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Built to perform: why body type matters

LAST week, a BBC tennis commentator sparked controversy when he insulted the appearance of Wimbledon Women's champion Marion Bartoli, saying she was not

His ill-advised attempt at highlighting her tenacity kicked off a sexism war, as it should, for Bartoli's purpose is to win tennis matches (something she did very successfully), not sell fashion

However, it does invite some interesting thoughts around the appearance of athletes, not from an aesthetic point of view but a performance one, through the eyes of sports science.

Consider Bryan Habana and Eben Etzebeth. Both are rugby players, but one is built for speed and agility, the other for size and strength. Both are world-class in their specific positions, but would arguably fail horribly doing the other's job.

That's because physical characteristics drive performance ability in sport. Some remarkable statistics reveal that, aside from the obvious requirement to train and develop skill and physiology, elite athletes are, in part born, into their sport as a result of their highly specialised and unusual body types.

For instance, the average female gymnast of 1980 was 163cm tall. Thirty years later, they are 145cm short - a change of 18cm, driven by the demands of the sport, because shorter people are better able to perform the routines and elements required in modern-day gymnastics. There is almost an



"entry requirement" into elite gymastics that makes elite achievement much more difficult for taller women.

In the NBA, professional basketballers do not only need to be tall (the average height in the NBA is 198cm. Eben Etzebeth, at 203cm, is only slightly taller than average!), they also need unusually long arms.

A normal person's wingspan to body ratio is around 1 — if you stand 180cm tall, your 'wingspan' from finger tip to finger tip will be approximately 180cm.

Not so in the NBA, where the average ratio is 1.063. That may seem similar at first glance but, it means that our 180cm man's arms would be 191cm long - a reach advantage of 11cm — a crucial advantage in that sport.

Tennis players, waterpolo players and kayakers also have disproportionately long arms relative to their height, while weightlifters have very short arms because this gives them a leverage advantage when lifting heavy weights over their heads. For running, the situation is reversed. The ideal body type is one described as highly linear (strictly speaking, it is called 'nylotic' - long

legs, short torso, very narrow pelvis and skinny limbs) — one possible reason why Kenya is able to

produce so many great runners. For swimming, the opposite is true – broad shoulders, long arms and short legs help the swimmer get through the water most effectively. A remarkable piece of trivia is that the great swimmer Michael Phelps, at 193cm, wears the same length pants as Hicham el Guerrouj, one of the world's greatest runners, who stands 175cm tall. That means the runner is 18cm shorter but his legs are those of a man standing 193cm!

Perhaps most interestingly, it has been found that, in American football, every extra centimetre in height or 3kg in mass over the average is worth about R450 000 per year in additional salary!

In other words, the average player (in terms of height and mass) will make R450 000 less than a player one centimetre taller, or 3kg heavier! Body type matters a lot in sport.

Of course, having the right body type does not guarantee success.

There is much more to elite achievement than long arms, legs or stature. However it does reveal a

hidden side to performance. For Bartoli and other tennis players, aesthetics aside, we judge physical appearance based only on what we can see. What we do not

see often holds the key.
*These and other statistics are sourced from "The Sports Gene", by David Epstein (Current, Penguin Group, 2013). The book will be released on August 1, 2013

Khumalo heading for Ipswich?

MARK GLEESON

BONGANI Khumalo is hoping to secure a move to Ipswich Town in the English Championship this week after playing two matches for the team on trial over the past five

The former Bafana Bafana skipper is again available on loan from Tottenham Hotspur, who bought him two years ago but have never

Khumalo has already played in the second tier of English football on loan at Preston North End and Reading and is hoping to stay on in

Last season Spurs sent him to the Greek club PAÔK Salonika but he had an unhappy spell there.

Spurs gave Ipswich permission to field Khumalo for the first half of their friendly match against nonleague Crawley Town on Wednes-

He played again on Friday in a behind-closed-doors match for assessment by Ipswich manager Mick McCarthy.

The former Supersport United centre-back has since gone back to training with Spurs but is hoping to finalise the move this week.

He said in a recent interview he was determined to make it in Europe despite the setbacks.

Swazi-born Khumalo was picked last year by Gordon Igesund as Bafana Bafana captain, but dropped after the African Nations



ON THE MOVE: Tottenham Hotspur player and former Bafana Bafana captain Bongani Khumalo may be moving to Ipswich Town Picture: GALLO IMAGES

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