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Future Sports: Athlete Training and Scientific Development

On Future Sports, we explore the journey of athletes across various sports. We delve into the story of a man who won the Munich marathon a decade ago, bringing significant media attention to the sport. His success was attributed to being at the right place at the right time, and the luck involved in his training being perfectly aligned with the scientific development of the sport at the time.

The United States has been lagging in the application of scientific research in sports. While we conduct extensive research, other countries often utilize our data to enhance their athletes' performance. However, this trend is changing, and we are now applying this research domestically.

The guest's advantage in running is not strength, but form and biomechanics. As athletes reach a certain level of training, they need to improve their form, which is challenging to visualize and reproduce. This is becoming more common among runners.

In 1976, sports scientists like Gideon Ariel were behind the scenes. Now, they are at the forefront. Athletes like Sebastian Coles are becoming models for others to imitate. Scientists can now study his form, measure the friction coefficient of his foot when he lands, and even determine the type of shoes that would enhance his performance.

The combination of studying superior athletes and generalizing their techniques can lead to the development of weight programs and shoe development programs to help athletes run faster.

The guest discusses his recovery from an injury and the psychological impact of knowing he has fully recovered. He also talks about the use of high-speed photography and computer programming to analyze and compare his running style before and after the injury.

The guest emphasizes the importance of not bouncing the upper body while running. He also highlights the significance of biomechanics and physiological testing in an athlete's training. He believes that the United States, despite having the best technology in the world, needs to better utilize it to enhance the performance of athletes.

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Frame	#	Time	Spoken text
	0.	00:00:00	On Future Sports, we'll take a look at athletes representing the complete spectrum of sports.
	1.	00:00:30	As a man who won the streets of Munich ten years ago, attracted major media attention to the marathon.
	2.	00:00:40	You may recall that the first runner in the Olympic stadium that day was a face.
	3.	00:00:46	Well, I think I was at the right place at the right time.



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4. 00:00:50 And again, there's a luck element involved in everything that you do,



5.	00:00:55	and I was lucky that the training I had done was right.
6.	00:00:58	And I think I was also, again, fortunate that I came along at a time in the scientific development of the sport that my type of training was all I needed to do.
7.	00:01:09	There's all that luck involved because the Americans have been very behind in the sophistication of the scientific research on sport.
8.	00:01:17	We do lots of scientific research, but then the other countries use our data, and then they

10. **Q0:01:24** And I may have been one of the first that people started to look at because my advantage in running is not strength.

11. 00:01:31 It is form in biomechanics.

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transfer it to the athletes.

Now we're finally doing it here.

12. **Q0:01:34** And as you reach a certain level of training, I think you get to a point of diminishing return in terms of just the physical effort that you put out.

13. **00:01:42** And then you have to get to the point where you can improve your form, and it's a very difficult thing to do.

14. 00:01:48 You can't visualize it in your own mind and reproduce it. You have to be able to see it.



15.	<u>00:01:53</u>	And I think you're starting to see this in a lot of runners now.
16.	00:01:57	True, in 1976, there weren't people like Gideon Ariel on the scene.
17.	00:02:03	They were behind the scenes. Now I think they really are in the forefront.
18.	00:02:07	Frank, always in scientific pursuits, there seems to be some model, like Sebastian Coles.
19.	00:02:12	He's going to become a model now, and people are going to try to imitate this guy.



۷۱.	<u>UU:UZ:Z1</u>	friction coefficient of his foot when he lands.
22.	00:02:28	And they can see even what kind of shoes he should wear. Some shoes will give him a better friction coefficient than others.
23.	00:02:35	So they can not only see what makes him good, what allows him to flow along as he runs.
24.	<u>00:02:41</u>	They can see and study just exactly what he might have done in the way of weight work or training to improve that form.

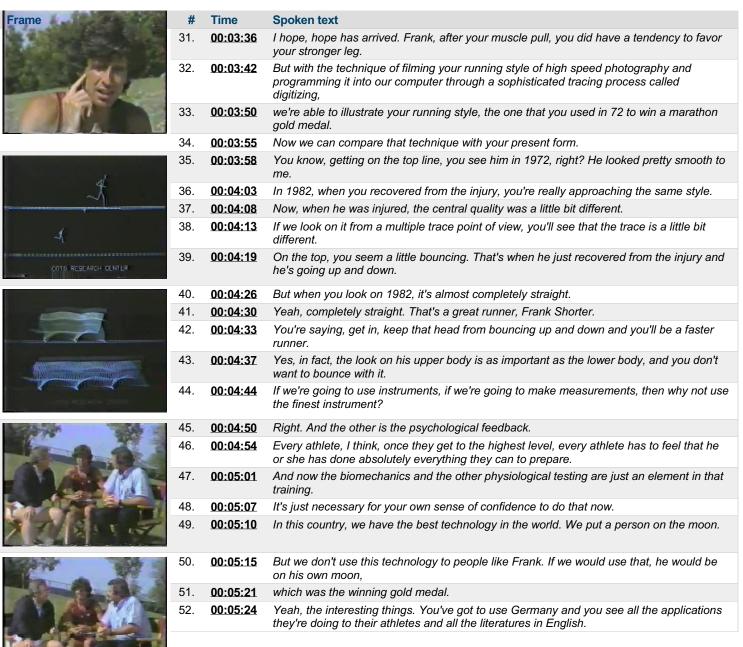
I think what they'll do is they'll study his form to see just what makes him so efficient.

And they do amazing things now like they can put him on a treadmill and measure the



- 25. 00:02:48 So it's going to be a combination of sort of taking the fine points, the good points of the superior athlete,
 26. 00:02:55 and then trying to generalize enough so that you can develop weight programs, even
- shoe development programs, to get the athlete to run faster.

 27. 00:03:05 The great thing about getting and having the information on me from 1972 is now I think I'm totally rehabilitated.
- 28. **00:03:12** I think my strength is back where it should be. It would be very interesting to be tested again to compare just to see how close I can be to the same efficiency that I had before I was injured
- 29. **00:03:23** And that's a great tool to have, because otherwise you never know, and there's always the uncertainty, and that's when the psychological element comes in.
- 30. **00:03:31** It now gives me a means to psychologically know that I am recovered and back to the point where I was before.





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