

# THE EXTRA POINT

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## # 1025 Let's Play Hardball With These Quotations

Major League Baseball is embroiled in a long work stoppage, with the team owners doing a lockdown on the players and the sport while both sides negotiate a new labor agreement. I'm Jerry Roberts and there's no telling when we'll see the start to the new season, but we can pitch a series of great quotes about the game, next, on The Extra Point.

There's no baseball right now, but we can give you memorable quotes about the game.

1. "Baseball is 90% mental and the other half is physical." — Yogi Berra, New York Yankees catcher.

2. "There are three things you can do in a baseball game. You can win, or you can lose, or it can rain." — Casey Stengel, manager of both the New York Yankees and New York Mets.

3. "Baseball is like church. Many attend, few understand." — Leo Durocher, coach and manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, New York Giants, and the Chicago Cubs.

4. "In playing ball, and in life, a person occasionally gets the opportunity to do something great. When that time comes, only two things matter: being prepared to seize the moment and having the courage to take your best swing." — Hank Aaron, The Milwaukee and Atlanta Braves.

5. "Nobody wanted me. Scouts told me to go to school, to forget baseball. Coaches said, 'You're never going to make it.' I appreciated their honesty because I think when someone tells you something you may not like, you have to use that as fuel for motivation." — Mike Piazza, catcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers and New York Mets.

6. "Work like you don't need the money. Love

like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching." — Satchel Paige, star in the Negro leagues, as well as the Cleveland Indians and St. Louis Browns in the American League.

7. "No matter how good you are, you're going to lose one-third of your games. No matter how bad you are, you're going to win one-third of your games. It's the other third that makes the difference." — Tommy Lasorda, manager of the Dodgers.

Baseball can teach life lessons, too.

8. "There may be people that have more talent than you, but there is no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do." — A great lesson on how to compete, from Yankee's shortstop Derek Jeter.

9. "If you're not practicing, somebody else is, somewhere, and he'll be ready to take your job." — Brooks Robinson, third-baseman for the Baltimore Orioles.

Now, four brief quotes from Yankees legend, Babe Ruth.

10. "Every strike brings me closer to the next home run." Just stay with what you're doing, even though the road is challenging.

11. "Never allow the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game." Fear of failure stops too many people in their tracks. Ruth just kept swinging the bat.

12. "Yesterday's home runs don't win today's games." This means we don't want to rest upon our reputation. Nothing we've done up to now will guarantee success tomorrow. We still have to show up and deliver results.

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13. "It's hard to beat a person who never gives up." Be that person, the one who keeps getting up as life knocks you down.

This one is from another Yankees legend, centerfielder Joe Dimaggio, and defines why you give your all and do your best.

14. "There is always some kid who may be seeing me for the first or last time, I owe him my best."

And finally...

15. "People will come, Ray. The one constant through all the years, Ray, has been baseball. America has rolled by like an army of steamrollers. It has been erased like a blackboard, rebuilt, and erased again. But baseball has marked the time.

This field, this game—it's a part of our past, Ray. It reminds us of all that once was good and that could be again.

Oh, people will come, Ray...people will most definitely come." — James Earl Jones from Field of Dreams.

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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