## Mental taughness

TOUGHNESS: strong and durable; not easily broken; difficult to deal with. The amount of energy a material can absorb before rupturing.

## A TEAM WITHOUT Mental Toughness Will...

- 1) QUITS when it looks like they can't win.
- 2) Fakes the severity of an injury to get out of the game or practice.
- 3) Blames their teammates when it starts getting tough.
- 4) Begins doing "their own thing" if they are getting beat.
- 5) Practices with little intensity.
- 6) Displays poor body language and walk with the "losers limp."
- 7) Points the finger at others and make excuses.

"I hated every minute of training, but I said, 'Don't quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion."

Muhammad Ali



## A TEAM WITH Mental Toughness Will...

- 1) NEVER QUITS in the face of adversity.
- 2) Fights through pain to finish what they started.
- 3) Does their job and encourage their teammates when it gets tough.
- 4) Believes in the ability of the team to fight back.
- 5) Demands intensity from themselves and teammates in practice.
- 6) Shows no outward signs of pressure or defeat.
- 7) Is accountable and accept responsibility.