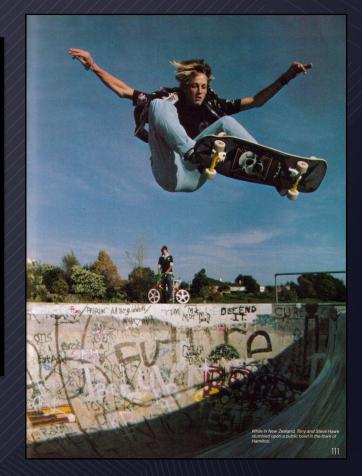
Favorite sportsman

Tony Hawk is an American professional skateboarder. He is the first registered skateboarder to perform the Indy 900 trick (a ramp jump, accompanied by a 900 degree revolution around him). Winner of the Young Hollywood Award in 2002 in the nomination "Icon of Modern Culture"



Tony Hawk was 9 years old when his older brother gave him a blue fiberglass skateboard, worn and scratched over many years of riding. When Tony first got on him and rolled down the alley behind his home in San Diego, he did not feel any sign from above .. then nothing yet portended that he would become the most famous skateboarder of all time.





The tricks that he performed were often beyond the reach of adults. At the age of 12 he won amateur competitions in California, at 14 he became a professional, and at 16 he became widely known as one of the best skateboarders in the world. By the age of 25, he took part in 103 competitions, winning 73 of them. This record has not been beaten by any of the



At seventeen, high school student Tony earned more than his school teachers. These were mainly fees from his main sponsor, Powell Peralta, and before graduation he was able to buy his first home. Until the end of the 80s, Tony traveled a lot around the world, participating in demonstrations and competitions, but in the early 90s, the skateboard boom quietly came to



The first few years were not particularly successful: skateboarding did not bring money, and Tony's future did not look cheerful. Soon, his efforts were rewarded, skateboarding became fashionable again, almost as suddenly, as it had lost its popularity, Tony signed a lot of profitable advertising contracts. In 1998, the Hawke family established a company for the production and