

## Prodigy

Am I the next bowling Prodigy? Well, I'll let you answer that for yourself. Although I am only 15 years young, I have accomplished more than what most people hope to accomplish in 30. The most spectacular part of this may be that in my 15 years I have only been bowling for three. Since the moment I dragged my dad to the lanes for a fun night of bowling, I have been hooked. As soon as I started bowling I showed great promise. I started by hardly being able to get a score over 50 and within five months, I've moved on to my first reactive ball, holding an average of 130, from then my average continued to increase steadily month by month. Eventually by my second and a half year of bowling, I raised my average all the way to a 200. I have gained a lot of respect and recognition, due to my outstanding performance in junior leagues and tournaments, as well as our school league. In a junior league that I play in, I have received over 8 awards for holding the highest game, series, and average, as well as being the first place team several times. I have even gotten merit awards for twice holding the highest game, series, and average in the league. It was in that league that I bowled my highest series ever with a 747. Furthermore, back in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, I competed in a scholarship tournament against high schoolers rolling a 679, placing 2<sup>nd</sup>. By the time high school started, as a freshman, I tried out for the bowling team. With my 200 average, I easily made the team. I had the highest average ever recorded by a freshman on my team before. I played in every varsity game, and on every Saturday went with five other varsity players, none of which were freshman, to participate in tournaments. Throughout the year I helped lead our team to our third consecutive division title, our first county title in over three years, as well as our first state title in nine years, also helped in getting our team third in a New Years Eve tournament. These are accomplishments that, without my help, may have never happened. I was even able to get a headline in the Star

Ledger, the biggest newspaper in New Jersey, with the title, Hsu rolls 681, lifts Livingston to Essex County title. After our outstanding season ended, I was named first team all colonial division, and was presented with an Outstanding Athlete Achievement award by the school. Since then, my average again has been on the rise, I even enlisted the help of USA Gold Coach Ken Yokobosky and his partner Chip, as well as PBA US Open winner Kelly Kulick to help me become an even greater bowler. I have raised my average close to 210, with the goal of having a 220 average by the time the next school season starts, and becoming an all state bowler. I will continue to bowl three times a week, including bowling on a PBA sport shot during one of my practices. This is to help hone in my skills on becoming a true bowling great. So I ask you, am I the next Prodigy?