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SCA bowling qualifies for state during an extraordinary season

The St. Cecilia Academy bowling team finished this season this week by qualifying for the state tournament for the first time in school history. The success comes during an extraordinary season for the small but talented and determined team.

The eight-member SCA bowling team finished the season third in its district with a record of 8-4 in the district, 10-4 overall. As the team prepares for its post-season matches, Coach Heather Honeycutt said the team already won its biggest victory as it watched a teammate recover from a neck vertebra injury she suffered in a car accident this summer.

SCA Junior Emily Warren's injury required her to wear a neck stabilizing brace for three months. Although Emily could not play in the beginning of the season, it did not stop her from helping her team win as a cheerleader and inspiration.

"Emily cheered on her teammates at every practice and match even before she received medical clearance to physically participate," said Coach Honeycutt, who is also an SCA alumna and former bowling team member. "When Emily was cleared to play, she bowled a 122 left-handed – which was not the hand she had bowled with last year – in her first match back. Her average has gotten better every week."

"What's even better than Emily recovering and doing well is the support she has received from her teammates," she added. "She is her toughest critic, and her fellow teammates are always cheering her on and believing in her."

"It's pretty apparent this is a special group of girls and I'm so thrilled to be their coach. Regardless of how we do at the state tournament in January we've already won something bigger: Emily's health. For that reason I couldn't be any happier."

This season the team bettered its total pin fall average from last year by more than 50 pins, and several players improved individual averages. Senior Elizabeth Gobbell increased her average from last year by 6 pins; junior Arabella Everly improved her average pin fall by 10 pins; and senior Lourdes Monzon increased her average by 28 pins. Additional members of the team include: Senior Caitlin Perry, juniors Jessica Deal and Angela Ray and freshman Emily Neeley.

St. Cecilia Academy is Nashville's oldest private high school founded in 1860 by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation. The Academy has been named to the Top 50 best Catholic high schools in the U.S. list five times since 2004. Ninety-one percent of the Class of 2011 members were offered college scholarships totaling \$7.2 million. SCA

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is also home to the 2011 state volleyball runner up championship team and the 2011 state cross country third place championship team.

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