

# Red Devils rolling through club's inaugural season

*JHS introduces brand new program to athletic department; team responds by finishing second place in conference*

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**A** team that is completely self-funded, Jeff High's bowling team has gone against the odds to achieve early success in their program.

The Rollin' Red Devils were just a club one year ago, but began their first official year as a team on fire, winning four of their first six. Jeffersonville used the first season's momentum to make it to the Hoosiers Hills Conference championship before losing to Clarksville in the finals on a tie-breaker.

Despite the heartbreaking conference title loss, the team looks to their Sectional to rebound, which occurred on Jan. 25. Jeff hoped to use their momentum from singles Sectional to keep up their program's early winning trends.

"It felt good to be a part of a new program for Jeff High because we are able to expand the game of bowling in the state of Indiana," freshman Kyle Tincher said.

Despite low numbers on the roster, freshmen and sophomores highlight coach Eric Metcalfe's entire team. He talked highly of freshman Jackson Kruer and sophomore Kaylee Oliver, naming them as some of the conference's best bowlers.

"I have, actually, the smallest team, even though Jeff High School is the biggest in our conference," Metcalfe said.

The size of Jeff's team should not be surprising, as bowling is not a popular pastime in an area such as this. But the Rollin' Red Devils, and Metcalfe, intend to change the view on what people think of the sport.



photo by Phillip Steinmetz

Freshman bowler Kyle Tincher lines up his shot during warm-ups of the HHC Conference finals. In the team's first official season, they finished runner-up in a tiebreaker to Clarksville.

"Bowling is new to this area of the state, so nobody knows how it's supposed to work," Metcalfe said.

Everyone involved in this new addition to Jeff High's athletics hopes to bring excitement

to the game of bowling in an area swarming with avid sports fans.

For information on the team's Sectional results, visit the Hyphen Twitter account (@TheHyphenNews) for stats.

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