

Branch Rickey Quotes

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It is not the honor that you take with you, but the heritage you leave behind.

~Branch Rickey

I cannot face my God much longer knowing that his black creatures are held separate and distinct from his white creatures in the game that has given me all that I can call my own.

~Branch Rickey

Man may penetrate the outer reaches of the universe, he may solve the very secret of eternity itself but for me, the ultimate human experience is to witness the flawless execution of the hit-and-run.

~Branch Rickey

Success is that place in the road where preparation meets opportunity.

~Branch Rickey

If things don't come easy, there is no premium on effort. There should be joy in the chase, zest in the pursuit.

~Branch Rickey

Worry is simply thinking the same thing over and over again and not doing anything about it.

~Branch Rickey

Ethnic prejudice has no place in sports, and baseball must recognize that truth if it is to maintain stature as a national game.

~Branch Rickey

The greatest untapped reservoir of raw material in the history of our game is the black race.

~Branch Rickey

Good luck is what is left over after intelligence and effort have

combined at their best. Luck is the residue of design.

~Branch Rickey

There never has been a man in the game who could put mind and muscle together quicker and with better judgment than Robinson.

~Branch Rickey

I don't care if I was a ditch-digger at a dollar a day, I'd want to do my job better than the fellow next to me. I'd want to be the best at whatever I do.

~Branch Rickey

Problems are the price you pay for progress.

~Branch Rickey

Don't worry about your individual numbers. Worry about the team. If the team is successful, each of you will be successful, too.

~Branch Rickey

I am alarmed at the subtle invasion of professional football, which is gaining preeminence over baseball. It's unthinkable.

~Branch Rickey

We win if the world is convinced of two things, that you are a fine gentleman, and a great baseball player.

~Branch Rickey

Never surrender opportunity to security.

~Branch Rickey

A full mind is an empty bat.

~Branch Rickey

He's the best prospect I've ever seen.

~Branch Rickey

Thou shalt not steal. I mean defensively. On offense, indeed thou shall steal and thou must.

~Branch Rickey

Don't look at the hole in the doughnut. Look at the whole doughnut.

~Branch Rickey

The man with the ball is responsible for what happens to the ball.

~Branch Rickey

A great ballplayer is a player who will take a chance.

~Branch Rickey

Thinking about the devil is worse than seeing the devil.

~Branch Rickey

Leisure is the handmaiden of the devil.

~Branch Rickey

The world's not so simple anymore, I guess it never was. We ignored it, now we can't.

~Branch Rickey

Baseball people, and that includes myself, are slow to change and accept new ideas. I remember that it took years to persuade them to put numbers on uniforms.

~Branch Rickey

Trade a player a year too early rather than a year too late.

~Branch Rickey

I did not mind the public criticism. That sort of thing has not changed

any program I thought was good.

~Branch Rickey

How to use your leisure time is the biggest problem of a ballplayer.

~Branch Rickey

Leo Durocher is a man with an infinite capacity for making a bad thing worse.

~Branch Rickey

Baseball is a game of inches.

~Branch Rickey

Only in baseball can a team player be a pure individualist first and a team player second, within the rules and spirit of the game.

~Branch Rickey

The only thing Abner Doubleday ever started was the Civil War.

~Branch Rickey

He (Leo Durocher) had the ability of taking a bad situation and making it immediately worse.

~Branch Rickey

Branch Rickey made me a better man.

~Branch Rickey

Luck is the residue of opportunity and design.

~Branch Rickey

Fill in any figure you want for that boy (Mickey Mantle). Whatever the figure, it's a deal.

~Branch Rickey

When (Rube) Waddell had control and some sleep, he was unbeatable.

~Branch Rickey

Luck is a residue of design.

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