

Circle Bowling News

Circle Bowling Team fourth season "road to State Play-off"

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At the end of the 2008 season the team found themselves falling a few pins short of making the top 16 at the state play-offs and moving on for a chance to win the state. The team set a goal to get back to the state play-off in 2009 and make the top 16. After seeing the level of competition at the state level the team recognized the need to improve their ability to score higher. So they set out to improve by joining youth leagues and bowled all of the off-season, practiced multiple times a week, got private lessons, attended UCF mini bowling camp and bowled in Orlando City Tournament, Florida State tournament and Florida Pepsi Tournament.

When the team came together for try-outs and the first two weeks of practice you could see that each player had been working on his or her skills and there was improvement. After the first two weeks of practice and our first match the varsity team has improved their averages from 2008 by 13 pins at the least and 42 pins at the highest. That is an amazing increase in just one year. As the season unfolds we will see if they can achieve the goal set back in 2008.

Circle open the season away against Foundation Academy. The teams bowled 2 games of 10-pin and then 3 games of Baker. In game one of 10-pins Circle came out charging and won 870-779. Michael Campbell [2011] 212 game and Christopher Mathis [2011] 200 game led Circle. In game two Circle showed some of the skills they learned during the off-season by winning 977-702. The 977 score was higher than any other game from 2008. Circle had two players going head to head with Jake Beavers [2012] edging out Christopher Mathis 243-242 on the last shot.

In game 3 the teams moved to Baker Format with Circle winning the game 192-136. Michael Campbell had 2 strikes and Michael Mathis [2013] and Christopher Mathis had a strike. Game 4 Circle won 184-136. Matthew Wells [2011] had 2 strikes to lead the team. The fifth game Circle put it all together and won 207-166. Michael Campbell finished out with 3 strikes in a row, Jake Beavers had 2 strikes and Christopher Mathis and Michael Campbell picked up back-to-back splits to keep the game alive.

Circle won the match 5-0. Christopher Mathis led Circle with a 442 series [221.0 avg.] and 100% marks in Baker. Circles season record is 1-0.

Bowler	Series	Average	Spares	Strikes	% Marks	% Strings
Christopher Mathis	442	221.0	3	3	100%	50%
Jake Beavers	423	211.5	2	3	83%	0%
Michael Campbell	364	182.0	2	6	80%	83%
Michael Mathis	320	160.0	2	2	67%	33%
Matthew Wells	298	149.0	3	2	83%	0%

Both Varsity and JV teams will travel to Bishop Moore Thursday 9-10-09 at Aloma Bowling Lanes @ 3:45 pm for our next match.