## ERIK SCHLOPY



U.S. Ski Team/Getty Image

Erik Schlopy, World Champion medalist, three-time Olympian and seven-time national champion who had one of the longest and most successful careers in U.S. ski racing history.

rik Schlopy is a three-time Olympian (1994, 2002, 2006), seven time national champion, World Pro Super G champion, World Championships bronze medalist, and winner of a FIS crystal globe for his success in World Cup races. An outstanding elite ski racer for 18 years he competed in the World Championships six times from 1993 to 2007 and had 17 top 10 results in World Cup races.

Along with his long and successful racing career, Erik Schlopy was an inspiration with his tenacity and perseverance through multiple injuries and challenges. He suffered a broken back (1993), several other injuries and required four knee surgeries. He always fought through to continue his success.

Along with his success was his reputation for innovations in and around the sports. He is credited with being the first racer to "double stack" the lifters under the bindings which increased the leverage and edge angle resulting in more speed. Realizing that travelling through Europe created more stress for North American racers, during the strenuous World Cup season he teamed up with Bode Miller to pioneer the practice of using a European home base that was centrally located in Innsbruck, Austria. This strategy is followed by many of our country's top skiers today.

Schlopy has been the only ski racer in history to successfully go from World Cup racing to the Pro Tour and then back to the World Cup.

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## **Erik Schlopy**

Born Aug. 21, 1972

Resides in Utah

## **Career Awards** & Highlights

1993-2007

Named to six U.S. World Championship Teams

1996

Pro Tour Rookie of the Year

1998

World Pro Super G Champion

Third overall World Cup GS

2003

Bronze medalist - GS World Championships

2014

Inducted into the Buffalo (NY) Sports Hall of Fame