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2019 Yahoo Sports Technology Awards Shortlist Revealed

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Sports Technology Awards

Adidas and F1 amongst Shortlistees for Global Sports Technology Awards

Yesterday the 2019 Yahoo Sports Technology Awards' shortlist was revealed, showcasing leading innovations from the sector's most dynamic brands. Judged by a panel of global industry experts, the technology and brands which impressed most included industry mainstays Hawk-Eye, Formula 1 and Adidas, as well as disruptive newcomers Livelike VR and Guided Knowledge.

Rebecca Hopkins, Sports Technology Awards Group CEO, said 'We are in the sixth cycle of the Yahoo Sports Technology Awards and this year's entries, once again, push the boundaries of innovation across the sector. The shortlist highlights frontrunners in every area and proves that these Awards highlight the industry's technical progress like no other. Every successful brand should be proud to have made it this far given the high standard of competition. We look forward to unveiling the winners on 2nd May in London.'

Devon Fox, Director of Digital Platform Innovation at the PGA Tour and one of the 2019 judges, added 'There were, as always, a wealth of amazing innovations to review, making shortlisting a difficult task. It has been fascinating to judge these awards and enjoy advance knowledge of what influences the sector. Investors searching for the next big tech disrupter should check out the work we've seen.'

The 2019 ceremony will be hosted at the Roundhouse, London, on May 2nd, an experience enjoyed by leading industry figures, innovators and international athletes, who will be flying in from around the world for the event. Tickets are

Agency of the Year

- Fanview Media
- InCrowd
- Lagardère Sports and Entertainment for the Total Africa Cup of Nations
- Project11 Sports
- The Goat Agency
- Winners FDD for the UEFA GROW IT Maturity Matrix

Best App

- Fishbrain
- GameOn for Sky Sports Jeff Bot
- Lagardère Sports and Entertainment for the West Ham United Official App
- Major League Soccer Mobile App
- MatchPint
- SportsCastr

Best Digital Technology

- ATP Media Portal
- FieldTurf for Intelligent Play
- IBM Watson and ESPN Fantasy Insights
- iRewind for Migros iMpuls
- StreamAMG Cloud Matrix
- WSC Sports

Best Innovation of the Year

- BT Sport and EE deliver 5G
- European Tour for ShotClock Masters
- Hawk-Eye Inspection System for NASCAR
- Hawk-Eye Live Ball Tracking in Tennis
- SciSports for Insight Global Football Recruitment Platform
- Vald Performance for the GroinBar Hip Strength Testing System

Best Sports Broadcast (Single or Series)

- Discovery and Eurosport
- FIFA TV for the 2018 FIFA World Cup™
- LiveLike VR, Fox Sports and BBC Sport for the FIFA World Cup
- Pixellot Automatic Production
- Sky Sports for the Premier League Augmented Reality Studio

Best Sports Equipment, Apparel or Wearable Technology

- Guided Knowledge Wearables
- LID Helmets
- Solos Smart Wearable Technology
- Sports Performance Tracking for SPT2
- STATSports Apex Pro
- The Occlusion Cuff Elite

Best Technology for Athlete Welfare

- Catapult Movement Module

- Return2Play

Best Technology for Elite Performance

- 15th Club for the Ryder Cup
- Kinetic Performance Technology for GymAware
- K-MOTION
- SBG Sports Software for RaceWatch Race Strategy
- SIS Pitches for SISGrass Hybrid Pitch Technology
- SPORTLOGiQ Performance Analytics Platform

Best Technology for Fan Engagement

- BBC Sport 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ VR App
- CTP for Your Call Football
- Dimension Data for the Tour de France 2018
- Formula 1 and Goodform for F1 Fan Voice
- Formula 1 and Meshh for Project Fanzone
- Xperiel for The Real World Web

Best Technology for Participation

- CAP2 for CoursePro
- Cricket Australia Coach App
- Motitech for Motiview
- MyLocalPitch
- Sports Engineers and Tennis Australia Competition Management Software
- ASB GlassFloor

Best Technology for Sports Betting

- Betradar Managed Trading Services
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Best Technology for Sports Commerce

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Most Innovative Sports Partnership

- Avid for the European Championships Glasgow 2018
- Genius Sports and the PGA Tour
- Harlequins and Adidas for the Flash Charity Jersey
- IBM Aspera and Fox Sports for the World Cup 2018
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"SPORTS TECH TOKYO" is an acceleration program from Japan that is being held for domestic and international startups. A panel discussion was held on August 30 to introduce the current situation of this project promoted by Dentsu and Scrum Ventures, an American investment company, and to explain "Why is Sports Tech now?". It is one of the sessions of the event "Microsoft Innovation Lab 2019" held in Tokyo, and the title is "Go sports, Go global! / THE FULL PICTURE AND CHALLENGE OF SPORTS TECH TOKYO.

