



## Passion, Obsession and Technology in Sports

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Diligence, hard work and devotion of day and night is the foremost requirement to be a successful sportsman in any sport. Continuous practice plays the most important role in achieving the preset goals. There are so many players in the world who have shown their unprecedented mental and physical power and strength in achieving unbelievable goals and achievements. These extraordinary performers have won many awards and accolades and brightened the name of their country. Lionel Andres Messi, who is a soccer player of Argentina, broke many records of football and brought numerous awards to his name. The same way, Tiger Woods from America is the most successful golfer in the world. Usain Bolt is an athlete and a runner who also created history in running events in different category and surprised the whole world with his unmatched and untiring running strength without injuring any muscles of his body. He has broken all old records and set new world records in 100 meter and 200 meter world events.

However, it is not possible for every sportsperson to give unparalleled performance like these sports icons. There are hundreds of players in the world who have that much courage, obsession and strength to reach to those unbelievable heights but still a particular sport and physical strength its own limitations. Desires of those thousands of people remain unfulfilled



who are not physically and mentally strong. Conversely, for these people too modern technology has invented ways to give performance beyond their strength whereas these people would have only imagined about achieving these milestones in life.

There is a man named, Oscar Pistorius from South Africa. He is a former sprinter with physical disability but whose mental strength, courage, and faith made him a world class athlete. He had some congenital disease because of which both his feet were amputated along with fibular bones of the legs. He got his legs amputated and has got fixed iron legs. Advanced technology helped him achieve his goals which were impossible without technology. He became the first amputee sprinter who participated in Olympic games. Pistorius was born with fibular hemimelia, in which fibula is absent at the time of birth. His legs below the knees were amputated after the decision taken by his parents who want to save Pistorius at any cost. Taking the decision for amputation was very tough because Pistorius was only 11 months old when doctors amputated his limbs. Only after six months, he was able stand on his artificial limbs. Pistorius never let this became the hindrance in the way of his dream and ambition to make his name. He always had interest in various sports and games. He started looking for favorable track fields to practice running when he was only 16 years old. In the year 2004, he participated in 200 meter Paralympic events and won gold medal. He was banned from taking parts in international competitions, but Pistorius never gave up. He successfully appealed in the international court and again participated in London summer sports events. He also became the first amputee when participated in the event. These type of impossible works were only possible with the help of latest technological advancements.



There is not even a single sport which can run without these modern inventions. The same way in cricket, different technologies are used to make the sport more accurate and errorless. Various robots are invented which can work in the sports ground which can replace referees and umpires and able to take decisions more accurately than humans.

Day by day, technology is expanding its wings in sports and other fields. Errorless, neutral and transparent decision making is possible with the help of these modern innovations and technologies. Modern technologies have made all round development in the life of humans and we humans must appreciate these innovations.