include college ... bowling rates a "9" ... I first bowled at age 7 ... spares are the strongest part of my game ... I must improve my mental game ... 14-pound Roto Grip Halo ... "With hard work, determination, and a smile here and there, anything is possible!"



5. KAYLA BROWN, 15, Waldorf Md. ... 187 average ... Potomac Lanes ... 248/696 ... sophomore at St. Charles High School ... interests include playing volleyball, basketball, listening to music, playing the violin, and reading ... plans include going to college and possibly enlisting in the military to be a linguist or psychiatrist ... bowling rates an "8" ... I first bowled at age 6 ... strongest part of my game: sparing ... I must improve mental focus ... 14-pound

Roto Grip Hustle HYB ... "I'm considered competitive and a little aggressive. My cumulative GPA is 4.3 based on school year so far. I love sweets, consider myself an introvert (at moments I'll be friendly), and I've been told I'm a perfectionist at times. I plan on bowling or playing volleyball in college. My favorite color is purple."



6. JUAN CARLO MAGTANGOB, 15, Germantown, Md. ... 184 average ... Bowl America Gaithersburg ... 243/636 ... freshman at Clarksburg High School ... enjoys basketball, video games, and playing guitar and violin ... plans to become a pharmacist and a professional bowler ... bowling rates a "9" ... first bowled at age 10 ... strongest part of my bowling game: "continuously getting strikes in a row" ... I must improve being consistent in my

scores ... 10-pound Ebonite ... "I love playing bowling because it gives me lots of opportunities to develop my skills, discipline, and make/develop friendships."



7. SPENCER SONG, 15, Fairfax Station, Va. ... 192 average ... Bowl America Woodbridge ... 289/688 ... freshman at South County High School ... interests include Fortnite ... plans to bowl in college and wants to be a pro bowler ... bowling rates a "10" ... first bowled at age 4 ... strongest part of game: making good shots and picking up spares ... must improve physical game and repeat shots, learn to make in-game adjustments, mental game ...

14-pound Storm IQ Solid ... "My parents inspired me to be great!"



8. RICHARD PETERSON, 17, Waldorf, Md. ... 191 average ... AMF Capital Plaza ... 300/724 ... junior at Saint Charles High School ... enjoys working on cars ... master technician ... bowling rates a "7" ... first bowled at age 5 ... striking is strongest part of my game ... must improve spare game ... 15-pound Ebonite GB3 or Columbia 300 Swerve ... "I think I was 7 when I stopped bowling to play football and basketball and then return to the bowling scene when

I was in the third or fourth grade. Ever since, I've been improving my game, one frame at a time."

C Division (165 - 184 average)



1. ANDRU BLANEY, 13, Indian Head, Md. ... 177 average ... AMF Waldorf ... 279/671 ... 8th grader at General Smallwood ... interests: basketball, video games ... plans to bowl in college, study computer security ... bowling rates a "9" ... first bowled at age 4 ... strongest part of my game is being versatile ... must improve listening when struggling ... 14-pound Roto Grip Uproar ... "I would like to thank my parents for bringing me to all these

tournaments, Jim Lewis for the great drilling work, and Diandra Asbaty for all the insight and coaching you've provided me."



2. SAMANTHA DIXON, 18, Rockville, Md. ... 172 average ... The Lanes Fort Meade ... 264/634 ... senior at Richard Montgomery High School ... interests include cheer, dance ... loves animals ... plans to go to West Texas A&M and be pre-vet in the fall of 2019 ... bowling rates a "9" ... first bowled at age 10 ... strongest part of game: "My form is very nice, and I'm a consistent bowler."... must improve mental game — "I get in my head too much" ... 15-pound

Storm Marvel-S ... "Best piece of advice: from my coach Ed Starr, 'Play your own game. Let it go. Sing a song, and always remember to smile."



3. REBECCA GOODWIN, 17, Frederick, Md. ... 169 average ... The Lanes Fort Meade ... 269/651 ... senior at Gaithersburg High School ... enjoys singing and playing piano and guitar ... plans to attend Saint Francis University and major in social work ... bowling rates a "10" ... first bowled at age 6 ... strongest part of game: spares ... must improve reading lanes ... 14-pound Storm IQ ... "I'm looking forward to bowling in college at Saint Francis University."



4. NYLA WILSON, 15, Clinton, Md. ... 167 average ... Potomac Lanes ... 256/634 ... sophomore at Frederick Douglass High School ... loves cooking, softball, shopping, and doing community service ... plans to bowl on the collegiate level and major in business management or accounting ... bowling rates a "10" ... first bowled at age 2 ... coachable and able to listen to my coaches and follow their instructions ... must improve mental game and bowling

accuracy ... 15-pound Storm Match Up ... "I want to thank my mom for always being there for me. Always remember to fight until the end. Finish strong, no matter how good or bad you are bowling. Peace, love, and happiness."



