



**DOB:** 19/03/82  
**Sport:** Alpine Skiing  
(Slalom & Giant Slalom)  
**Club:** Bursa / Turkish National Team  
**Languages:** Turkish

**Career so far:** Hamit has enjoyed an almost identical career to that of his team-mate and fellow Team Visa athlete Erkan Yesilova, having begun skiing at five and graduating to the National Team in 1993. His record at both National and International level is only marginally superior, having won seven National titles, represented Turkey 79 times, and finished in the top 50 in the 2005 World Championships. The experience of competing in a global championships is something which Hamit relished and has fuelled his desire to reach the Torino 2006 Olympic Winter Games.

Like Erkan, Hamit is a student at the Uludağ University Faculty of Sports and intends to use his degree to run a ski school when he retires. Conscious that the lack of financial support he receives as a Turkish alpine skier has restricted his progress on the slopes, Hamit's ambition is to help realise the dreams of young Turkish skiers and help them on their way to becoming future Olympic champions.

Although not from a sporting background, Hamit is encouraged and supported at every step by his family and friends and is determined to reward their belief by competing to the best of his ability at his first Olympic Winter Games.

**Results:**

**World Championships:**

44<sup>th</sup> in Bormio, 2005 (Slalom)  
55<sup>th</sup> in Bormio, 2005 (Giant Slalom)  
44<sup>th</sup> in St Anton, 2001 (Slalom)

**National Championships:**

1<sup>st</sup> in 1999 – 2005 (Giant Slalom)

**FIS Competition:**

1<sup>st</sup> in Kars/Sarikamis, 2005 (Slalom)  
2<sup>nd</sup> in Erzurum/Palandoken, 2005 (Giant Slalom)  
6<sup>th</sup> in Aprica, 2005 (Slalom)  
1<sup>st</sup> in Kayseri/Erciyes, 2004 (Slalom)  
2<sup>nd</sup> in Kayseri/Erciyes, 2004 (Giant Slalom)