

Commitment To Excellence

There is much to be learned by competing in athletics. Each day after the battle, one group celebrates victory, another group mourns in the bitterness of defeat. The many hurts seem a small price to pay for having won and there is no reason at all which is adequate for having lost.

For the winner there is 100 percent enjoyment, 100 percent laughter, 100 percent fun and for the loser the only thing left is a 100 percent resolution and 100 percent determination. The game is a great deal like life. Every person makes their own personal **commitment toward excellence and toward victory**. Although you know ultimate victory can never be completely won, it must be pursued with all of one's efforts and each match there is a new encounter, each week and each year a new challenge.

All of the medals and all of the rewards, they linger only in memory. But the spirit, the will to win, the will to excel, these are the things that endure and these are the qualities, of course, that are so much more important than any of the events that occur.

The quality of any person's life is a full measure of that individual's **personal commitment to excellence and to victory**, regardless of the situation.