

Olympic Lesson:  
***IT AIN'T OVER 'TIL IT'S OVER!***



**Premature celebrations**

**Jacobellis' antics nothing new in sports world**

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Turin, Italy — A lot of people got on Lindsey Jacobellis' case for showboating her way from snowboardcross gold to snowboardcross silver last week. We were about to win the snowboard steeplechase, but Jacobellis, in the lead by a margin large enough to, say, fall and still finish second, grabbed her board on her way down for some style points in a sport that doesn't award style points. Then she fell and finished second. Now everyone is criticizing her. Even men's snowboardcross champion Seth Wescott said, "Sometimes it's subconscious, but that was putting on a show."

Jacobellis said she grabbed the board to get back to the ground quicker. Even though it's rare to see any other boarders do that. And it would make no sense to try a risky move to gain speed when you're that far in the lead. And her coach said she was probably showboating.

So the important thing is that she showboated, cost herself the first-ever gold medal in the history of her sport and may or may not have lied in a desperate attempt to cover it up. A wise man learns from other people's mistakes so:

***Wrestle to the last whistle and  
celebrate AFTER you're off the mat!***