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0. 00:00 With all eggs to Olympic legs, these belong to perhaps the greatest Olympian in history.

- 1. 00:15 My name is Al Order.
- 2. 00:16 I've been in computers for about 22 years now, and I think I've always realized that there would be the potential for the computer in athletics.
- 3. 00:24 We've gone through micro computers and many computers, and now that we're developing computer chips with sophisticated computing capabilities,
- 4. 00:32 we're going to see a large introduction in the sport.
- 5. 00:35 Welcome to Future Sports.
- 6. 00:38 With us now on Future Sports, a man who really made history with a discus and still setting the pace.
- 7. 00:44 Al Order, 45-year-old discus genius who still is a threat to everybody in the world.
- 8. 00:49 And Dr. Gideon Ariel.
- 9. 00:51 I'm delighted to have you on the show, obviously, but why is a guy 45 years old throwing a discus and why you're still beating most of the people in the world?
- 10. 00:59 I've yet to figure that out, but I enjoy it.
- 11. 01:03 I've always had a philosophy that you don't have to go out and win everything.
- As long as you enjoy it and you work hard, you know, the capability evolves, and that normally takes 12. 01:07 care of the winning kind of thing.
- 13. 01:13 I absolutely enjoy throwing. I'm going to be throwing for another 25 years.
- 14. 01:17 Gideon, 45 years of age, I've alluded to that.
- 15. 01:20 And yet, a couple of years ago, we had a combination of three of the best throws.
- 16. 01:24 Are we beginning to shrink chronological and biological age, or are we beginning to expand the difference?
- 17. 01:29 Our body going by our genetic capability.
- 18. 01:32 And apparently, at the age of 45, you don't have to say, I'm old man.
- 19. 01:36 That's why I'm concerned.
- 20. 01:38 All right now, it's probably 25, 26 years old, biologically.
- 21. 01:42 What kind of logically? That's for the birds.
- 22. 01:45 Did you know about Al before you started going by?

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- 23. 01:48 Al was my idol. In fact, in the kibbutin, I had his picture above my bed every morning.
- 24. 01:54 I would worship. I mean, thousands years ago, they would kill me.
- 25. 01:58 They would say that I worship idols.
- 26. 02:00 He was my idol for many, many years, from 1955.
- 27. 02:04 All right, Al, it's time for you.
- 28. 02:06 That's a long time ago.
- 29. 02:08 You're getting older, you're getting younger.
- 30. 02:10 Al, you have a scientific interest. Where'd that come from?
- 31. 02:14 Well, I've been in computers now for whole 20, 21 years or something like that.
- 32. 02:18 When I started back into competition, I had an eight-year lay-off from 1968 through 76.
- 33. 02:24 And when I started back, I thought it might as well learn as much as I can about the throw.
- 34. 02:28 And I hooked up with Gideon immediately to find out exactly what I was doing wrong.
- 35. 02:33 Why not take advantage of all of the innovations that occurred through that eight-year span?
- 36. 02:38 And I think the computer analysis of the technique in my event was absolutely the most important thing.
- 37. 02:43 I could determine, for the first time, what coaches were trying to tell me.
- 38. 02:47 I could see quantitatively where I was accelerating, decelerating, all these kinds of things.
- 39. 02:51 And then going through that analysis, I was able then to launch into my kind of newfound career,
- 40. 02:56 with new enthusiasm and knowing what I was doing.
- 41. 02:59 Al, to understand the future, we have to understand the past.
- 42. 03:02 Unfortunately or fortunately, you're the past and the present and the future.
- 43. 03:06 Now, where are we going to go with this game?
- 44. 03:09 I think the computer analysis will continue.
- 45. 03:12 I think we'll get into very shortly an area where athletes will be able to almost step inside themselves.
- 46. 03:19 We'll have computers simulating what the perfect throw will be.
- 47. 03:22 And throwers will be, in effect, able to enter their own image created by film, by computers.
- 48. 03:28 And as they execute the throw, if an arm goes out too far, a head tilts to something,
- 49. 03:32 there'll be an alarm go off to say you're changing.
- 50. 03:35 So feedback systems and computers are going to be very important.
- 51. 03:38 You see that getting?
- 52. 03:39 Well, hologram is the thing of the future.
- 53. 03:41 And I tell you, I'm learning from Mal, more than he learned from me,
- 54.03:44 but he's the head of the game all the time because he really talked about the future.
- 55. 03:48 We're talking about holography now, where you will have the ideal model that you actually will see.
- 56. 03:53 You cannot touch it because you see it, but you cannot touch it.
- 57. 03:56 But you can put your body right in it.
- 58. 03:58 And every time you depart from efficiency, either you will have some kind of feedback in alarm
- 59. 04:04 or I don't know, maybe in Germany they'll give you a 220.
- 60. 04:07 I know, there are things that are a little frightening about the entire environment
- 61. 04:12 of computer introduction at the sport because computers, you know, ten years ago,

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- 62. 04:16 I couldn't lift computers that, you know, night now I hold in the palm of my hand very easily.
- 63. 04:20 And why not in the future be able to implant computers within an athlete?
- 64. 04:25 And through telemetry, exercise that athlete because the thing that prevents a runner from going very fast is his brain.
- 65. 04:31 And through telemetry, you can override that brain feedback that says,
- 66. 04:36 I think I'm going too fast wrong to see.
- 67. 04:38 You can override that with computer implants that are stimulating various muscles.
- 68. 04:41 That's frightening because then we're into robotics.
- 69. 04:44 Well, is that going to be legal? You see a lot of changes taking place in the Olympic rules, et cetera.
- 70. 04:49 Oh, the technology is here today.
- 71. 04:52 Certainly there's going to have to be a way of combating it because then you'll have coaches up in the stands
- 72. 04:56 to communicate with telemetry straight stations activating their athletes.
- 73. 05:00 There obviously has to be a stop for that.
- 74. 05:02 How you do it is through some kind of body scan.
- 75. 05:04 I 100% agree with you because we are here dealing with a balance between art and science.
- 76. 05:09 And when one taking over, you have a situation which is really a non-athletics anymore.
- 77. 05:15 We should use science to amplify our mind in a way where you can perform the best,
- 78. 05:23 but it should be the non-invasive matters.
- 79. 05:25 We should never implant chips in our bed.
- 80. 05:27 But we should never take drugs.
- 81. 05:29 We should do it as natural as possible to achieve our maximum.
- 82. 05:32 Just enhance an athlete's capability to exercise more efficiently,
- 83. 05:37 to be more productive in his training environment. That's what we want.
- 84. 05:41 On an earlier show, Al Order was here. He was our guest and he had an unusual training throw.
- 85. 05:45 Get in. What can you tell us about it?
- 86. 05:47 Vic, while we were setting up our Kamalas during our visit,
- 87. 05:51 he unloaded these tools during training.
- 88. 05:54 Although the troll landed on a hill, we were able to calculate
- 89. 05:59 that the tools would have travel approximately 244 feet.
- 90. 06:04 That's farther than the world record, 244 feet.
- 91. 06:08 This guy is going to be 47 years old in 1984.
- 92. 06:13 That's the year of the Olympics.
- 93. 06:15 So look at the distance source. Al Order is ready for Olympic gold.

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