

#### Technology and Sport The Official Web Site of the Games





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# Agenda

- Overview
- The Official Web Site
- Learning from other Sports and Events
- Questions



#### Overview

- Our challenges are very similar
- Client
  - More interact with us at a distance than ever attend the event
  - Competing for loyalty and revenues many choices
  - Content (Product) is key
  - Technology changes the way we get do business

Need sponsors and advertisers



#### **IBM** and **Event** Sites

- Atlanta and Nagano Olympic sites
- Grand Slam Tennis events
- US PGA, Majors and Ryder Cup
- NHL and NBA (results and store)
- Deep Blue
- Grammy's and more



### Official Web Site

- The Games are BIG
- The Web Site is BIG
  - 34,000 pages
  - 22,000 photographs
  - 700 multimedia items
  - 100 applets
- and complex...
  - 100 personnel at Games time



#### Official Web Site

- Joint development between:
  - SOCOG Leads Content
  - IBM Leads Technology
- Vision:
  - Best, most popular and most profitable web site ever created for a sports event
  - Extend the spirit of the Olympic movement across the globe through the most far reaching and celebrated website



### What's Coming to the Site?

- Comprehensive, Real-time Results incl. consoles - at Games time.
  - Many other areas incl.
    - Olympics & SOCOG & French
    - Sports & Athlete bio's
    - Kids & Games
    - Paralympics
    - Web cams & Chat & Community
    - Electronic Store & Ticketing & Auctions
    - Fanmail
    - Olympics News



## Explosive Growth

- Atlanta Summer Games
  - 20 million page views
- Nagano Winter Games
  - 165 million page views
- Sydney Summer Games
  - over 1 billion page views
- IBM event sites 300-700% per yr.



## What is hot in Sports Technology?

- Property owned and controlled web sites & Sports portals
- Multiple technologies eg: WAP
- Real time results and deep, unique stats & Fantasy leagues
- Archived and streaming video
- Real time audio
  - Members only & premium sections
  - **Internet is complementing TV and Press**
- E-business & Web only merchandise



#### **Revenue Generation**

- Revenue raising
  - Sponsorships
  - Advertising
  - Content licensing
  - e-business
    - The Olympic Store Online
    - Ticket ballot and live ticket sales
  - Strategic alliances
  - Sales Agents
  - Real business model



### The Olympic Store Online (Opened 27/6/99)

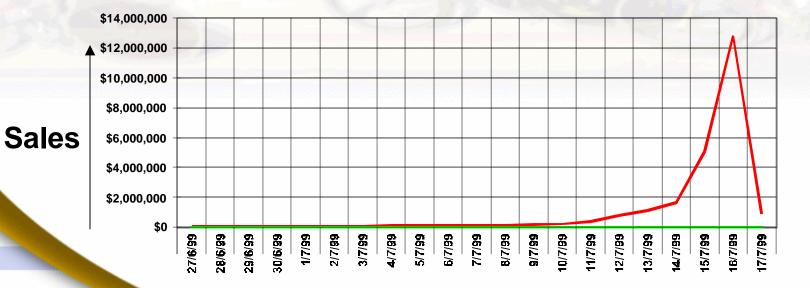
- Offers apparel, collectibles, gifts & souvenirs, and homewares. Thousands of items.
- Shopping Cart methodology
- Standard and HotMedia rotating Images

