Locker Room Maxims

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In the puzzle below, each line of letters represents a sports maxim or saying in which the key words have been replaced by their initial letters. See if you can figure out these locker room clichés.

Remember, if at first you don't succeed, T. T. A (Try, Try, Again!)

- 1. W. N. Q., and Q. N. W.
- 2. D. wins C.
- 3. Take it O. G. at a T.
- 4. There is N. "I" in T.
- 5. G. 110 P. out T.
- 6. The G. isn't O. T. it's O.
- 7. P. win G., T. win C.
- 8. W. isn't E. It's the O. T.
- 9. There is no G. without P.
- 10. Most B. G. are L., not W.
- 11. W. make G., L. make E.
- 12. S. are 90% I. and 10% P.

- 13. N say N.
- 14. Y. W. S. and Y. L. S.
- 15. a T. is like K. your S.
- 16. S. and S. W. the R.
- 17. You P. like you P.
- 18. You can't S. without the B.
- 19. K. your E. on the B.
- 20. We'll G. 'em N. T.
- 21. It's a G. of I.
- 22. The F. is N.

Answer to Locker Room Maxims

- 1. Winners never quit, and quitters never win.
- 2. Defense wins championships.
- 3. Take it one game at a time.
- 4. There is no 'I' in team.
- 5. Give 110 percent out there.
- 6. The game isn't over till it's over.
- 7. Players win games, teams win championships.
- 8. Winning isn't everything It's the only thing.
- 9. There is no gain without pain.
- 10. Most ball games are lost, not won.
- 11. Winners make goals, losers make excuses
- 12. Sports are 90% inspiration and 10% perspiration.
- 13. Never say Never.
- 14. You Win Some and You Lose Some.
- 15. A tie is like kissing your sister.
- 16. Slow and Steady Wins the Race.
- 17. You play like you practice.
- 18. You can't score without the ball.
- 19. Keep your eye on the ball.
- 20. We'll get 'em next time.
- 21. It's a game of inches.
- 22. The future is now.