5. HUNTER MARTIN, 17, Bowie, Md. ... 179 average ... Crofton Bowling Centre ... 295/647 ... home school senior ... enjoys computers, gaming ... future plans are undetermined ... bowling rates a "7" ... first bowled at age 12 ... calmness is the strongest part of my game ... must improve getting my spares ... 14-pound Hammer Black Widow ... "Balance is important in life and in bowling."



6. CHRIS LEE JR., 15, Clinton, Md. ... 176 average ... Potomac Lanes ... 258/735 ... sophomore at Surrattsville High School ... interests include boxing ... future business owner ... bowling rates an "8" ... first bowled at age 3 ... strongest aspect of game: my mental game ... must improve being consistent in making spares ... 15-pound Motiv Jackal ... "I come from a family of bowlers. I am a diligent, hard-working, honor roll student."



7. JEREMIAH TERRY, 17, Annapolis, Md. ... 175 average ... Potomac Lanes ... 277/757 ... senior at Annapolis High School ... interests include football ... plans to attend college ... bowling rates an "8" ... first bowled at age 7 ... strongest part of my games: strikes ... I must improve spares ... 16-pound Columbia 300 Tyrant ... "The best advice there is, is never give up, always stay focused."



8. SHAWN GREEN JR., 14, Waldorf, Md. ... 171 average ... Potomac Lanes ... 286/687 ... 9th grader at St. Charles High School ... play video games, learn in science, listen to music ... work in science or computer technology ... bowling rates an "8" ... first bowled at age 4 ... consistency is strongest part of my game ... must improve making spares ... 15-pound Brunswick Kingpin Max ... "I choose to be different than like everyone else."

D Division (150 - 164 average)



1. KAYLA STARR, 12, Crofton, Md. ... 162 average ... The Lanes Fort Meade ... 276/591 ... seventh grader at Crofton Middle School ... enjoys listening to music ... plans to bowl collegiately ... bowling rates a "10" ... first bowled at age 4 ... physical game and having fun are strongest parts of game ... must improve consistency, especially spares ... 14-pound Storm IQ Tour ... "Trust your eyes" (from Coach Danny Wiseman).



2. AJ BROWN, 18, Bowie, Md. ... 163 average ... Crofton Bowling Centre ... 243/607 ... senior at Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High School ... interests include graphic design, photography ... studying graphic design at Stevenson University ... bowling rates a "10" ... first bowled at age 8 ... strongest part of my game: my full dedication towards bowling ... must improve on picking up single pins and adjusting to lanes ... 15-pound Roto Grip No Rules ... "A creative

man is motivated by the desire to achieve, not by the desire to beat others."

— Ayn Rand



3. THEO AVERETT, 19, Alexandria, Va. ... 159 average ... Potomac Lanes ... senior at T.C. Williams ... interests include soccer, basketball ... plans to become an automotive technician ... focus is strongest part of my game ... must improve consistency ... 14-pound Roto Grip Hyper Cell Skid ... "I like to play a lot of sports and do art and read."



4. CLARA JOHNSON, 17, Sterling Va. ... 159 average ... Bowl America Dranesville ... 237/625 ... senior at Dominion High School ... enjoys playing euphonium & trombone, solving Rubik's Cubes, playing video games, German ... plans to study aerospace engineering in college ... bowling rates a "9" ... first bowled at age 8 ... finding a line and sticking to it is strongest part of game ... must improve picking up corner spares on different Sport patterns

... 14-pound Hammer Deadly Aim ... "Find your line and stick to it." — Coach Clayton Blankenship Jr.



5. FANTASIA HUMPHREY, 17, Woodbridge, Va. ... 162 average ... Bowl America Woodbridge ... senior at Potomac Senior High School ... enjoys volleyball, softball ... plans to be a graphic designer ... bowling rates an "8" ... first bowled at age 3 ...power of my arm when throwing the ball is strongest part of game ... must improve one of my three steps ... "For the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you."

Jeremiah 29:11



6. JORDAN SPAUSE, 18, Hanover Md. ... 162 average ... The Lanes Fort Meade ... 224/611 ... freshman at Maryland Institute College of Art ... plans to be a professional illustrator ... bowling rates an "8" ... first went bowling at age 3 ... mental game is strongest part of game ... must improve consistency ... 14-pound DV8 Freakshow ... "Life is a party, and I'm the piñata."



