

Tzippi Bloomberg - Teqoa, Israel

Tzippi was injured at age 15, when she and her family were victims of a terrorist attack in Israel. About a decade later, she was introduced to monoskiing by the Erez Foundation, a nonprofit run primarily by veterans of the alpine unit of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). The foundation's goal is to empower Israelis with disabilities through winter sports by way of a rigorous, army-like training program. The freedom of skiing has helped Tzippi recuperate both physically and emotionally from the attack. "You fall and you fall and you fall, and then suddenly you manage to do it. And when you get it, it's incredible," she said. Tzippi has been skiing recreationally for about three years and is relatively new to racing. She moved to Winter Park for the 2018-19 season to join the NSCD and pursue the sport at a more competitive level.