



# I came into MCHS a baseball player, but leave a bowler

The countdown to graduation has already begun, yet I am not quite ready to move on from high school. There have been so many memories made over the past four years that I will never forget, specifically the ones I made as a bowler.

Coming into high school, I considered myself a baseball player, and a bowler on the side. However, that soon changed when I realized that I truly loved bowling and started to dis-

cover my true potential. I had never had a team that both looked to me as a leader and I was close with, but my bowling team gave me that.

While my teammates were the main reason I enjoyed bowling, there are a few moments that I will never forget from



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bowling individually. In my sophomore year, I barely even made the sectional lineup, yet I ended up leading the field after qualifying and advanced straight to the championship match. I won while my teammates watched me dismantle one of our rival's bowlers, and it was the biggest adrenaline rush I had had up to that time.

Obviously, nerves struck me the next year in sectionals knowing that I needed a repeat

performance. I bowled my first ever 700 series (yes, I did not get one until I was a junior), but then proceeded to lose to one of my teammates in the championship match. However, it did not end there for me. I squeaked my way past regionals into semi-state, where from the first ball I knew that I would be making it to state.

Being one of the few athletes making it to state from Michigan City, I knew I needed to de-

liver. The top four bowlers would qualify for a step-ladder final, and after each of my first two games I was sitting in fourth place. I ended up placing seventh out of 24 bowlers, which was more than I had even expected going into that day.

Years from now, after I've finished college and found a career for myself, I will still be able to recount each of those moments. Bowling was one of the greatest experiences of my life, and hope-

fully that will continue to be the case for me down at Ball State University.

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