

Cal Ripken, Jr. Quotes

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Get in the game. Do the best you can. Try to make a contribution. Learn from today. Apply it to tomorrow.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

You could be a kid for as long as you want when you play baseball.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

If you do a job, do it right or there is no point.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

I didn't just show up for work, as has sometimes been said. I also showed up to work.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

As long as I can compete, I won't quit.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

All I really try and do is live up to my potential and do as well as I possibly could and to bring to the ballpark each and every day a good effort and do the best that I could each and every day.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

Stubbornness usually is considered a negative; but I think that trait has been a positive for me.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

The best thing you can do in the whole world is to play baseball. That's a lucky job... The passion for baseball is always going to be there.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

Sometimes I think sportsmanship is a little bit forgotten in place of the individual attention.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

When things happen to you in the worst way, you live with it, you go over it, you think, 'What else could I have done?'

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

I always thought being a gamer and someone who had a sense of responsibility to the game and to my teammates was the honorable thing.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

Different styles work for different guys... If you can handle shortstop and hit, teams will find a way to pencil you into the lineup.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

We consider ourselves the luckiest fans on the face of the Earth.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

Each and every day had its challenges.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

What keeps me going? I guess it's just a desire to keep trying to contribute and do things in life.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

I love baseball. The game allowed me the influence to impact kids in a positive way. This gives me a chance to talk to some social issues.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

There is somebody in our lives that we could call the Energizer Bunny and we admire for those qualities.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

By far, the best moment of my big league career was when I caught the last out at the World Series.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

The last thing you want to do is go down in the history of All-Star game competition as the only injury (his nose was broken by Roberto Hernandez) sustained during the team picture.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

I think Nick Markakis is a perennial All-Star, and nobody knows about him. I think people are learning about how good he is.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

I think baseball has moved on in many ways and the focus on the competitions on the field is really what the game is all about. It seems to be healthy. It seems more people are watching it.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

My approach to every game was to try to erase the games that were before and try to focus on the game at hand.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

I was always compared to the Energizer Bunny in my consecutive game streak because every day I showed up and went to work and they said he keeps going and going and going, but a lot of people do that.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

I kept thinking, 'this must be the coolest job - I'd like to be a professional baseball player.' They were getting paid to play a game, and what a cool lifestyle that was.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

That's the result of the black cloud on baseball, .. Until it's rid of steroids, people are naturally going to think that.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

Early in my career, I decided I never wanted to get out of shape.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

As long as I can compete, I won't quit. Reaching three-thousand is not the finish line as long as I can contribute.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

Disadvantaged kids many times don't have the support network that we all have. I know how important my parents were in my life and many of these kids don't have that support network.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

The streak has become my identity; it's who I've become.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

In the end of the day, I feel pretty good about the contributions you can make.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

The reality is that players can't play forever.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

I take pride in the fact that you are able to make some good contributions to the sport at certain times.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

If you really think about it, the stadium can't last forever. There is going to have to come a time when it replaces.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

I had a marvelous baseball career and after my baseball career, there is an abundance of opportunity out there.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

I am driven by what you are able to accomplish and how you are able

to help some people. I go about it each and every day, sometimes I think I say yes too much and I am too busy in my life.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

I don't love the idea of the responsibility falling on the manager. That just adds to their in-game responsibility.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

Ultimately, at the end of the day, you couldn't say you were better than the other person because you knew you had a secret. You knew you had cheated.

~Cal Ripken, Jr.

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