

Contender or Pretender

Everyone wants to be a champion. That's not enough. You have to start by wanting to be a contender. You want to be the person coming up, the person who knows there's a good chance she will never get to the top, the person who is willing to sweat to get up as high as her legs and brains and heart will take her.

It's not easy trying to become a contender. It is never any fun in the beginning and it is not fun when you are not winning as much as you think you should be winning. It is hard work, you will want to quit. If you quit before you really try, that is worse than never starting at all. And nothing is promised you, nothing is ever promised you.

It is the climbing that makes the person. Getting to the top is an extra award. You have to be hungry enough to keep at it. Anyone can be taught to pass, spike or dig a volleyball. A contender, that you have to do yourself.