

Chippewa Valley's Owen DiBucci bowls perfect game

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Owen DiBucci. (DAN DIBUCCI, For MediaNews Group)

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Owen DiBucci of Chippewa Valley High School accomplished one of the rarest tasks in sports: he bowled a 300.

After a strong round of 222 against Dakota on Jan. 31 at Imperial Lanes in Clinton Township, the senior bowled a perfect game, cementing himself in Chippewa Valley and MHSAA bowling history.

“The whole day I had a good look, I knew I had to stay in the pocket and hit my spares,” DiBucci said. “I was also very nervous going in the last couple of frames, I had to keep my emotions and breathing under control.”

Naturally, DiBucci’s lane became the center of attention in the alley. But the senior didn’t let the moment get too big, and he calmly delivered the final throw to etch his name into history.

“When I threw my last shot and it was a strike, I was ecstatic along with celebrating with my coaches and teammates.”

DiBucci’s perfect game was only the second by a high school boy in the state this year. His 220 average is currently the highest on Chippewa Valley and second in the entire MAC Red. He’s helped lead the Big Reds to first place in the division at 8-2, and his 3,977 total pins are also second in the Red.