



Broward bowlers perform well at State

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ORLANDO – All three [Broward County](#) bowlers in the 2012 FHSAA bowling finals won at least one match.

But the county's biggest winner may have been the hundreds of hopeful young bowlers who didn't attend the two-day tournament at Boardwalk Bowl this week. They might have their own District for the first time next year.

Individually, sophomore Krystina Nealon of Coral Glades High stood out. After losing a first-round match to Jessica Davies of Island Coast, Nealon won three matches in a row. She was finally eliminated with a second round loss to Davies, the third-place finisher.

Nealon finished sixth, the highest ever placement by a Broward bowler. The previous best was seventh place by Jessica Mellott of Coral Springs Charter in 2010.

"Krystina bowled incredible," said her coach, Mike Nyitray. "Both losses were very close matches. I can see this is a sign how good she is getting – a top-tier high school bowler. She belongs on this stage."

Broward's other individual finalists, Kristin Zimmerman of St. Thomas Aquinas and Pablo Cerda of Coral Springs Charter, won first-round matches.

Broward had its largest contingent of bowlers in the 10-year history of the event. Thirteen sent teams or individuals to the District 14 tournament in [Boca Raton](#). Nealon and Cerda won Individual District honors and Coral Springs Charter girls [and Highland Christian boys each] finished third. The top two teams in district qualify for the state tournament.

But with the Broward bowlers joining the ten [Palm Beach County](#) teams, the district was too bulky. Harvard Jones, Bowling Administrator for the FHSAA, said District 14 was probably the biggest district we ever had."

Jones said when redistricting is done next year consideration will be given to Broward's increasing participation.

"We do the district geographically, and we try to balance them out. If there are 15 Palm Beach teams and 17 from Broward, we won't put them in the same district. It's possible Broward have its own district."

Nyitray, a long-time proponent of Broward participation in State-Series bowling was elated. He said: "This is fantastic. I'll be happy to tell everybody. I will contact the schools myself."