

# GREATNESS

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Some may remember individual matches and possibly even titles won, but everyone remembers those who truly love to compete. This love is the rarest of all things in men.

Most convince themselves that they are thirsty for finality of a victory or a defeat; however there is always a trace of doubt and uncertainty. The inner confidence from years of training and preparation, the support from loved ones, even the fire and venom given from great coaches provides little help from the fear created by the decisiveness of a defeat on the largest of stages.

It seems a simple concept, and easy to put in to words. Believe in yourself and fight with every fiber in your body; however it is not that simple. It cannot be. There must be more to greatness than belief and effort. Great competitors welcome an opponent who truly believes in his efforts. They welcome the possibility of defeat, because without them there is no great challenge, no chance of greatness.

Greatness is not measured by number of matches of won, nor is a legend born from gaining titles. Matches and titles are deemed great because of the legends who greet them, and their chance for defeat with a smile.

A true champion knows no single tournament is bigger than his legacy. This is why he competes; this is why he is remembered.

So, I ask... *"HOW WILL YOU BE REMEMBERED?"*