Profiles of 4 speakers

Take Masaru Ikeda, who has been involved in the operation of startup media, as a moderator, and as a panelist, Fumihiko Nakajima, Director of Dentsu's CDC Future Business Tech Team, Director of Business Development, Sports Takayuki Hioki, President of Branding Japan, and Takehiko Nakamura, President and CEO of Blue United Corporation, took the stage. Mr. Nakajima mainly served as a project explainer, both of whom were familiar with domestic and foreign sports business situations, and also served as mentors of this project, and Mr. Nakamura, supplemented based on their own experience.

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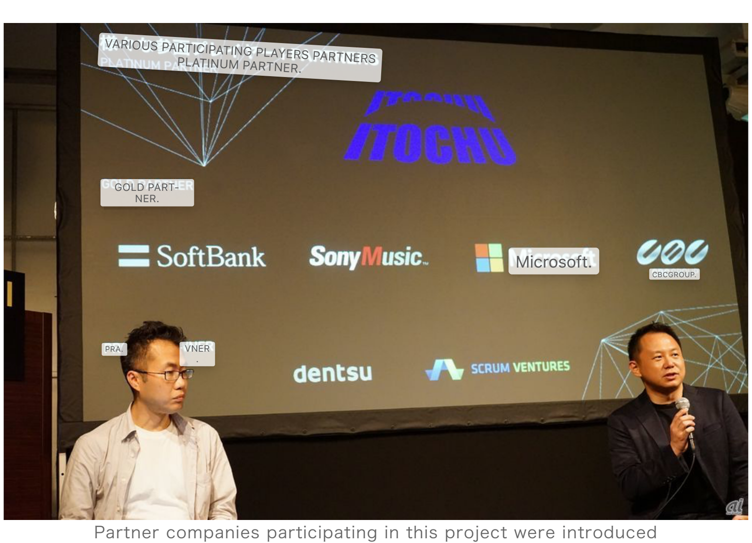
According to Scrum Ventures, the scale of the sports industry is expanding in the United States, and it is estimated to be more than 50 trillion yen as of 2016. Among them, the scale of investment in sports tech-related startups has approximately tripled in the four years from 2011 to 2015. In the meantime, the growth and industrialization of sports is mentioned as one of the "10 public-private strategy projects" of the government's "Japan Revival Strategy 2016", and the market size of the sports industry, which was 5.5 trillion yen in 2015, will be increased by 2025. It shows a policy to expand to 15.2 trillion yen.

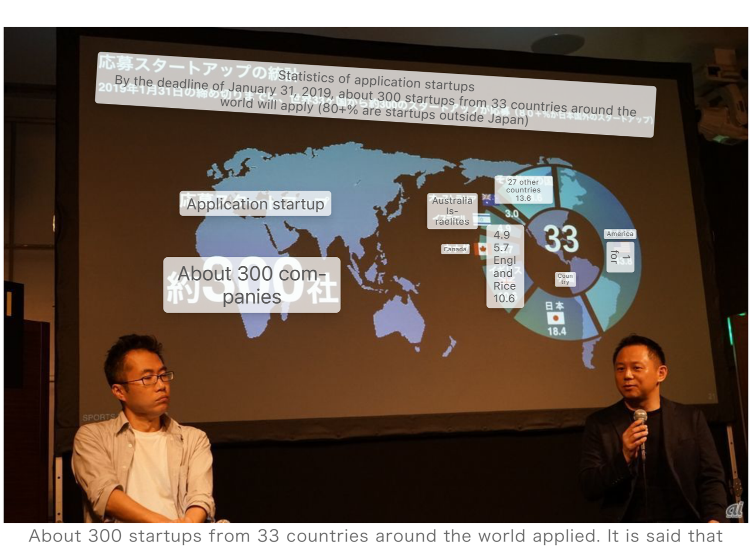
Overview of SPORTS TECH TOKYO

Mr. Nakajima appealed to his attitude of aiming for "creating a new industry through sports". The Rugby World Cup will be held in 2019 and the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics in 2020 will attract attention to Japan, and the momentum of open innovation between large companies and startups is increasing. After mentioning, he said about holding this project, "I think it's a very good time from Japan to the world, from the world to Japan."