- Continued increases in quanties sold
- VR shopping in 2000



#### **Observations - Ticketing**

# • As always, people left it to the last moment....



Days



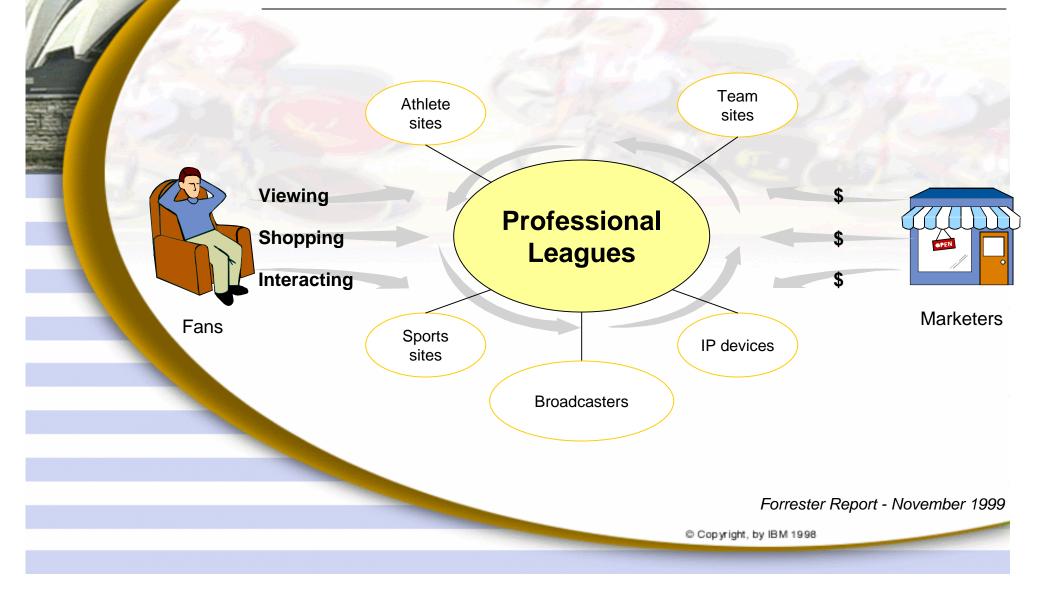
#### **Observations - Ticketing**

- Round 1: allowed Australians to register in ballot for round one tickets (closed 16Jul99).
- Approx. 25,000 orders accepted via site for 213,000 + tickets.

- Approx. value > \$18m in tickets.
- High level of comfort in purchasing



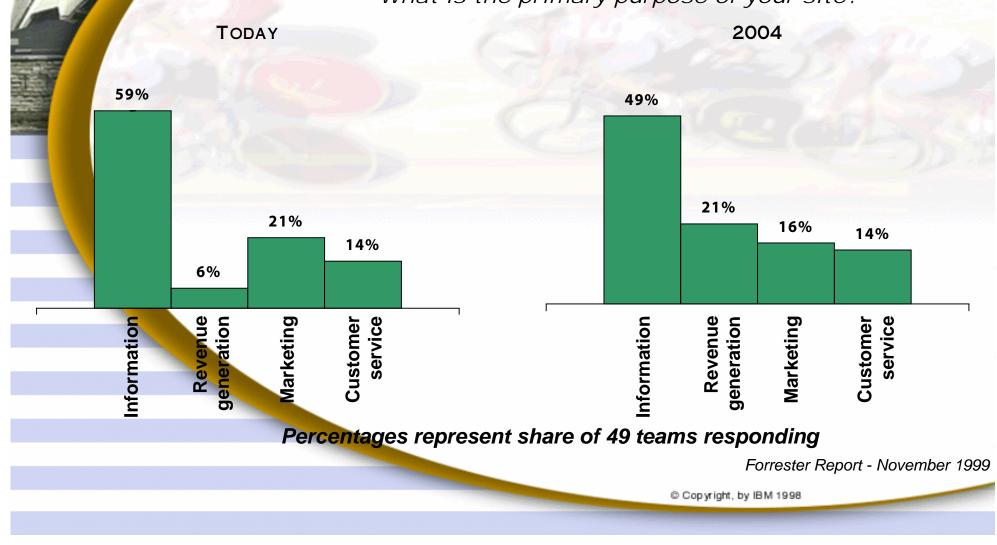
The Future: Leagues Stand At The Center of Fans & Marketers





