



AMAZING SPORT FEATS!

“The Leap of the Century”

World records usually increase by the smallest increments; the shaving of a tenth of a second here, the adding of a quarter inch there. But in the 1968 Mexico City Olympics, something unheard of happened.

The event was the long jump, and the current world record stood at 27 ft, 4.75 in, an impressive distance to sail through the air.

Enter **Bob Beamon**, a 22-year old from Queens, New York, who came in as a favorite, having won 22 of 23 meets leading up to the games. His longest legal jump to that date: 27 ft, 4 in.

On his first jump, everything went perfectly, except for the measuring. The optical equipment installed was not set up to measure a jump of his distance, so the judges had to measure the jump manually, which confirmed that he had broken the world record by almost 2 feet(!), increasing it to **29 ft. 2 1/2 in.** In the process he became the first jumper ever to *surpass both 28 and 29 feet!*

Amazing Sport Feat Mr. Beamon!

QUOTE OF THE DAY

*“Might as well jump. Jump!
Go ahead and, jump.*

–Van Halen