

## PERFECT!

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### Gothenburg freshman bowls coveted 300 game

Beating his dad's score during the local family doubles tournament at Lakeside Bowl over the weekend would have been cool enough for 14-year-old Zach Kolbo.

After all, his father Chad owns the bowling alley and pro shop. He is a pretty darned good bowler.

"I've beat my dad before when we were just messing around but never in a tournament," Zach said.

But Zach not only beat his father's score, he did it in perfect fashion.

Zach bowled 205 in the first game of the tournament on Saturday, well below his best-ever game of 266 that he accomplished during league play the week before.

The second game was better, though. Much better.

Time after time, Zach threw strikes. Seven in a row, in fact.

That's when his dad began clapping loudly.

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“I’ve made it to the eighth frame before,” Zach said of throwing consecutive strikes. “Then I’ve always messed up.”

When Zach threw another strike in the eighth frame, his hand started sweating.

“I was sitting off by myself really trying not to think too much about it,” he said. “I knew everyone was watching me.”

Then came the ninth strike.

Zach has been bowling since he was 4 years old when he used to push the heavy ball two-handed down the lane. Now his hands, his feet, his stance, his toss all come so naturally that he doesn’t even think about it.

In the final frame, Zach admits he was nervous.

“When I let go of the last ball, I didn’t think it was going to be good,” he said. “It was a little high.”

But all 10 pins fell and Zach had accomplished the coveted perfect 300 bowling score.

“Dad picked me up and spun me around,” Zach said. “I think he was as excited about it as I was.”

Zach’s perfect score at Lakeside Bowl came exactly two years after Chad accomplished a 300 game for the first time there.

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“I guess Jan. 19 is our lucky day,” Zach said.

With the 300, Zach beat Chad’s individual score of 175.

“It wasn’t dad’s best game, by far,” Zach said. “I think he might have been paying too much attention to me.”

Regardless, the pair finished first in the tournament with a combined total of 1,516.

They’ll move on to the regional family doubles tournament at Lexington next month and then, possibly, state.

In the meantime, Zach will continue bowling in his regular weekly youth league, hanging out with friends, hunting, riding his four-wheeler and watching his favorite television show, “Duck Dynasty.”

He’s thinking about attending a technical school to become a mechanic.

Or maybe becoming a professional bowler instead.

<b>ANOTHER PERFECT GAME</b>		
Justin Geiken of Gothenburg also recently bowled a perfect 300 game at the Cedar Bowl in North Platte during a traveling league competition.	Chad Kolbo, Norv Kolbo, Jeremy Siemering and Dan Meisinger were in their final game of the six they played on Jan. 6 in North Platte.	strike on the first ball of the 10th frame, he knew he was really close to something special.
The five-man team plays once a month at six cooperating bowling centers in Arnold, Cambridge, Cozad, Gothenburg, North Platte and Oberlin, KS. Geiken and teammates	Geiken said he didn't find himself nervous until he hit the eighth frame. "I'd gotten that far before," he said.	"Then I was extremely nervous on that last ball," he said.
	When he managed the	Geiken, 30, said he's been bowling since he was in the third grade. His best score ever was 298, bowled during a high school competition.