# Sports Team Sites Move \*\* Beyond Information

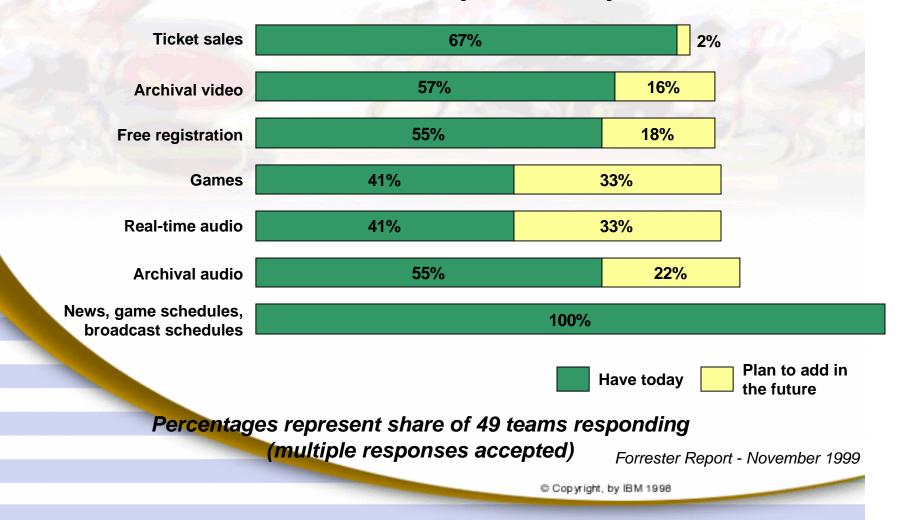
*"What is the primary purpose of your site?"* 



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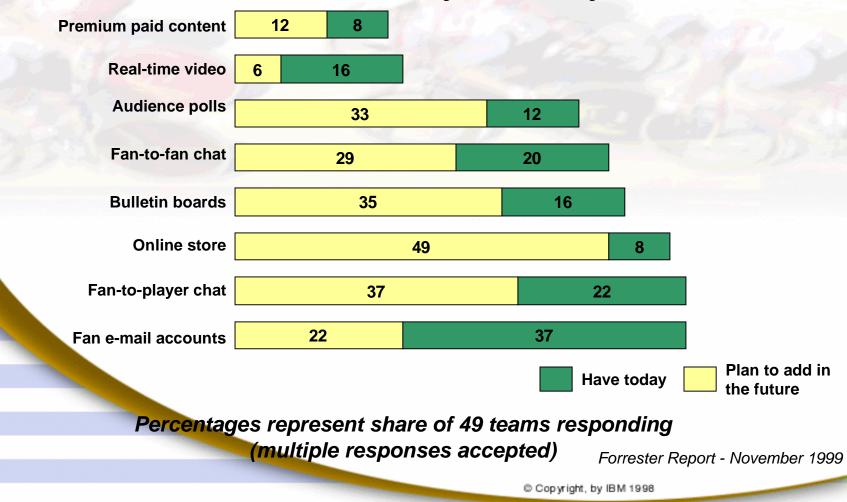
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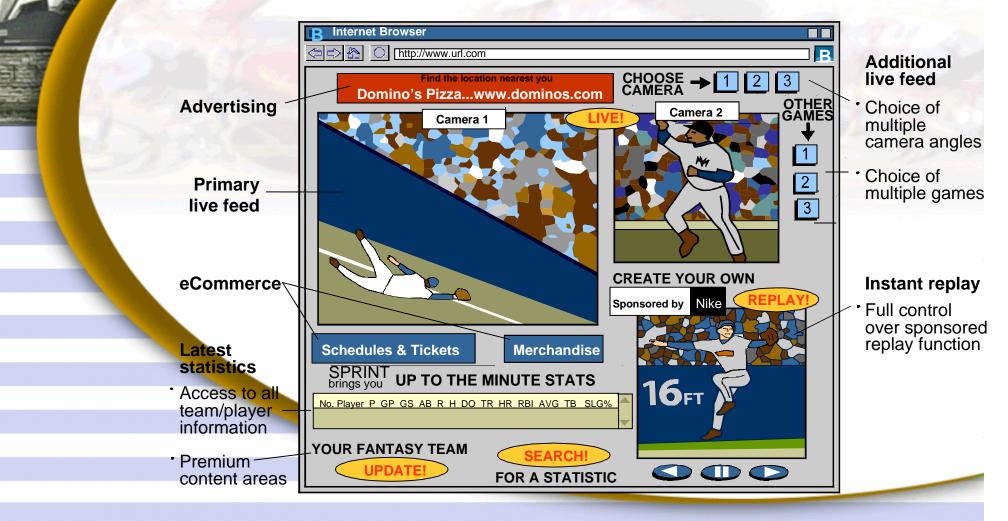
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# Sports Fanatics Enjoy A Street Game Experience

Sports Fanatics Enjoy A Multifaceted Games Experience





# Questions