

# GIMPY

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## LET THE GAMES BEGIN...It began with a smile at the starting line.



Moments later, Oscar Pistorius took off and the click-click-clicking of carbon on the track was all but drowned out by the 80,000 fans on hand to watch him make history. The first amputee to compete in track at the Olympics, Pistorius cruised past an opponent or two in the backstretch of his 400-meter heat, and by the end, the “Blade Runner” was coasting in for a stress-free success.

“I’ve worked for six years ... to get my chance,” said the South African, who finished second and advanced to the semifinals.

“I found myself smiling at the starting block. Which is very rare in the 400 meters.”

Yes, this sun-splashed day at Olympic stadium was a good one for Pistorius, a double amputee who runs on carbon blades and whose fight to get to this point has often felt more like a marathon than a sprint.

He walked out of the tunnel, looked into the stands, saw his friends and family there—including his 69-year-old grandmother, who was carrying the South African flag.

He finished in a season-best time of 45.44 seconds, crossing the line and looking up at the scoreboard, then covering his face with his hands when he saw he qualified for the Men’s Relay Finals.

The Men’s 4x400 relay was set to be run with South Africa being one of the teams. The other teams were famously strong and while Pistorius ran a very swift lap, his team didn’t win. He is feeling good about his chances and is looking forward to Rio and the next Olympics.