7. ANAYA HALL, 11, Silver Spring, Md. ... 152 average ... NSA Bethesda Bowling Center ... 227/557 ... 5th grader at Cresthaven Elementary ... other interests include karate ... future plans include college ... bowling rates an "8" ... first bowled at age 5 ... my release is strongest part of my bowling game ... must improve being consistent ... 12-pound Storm Tropical Blue-Orange ... "I try to enjoy the little things in life because I know tomorrow is not

promised to me."

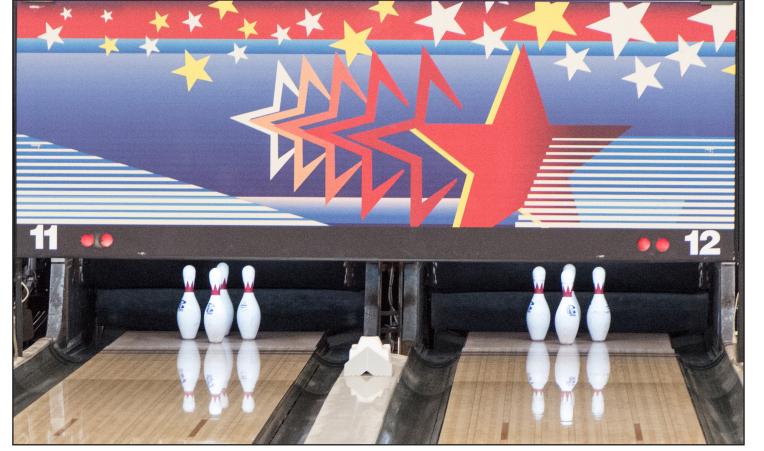


8. ALDO FALLA, 18, Manassas, Va. ... 164 average ... Bowl America Bull Run ... 264/605 ... senior at Osbourn Park High School ... enjoys working on cars, drawing, and building computers ... plans to study computer engineering in college ... bowling rates an "8" ... first bowled at age 1 ... ability to maintain a positive mental state is strongest part of game ... must improve on maintaining a consistent ball release ... 15-pound Storm Virtual

Gravity Nano ... "Bowling is undoubtedly a sport."



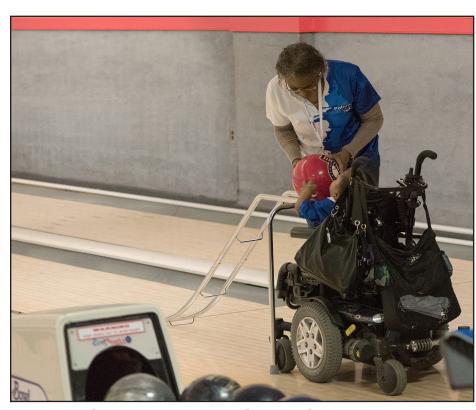
Nicholas Koehler nearly converts the 5-10 split.



"RED SQUARE" DOES IT AGAIN — It may not be odd to see identical bucket leaves on a pair of lanes. However, these leaves are the 1-2-3-5, and they were left in Round 2 at Bowl America Falls Church by bowlers who ultimately would appear in the finals!



Dakwan Tyler



Jane Andrews assists Andre Andrews.



Marcus Barnes



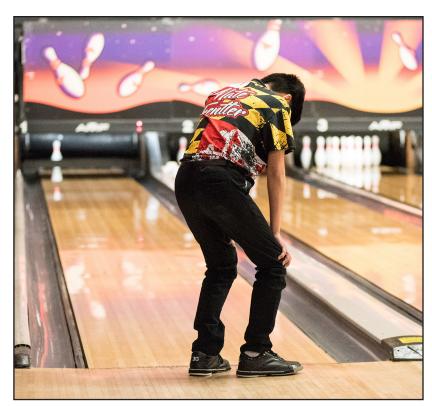
Amara Speights





Meanwhile, Daniels, an Invitational finals veteran with respective second- and seventh-place finishes in 2016 and 2017, also struggled in the final match. He scored only 159, which included a missed 10-pin in the 10th frame (above) after all had been decided. Nevertheless, he earned the 30 bonus pins in this winner-take-all contest to secure his first Invitational title.





At left, Nate Trentler confers with 2014 Invitational titlist Gene Blair minutes before the tournament's final match-play game at AMF Capital Plaza, where Trentler leads Anthony Daniels by 17 pins. Trentler struggled in the finale, however, scoring only 16 after the second frame (center) and 44 in the fourth. A missed 4-pin in the eighth frame (right) all but sealed his fate. Bonus pins earned by Amara Speights in Game 8 allowed her to advance past Trentler into the runner-up position. Indeed, a disappointing 146 close for Trentler, but his admirable accomplishments on the demanding Red Square oil pattern in his first Invitational competition at age 14 make it a safe bet there likely will be only seven spots available in the 2020 A Division finals.



A Division champion Anthony Daniels, moments after his victory.