

The Myth of Carry Down: How Lanes Really Transition

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In the October Slowinski at-large, I share with readers an extremely detailed picture of how lanes transition on the 2007 Junior Gold medium pattern, 40 feet. The data was collected at the Kegel Training Center Tapes were taken in 8 places per lane (5, 10, 15, 22, 25, 30, 38 and 44 feet) on the fresh, after 15 minutes of practice, after game 1, after game 2 and after game 3. With this knowledge, bowlers can better anticipate lane transitions and take advantage of optimizing scoring. I demonstrate that carry down is a myth. Rather, oil depletion is why ball motion changes in the modern sport of bowling.

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