

Prairie bowling a family affair

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At Prairie High School, bowling is in the blood. Literally.

The top bowler on the girls team is [Rylee Blood](#), this week's Metro Sports Report athlete of the week, who ranks second in the state with a 215 average.

The sister of last year's No. 1 boys bowler Nick Blood, she'll be one of the title contenders at the boys and girls district meet to be held Tuesday at Lancer Lanes in Cedar Rapids.

Members of Blood's team include the [Grady quadruplets](#) (Lindsey, Ashley, Kara and Alyssa), look-alike freshman sisters featured in a December MSR article.

On the boys side, meanwhile, are the three Gallaro brothers (Andrew, Mathew and Lucas), who make up half of the varsity team's six-member line-up.

If one of them comes down with the sniffles, Coach Don Willfong worries his roster will be wiped out.

While the veteran coach admits he often has trouble telling the Grady girls apart, there's no such problem with the Gallaro siblings.

Matthew, a sophomore, is tall and thin and towers over senior brother Andrew and freshman Lucas.

Of the latter two, Andrew tends to be more reserved while Lucas talks a blue streak.

"I've always been that way," says the youngest member of the clan. "I think it has to do with

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always competing against my big brothers.”

The one thing they all have in common is that they come from a bowling family and have been at it since they were young boys.

And they're all very good.

Andrew ranks second on the team with a 198 average (up from 182 last year), Matthew is fourth at 180 (up from 159) and Lucas is rolling a 171 average in his first year with the varsity.

“They've all improved dramatically this year,” notes Willfong. “They're developing nicely.”

The bothers say it's fun to be able to compete together on the same team.

And there's always a little brotherly competition to help motivate them.

“If I ever beat one of them,” says Lucas. “I never let them hear the end of it.”