Partner companies participating in this project were introduced

By the deadline of the end of January 2019, about 300 startups from 33 countries around the world applied for this project. It is said that more than 80% were overseas startups. In April, 12 of the finalists who could participate in the acceleration program of the project were announced. The breakdown of each headquarters location is 6 companies in the United States, 1 company each in Japan, the United Kingdom, India, Spain, Finland, and Israel.



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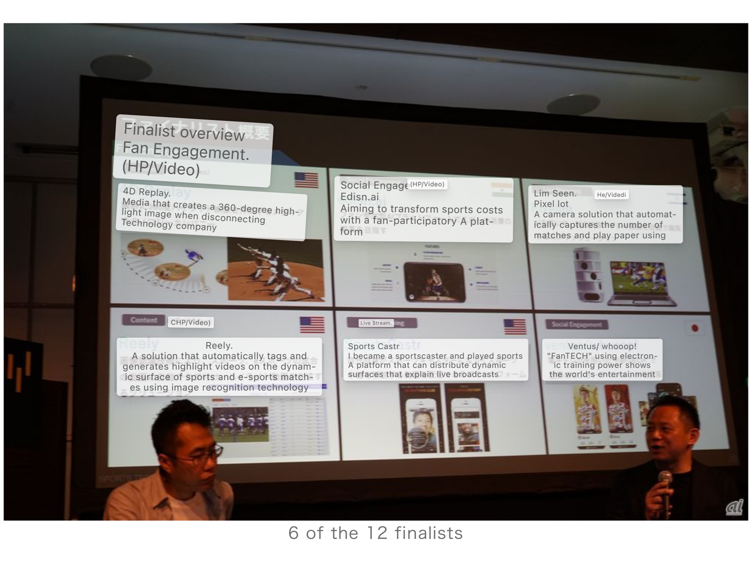
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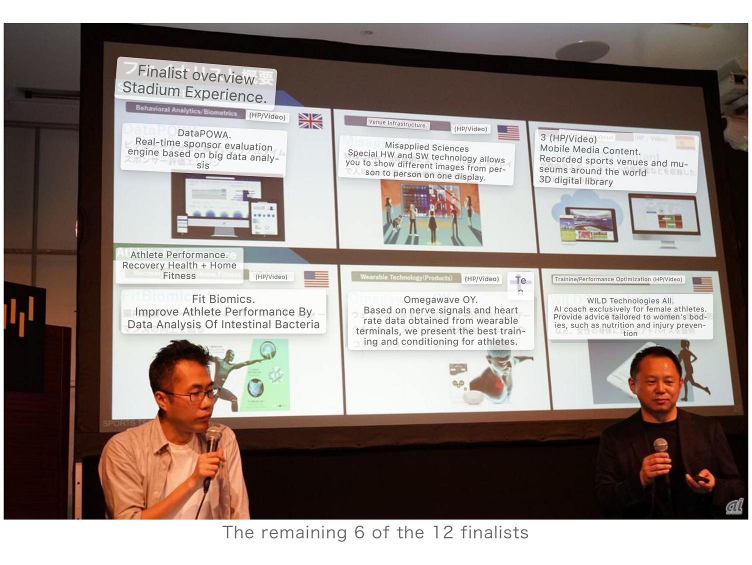
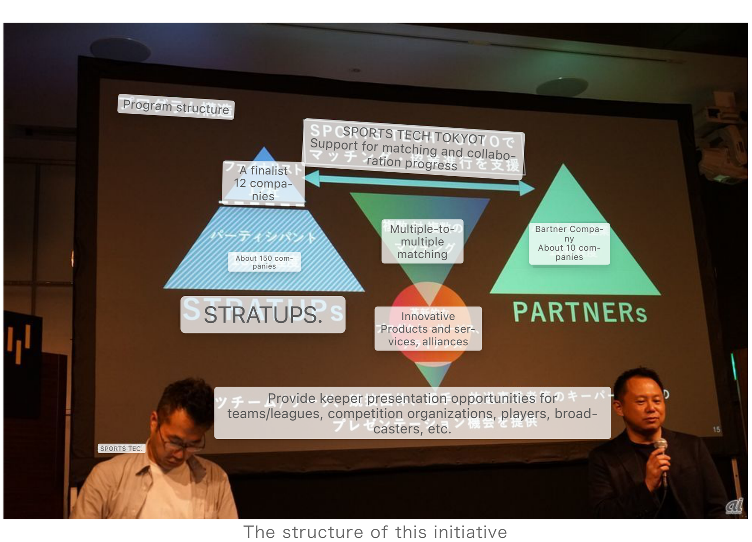


