

## Pick of the Month – September 2012

### Web Pick:

### **Oscar Pistorius and 'the Dignity of Risk'**

From The Nation:

“Pistorius...made history by becoming the first double amputee to compete at the Olympic Games. His journey to these semi-finals was far more arduous than the race itself.

“Pistorius was born without fibulas and had both legs amputated below the knee before his first birthday. The 25-year-old used prosthetics from the time he could walk and was raised to see “putting them on” as no different than his older brother Carl’s putting on his shoes. He was a dominant Paralympic runner and qualified for the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Enter the IAAF, the world governing body for track and field. They ruled, stunningly, that prosthetic legs constituted a “competitive advantage” for Pistorius. This is only logical to someone who thinks *The Six Million Dollar Man* was a documentary. Pistorius is not “bionic.” His world-class speed is in fact particularly remarkable given that his carbon fiber prosthetics requires him to start from a vertical position that always makes him the slowest off the blocks and most prone to be affected by wind resistance.”

To read the full article, please go to: <http://www.thenation.com/blog/169244/oscar-pistorius-and-dignity-risk#>