



Oscar Pistorius

Date of Birth: 22/11/86

Residence: Pretoria, South Africa

Coach: Ampie Louw

Paralympic Games Achievements:

Gold: T44 100m, 2008

Gold: T44 200m, 2008

Gold: T44 400m, 2008

Gold: T44 200m, 2004

Bronze: T44 100m, 2004

BT Paralympic World Cup Achievements:

Gold: T44 100m, 400m, 2009

Gold: T44 100m, 200m, 2007

Gold: T44 100m, 200m, 2006

Gold: T44 100m, 200m, 2005



Oscar Pistorius is one of the greatest success stories of the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games, winning three gold medals in world record times in the T44 100m, 200m and 400m events. Widely known as the greatest name in elite disability sport, the double amputee's achievements came in the same year that he was sanctioned to compete in the Olympic Games if he achieved the qualification criteria and only narrowly missed the chance to compete for his home nation of South Africa in Beijing last year against the likes of American Jeremy Wariner by two tenths of a second.

Born with congenital absence of the fibula in both legs, the 22-year-old races with carbon fiber artificial legs which has led to the nickname 'Blade Runner'.

In 2006, Pistorius was conferred the Order of Ikhamanga in Bronze (OIB) by the President of South Africa for outstanding achievement in sports, and in 2007, Pistorius was awarded the BBC Sports Personality of the Year Helen Rollason Award, which is awarded for outstanding courage and achievement in the face of adversity.

Oscar was recently involved in a boating accident on the Vaal River, south of Johannesburg, where he sustained facial injuries and initial news reports were not good as he was airlifted to hospital. However Oscar, whose courage and determination has endured him to the public across the world was quick to recover from the accident. Pistorius has a great history with the BT Paralympic World Cup, having competed in the augural event in 2005, where he won two gold medals, and in two further World Cups as well as Manchester in 2009, and after his accident he was relishing the opportunity to be back competing at the Manchester Regional Arena.

Coached by Ampie Louw and residing in Pretoria in South Africa, Oscar is also studying for a Bachelor of Commerce in business management with sports science at the University of Pretoria. His sporting motto is: "You're not disabled by the disabilities you have; you are able by the abilities you have."