

THE EXTRA POINT

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885 15 Great Quotations from the World of Sports

Today, 15 quotations, mostly from people connected to the world of sports. Some of them you may be familiar with. Others are lesser known, some even obscure, but all packing power to change a mind that is open to it. That's next, on The Extra Point.

Here we go, 15 Quotations, with life lessons for all.

1. *"I'll do whatever it takes to win games, whether it's sitting on a bench waving a towel, handing a cup of water to a teammate, or hitting the game-winning shot."* — Lakers legend Kobe Bryant. You don't have to be the star to make a difference.
2. *"I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."* — Chicago Bulls star Michael Jordan. When you make less than 50% of the shots you take at the basket, it means you fail more than half the time. Jordan understood failure and success.
3. *"Don't think about the start of the race, think about the ending."* — Olympic champion Usain Bolt. Keep your eyes on the prize.
4. *"100% of the shots I don't take, don't go in."* — hockey star Wayne Gretzky. A great lesson for those of us who hold back.
5. *"There may be people that have more talent than you, but theres no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do."* — baseball star and now team owner Derek Jeter.
6. *"Make sure your worst enemy doesn't live between your own two ears."* — surfer Laird Hamilton. It's the mental game we all have to win.
7. *"Most people never run far enough on their first wind to find out they've got a second."* — philosopher William James. Hit that next gear. You've got a next gear.
8. *"If you fail to prepare, you're prepared to fail."* — swimmer Mark Spitz.
9. *"Nobody who ever gave his best regretted it."* — Chicago Bears coach George Halas. Doing our best is its own reward.
10. *"During my 18 years I came to bat almost 10,000 times. I struck out about 1,700 times and walked maybe 1,800 times. You figure a ballplayer will average about 500 at bats a season. That means I played seven years without ever hitting the ball."* — New York Yankees hall of fame Mickey Mantle. A humble look at one of the great baseball players of all time..
11. *"Today, you have 100% of your life left."* — Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry.
12. *"If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you."* — fitness guru Fred Devito. Be happy for the challenges.
13. *"Impossible is just a big word thrown around by small men who find it easier to live in the world they've been given than to explore the power they have to change it. Impossible is not a fact. It's an opinion. Impossible is not a declaration. It's a dare. Impossible is potential. Impossible is temporary. Impossible is nothing."* — Boxing champion Muhammad Ali.
14. *"Watch your actions, they become your habits. Watch your habits, they become your character."* — Vince Lombardi. Great wisdom from the man who name is on the Super Bowl trophy.

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15. Finally, an extraordinary lesson from the man who may have the greatest coach in history. *“Talent is God given. Be humble. Fame is man-given. Be grateful. Conceit is self-given. Be careful.”* – UCLA basketball coach John Wooden.

That’s The Extra Point. Be responsible and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I’m Jerry Roberts.

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