

Perfection Makes For A Good Story

Are these just folklore, urban legend or the stuff of real champions, you decide? One thing for sure each story came from a real honest to goodness real champion.

Close Calls

At the Masters National Championships of which I was not competing in (too young). The big guys are in practicing the day of their arrival. On a near by lane some young fellow in off the street bangs eleven in a row and 447

Tom Paterson playing in a singles qualifying round for what used to lead to a national championship did some quick mental math and figured a 400 would be what he needed. Eleven balls later and a 448 he was right by 36 pins.

A Young toddler (about 3 years old) playing on lanes close by has been in the habit of wondering onto nearby lanes. Now nearing strike eleven a rather expert competitor in for a practice meets up with this young curious sort. The competitor briefly turned away and off goes the little tike. He waddles past the player unbeknownst to him with a ball and bangs one onto the lane dribbling it down the lane. Did he get the twelfth?

And now for those Perfect stories

You know what I think makes a perfect game more difficult is not the actual act of twelve strikes but rather the deadening silence that usually accompanies the last few deliveries.

It's Not the Money

Lynn Howell and Geno Ziebarth have both bowled perfect games. For just those games Lynn and Geno have won \$\$.

- Lynn has won \$800
- Geno \$18,000.

Superstitious - Ya Think so

For Bruce Morter superstitions are just part of the day. On one particular day (his 450 game). Bruce starts with 4 strikes using the same ball then switched to the other ball for the next 4 strikes and back again

Longevity

It has been awhile but this brave eastern woman shares her feat on condition of maintaining anonymity. Three perfect games all on the same day all in the same league, each three years apart.

The Kelowna Rocket

Lynn Howell bowling in what was at one time a very important tour stop in Kelowna went 30 of 34 strikes, with four corner spares. His games were 450, 399, 386. for a 1235 three game total.

Memory Lapse

My first perfect game and my last perfect game I can't remember. Weird eh!

Pass the Coke

Geno Ziebarth at the Regina Coke a Cola Classic threw twenty-five consecutive strikes. Beginning by ending one game with six strikes, rolling twelve strikes (perfect game) the next game, and starting his third game with a seven bagger.

How Could it Be - A Bad Omen

Maybe it's a bad omen. There have been 6 perfect games bowled during the qualifying of the February tournament held at the K.G. Bowl in Saskatoon. Not one of the individuals rolling the games found themselves qualifying that year for the match play side of the competition.

Sweet 17 Something's

The tender age of 17'ish Craig Vance, Tim Cuthbert, Warren Lucky, and Tom Paterson are bowling in what we used to call a pot game. We all put X amount of money down and winner take all.

Any way Tim rolled a 420, but Paterson picked up the pot courtesy of 12 strikes for a 450.

Tangles

Another 450 memory... the eleventh ball tangled the pins and this meant (given bowling for free) having to run down to the back fix the tangle and return to bowl. I was smiling all the way thinking how silly this seems. But... in the end number 12 came and with it a 450.

Wizardry

Frank Lavigne, legend of duckpin and of five pin; chronicled more perfect games than any other competitor in Canada. His total me thinks nears or surpasses 20.