




# Ariel: No Miracles, No brag, Just facts

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Dr. Gideon Ariel, a sports scientist, has been credited with significant advances in sports science, including the development of a computerized biomechanical analysis system. This system has been used by athletes such as Terry Albritton and Mac Wilkins, both of whom broke world records after using the system. Despite these successes, Dr. Ariel insists that he is not a miracle worker, but simply applies engineering principles to the human body. He is currently involved in the development of a state-of-the-art biomechanics lab at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

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# Gideon Ariel

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"We are much ahead of them," Dr. Ariel said confidently, although the Soviet Union and European countries have dominated medal competition recently. "The only thing that they have is a system. They have a 1,000 engineers working, where we have computers.

"When they get computers

they get them from us. Their own computers are working on candles in comparison.

"Until now we have been like a thousand engineers who want to go to the moon, so they build a thousand different rockets. When we get a system we will be making one rocket together to be sure that we hit the moon."

The sky, in other words, is the limit, as long as we have athletes like Wilkins.

"Mac Wilkins made Mac Wilkins," Dr. Ariel says firmly. "He had the engine — I just tuned it up. I didn't change his technique, I just corrected minute mistakes. There are no miracles."