

Olympic Lesson:  
***A WINNER NEVER QUILTS!***

Got Problems?



Get over it!

**The Greatest Silver Medal Ever!**

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Turin, Italy — Frode Estil of Norway competed in the cross-country 30 kilometer (18 miles) pursuit skiing event, a grueling challenge under the best of circumstances. At the start of the race Estil encountered the worst setback in Olympic memory. The defending champion was involved in a collision and was run into and over by competitors from behind. After wrestling himself free, alone and dead last, he had to stop and replace a broken ski. What would you have done faced with that kind of adversity?

We were reminded of how great teams win. Preparation. Immediately upon seeing their teammate down as they passed, two Norwegians raced the front of the lead pack to do what they could to slow the pace down. Quick thinking, and clearly something they discussed before the race, helped prevent a bad situation from becoming worse.

Now with a new ski, Estil begins to pass, one by one, over 75 skiers. He skied, poled and willed himself back into contention. After an hour and seventeen minutes of exhausting catch-up competition, he gutted it out past all but one skier to earn the silver medal, missing the gold by .6 (six tenths) of a second. This race deserves to be put in a special category for courageous and inspiring performances. Estil embodied the reason we watch the Olympics in the first place. He won what may have been the greatest silver medal ever simply because as a Winner he NEVER Quit!