



On The Lanes With...



MICHAEL RATCLIFF

**Strike N' Spare II
Juniors
Average 137**

Parents: Jaimee Ratcliff

Hometown: Romeoville

Grade and School: Sophomore at Romeoville High School

Started bowling at: 8 years old

Highest game: 189

Highest series: 493

What is your favorite thing about bowling? The friends I have made and being excepted by my peers.

When you are struggling on the lanes, what helps you stay positive and keep bowling? The four basics that I have learned from my coach and best friend Kevin Kullman.

Who has inspired you to do your best? My mom and my momo (aka grandma)

What are your future goals in bowling? To be on the high school team, continued participation in Special Olympic bowling, adding more medals to my collection and bowling more games over 200.

Which tournaments have you competed in: Illinois USBC Youth Tournaments and others.

Briefly explain your experience bowling one of the options above: Special Olympics has given me an outlet to meet many friends across the state of Illinois. Not only do I do my best, but I love cheering on everyone I bowl with. Doing my best and earning medals makes me feel so good about myself and my accomplishments. #dab

Overall, what has bowling done for you? It has taught me patience, given me self confidence and led me to meet some of the best friends ever!