The remaining 6 of the 12 finalists

Among them, 4D Replay (USA) is a media technology company that instantly creates 360-degree highlight images that also became a hot topic on the TV broadcast of the 2019 World Judo Championship. SportsCastr (same) is a platform where you can become a sportscaster and distribute videos explaining sports broadcasts. Regarding Pixellot (Israel), it was announced in July that it would start a joint demonstration experiment on the sports video distribution business using AI cameras in conjunction with Asahi Broadcasting Group HD, NTT West, Asahi Shimbun, Dentsu, and Nissen. There is.

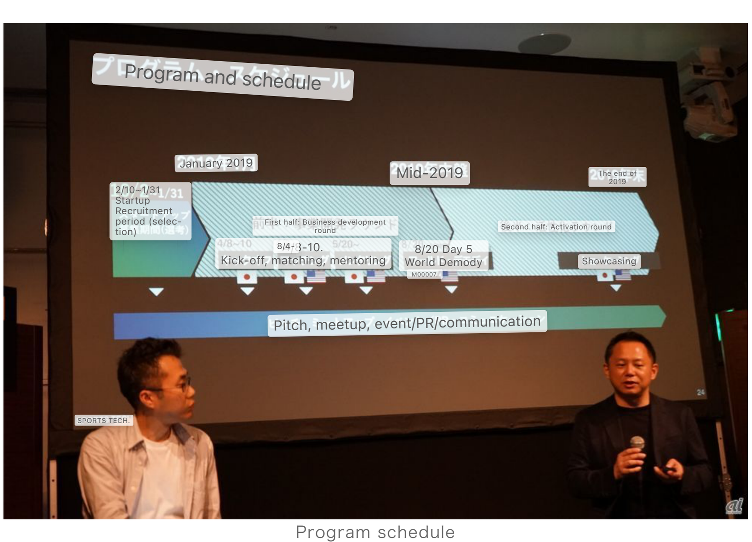


The structure of this initiative

On August 20, the "SPORT TECH TOKYO World Demo Day" was held at Oracle Park, home of the Major League San Francisco Giants, where 12 finalists announced the results of the program. A total of more than 300 people, including related parties, mentors, and leading investors in Japan and the United States, gathered, and the pattern was also introduced.

The presentation of the company selected as the finalist was introduced

A total of 25 demo booths were also set up at the venue, including 12 finalists and 13 companies that did not reach the selection, and a lively exchange of opinions with investors. At the main event, the Finalist Pitch, new partnerships with sports clubs, leagues, and competition organizations were announced. In the second half of the "SPORT TECH TOKYO" after the middle of 2019, it is said that demonstration experiments on products will begin while taking advantage of these partnerships.



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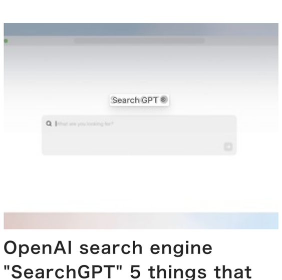
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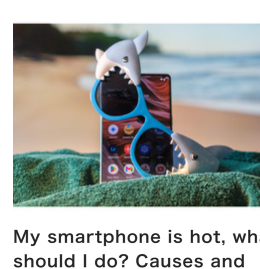
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