

# Darrell Royal Quotes

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When I was a freshman at Oklahoma in 1946, the game was sold out - and it's been sold out ever since.

~Darrell Royal

The only place you can win a football game is on the field, the only place you can lose it is in your hearts.

~Darrell Royal

Football doesn't build character. It eliminates the weak ones.

~Darrell Royal

There is no such thing as defeat except when it comes from within. As long as a person doesn't admit he is defeated, he is not defeated-he's just a little behind and isn't through fighting.

~Darrell Royal

The real make of a man is how he treats people who can do nothing for him.

~Darrell Royal

You've got to think lucky. If you fall into a mudhole, check your back pocket - you might have caught a fish

~Darrell Royal

Dance with the one who brung ya.

~Darrell Royal

The coach is the team, and the team is the coach. You reflect each other.

~Darrell Royal

Potential just means you ain't done it yet.

~Darrell Royal

Three things can happen when you throw the ball, and two of them are bad.

~Darrell Royal

You never lose a game if the opponent doesn't score.

~Darrell Royal

Breaks balance out. The sun don't shine on the same ol' dog's ass every day.

~Darrell Royal

I don't count on the boy who waits till October, when it's cool and fun, then decides he wants to play.

~Darrell Royal

A boy shows how much he wants to play in the spring, when it's tough, and during two a days, when it's hot and tough.

~Darrell Royal

You know, a football coach is nothing more than a teacher. You teach them the same subject, and you have a group of new guys every year.

~Darrell Royal

You've got to be in a position for luck to happen. Luck doesn't go around looking for a stumblebum.

~Darrell Royal

I learned this about coaching: You don't have to explain victory and you can't explain defeat.

~Darrell Royal

They cut us up like boarding house pie. And that's real small pieces.

~Darrell Royal

We don't want any candy stripes on our uniforms. These are work clothes.

~Darrell Royal

Don't matter what they throw at us. Only angry people win football games.

~Darrell Royal

If worms carried pistols, birds wouldn't eat 'em.

~Darrell Royal

The only thing that would change would be the year, the names. It just got to be a repetitious life.

~Darrell Royal

I do not let a bad score ruin my enjoyment for golf.

~Darrell Royal

I didn't want to stay until I had used up all the enjoyment because that's too long to stay anywhere.

~Darrell Royal

I had hoped God would be neutral.

~Darrell Royal

I have found that the players who have played in that game really do have respect for their adversaries.

~Darrell Royal

I'm not bored; I'm not a guy who has nothing to do.

~Darrell Royal

But I do have time to pencil in golf, and we've got four excellent courses.

~Darrell Royal

We live one day at a time and scratch where it itches.

~Darrell Royal

All the white meat is gone. There's nothin' but necks on the platter.

~Darrell Royal

For me, it is just the total experience - from the time I first started as an assistant coach until I wound up at the University of Texas for 20 years.

~Darrell Royal

I was in a profession that received a lot of media.

~Darrell Royal

For one thing, I like to walk when I play golf. Now I don't walk the whole way, but I try not to be the driver when in a cart.

~Darrell Royal

I knew that when I resigned from the University of Texas that I would never coach again.

~Darrell Royal

The Texas-OU game is a big revenue bear. And because it's played at a neutral site, you don't have as many student body going as you would if it was home-and-home. These are full-price tickets.

~Darrell Royal

I know that the odds are against a marriage lasting 60 years.

~Darrell Royal

I'm still healthy as can be.

~Darrell Royal

I never have planned a whole lot of future. It's one day at a time.

~Darrell Royal

Coaching at Texas and playing at the University of Oklahoma, I had the opportunity to see a lot of guys in Texas - Texas lettermen - who I played against.

~Darrell Royal

It has really filled a big space, especially since I have been so-called retired - although I haven't noticed my schedule slacking at all.

~Darrell Royal

I was still enjoying coaching, but there was a repetitious manner about it.

~Darrell Royal

The majority of people pull for the underdog. Heck, even your friends don't like you to be too successful. We've lost enough over the years for me to maintain my friendships.

~Darrell Royal

There are always going to be people who run faster, jump higher, dive deeper, and come up drier.

~Darrell Royal

I try not to make the same mistakes today that I made yesterday.

~Darrell Royal

On game day, I'm as nervous as a pig in a packing plant.

~Darrell Royal

My wife, Edith, and I both have good health - and she's been very tolerant.

~Darrell Royal

Once you cross the 50 you feel like an unsaddled horse.

~Darrell Royal

I really don't have a favorite course. I usually ask where there are the least players.

~Darrell Royal

I quit when I was 52, and everybody was telling me that I was too young and I'd be bored - all of those things.

~Darrell Royal

I enjoy traveling and playing some of the well-known courses sometimes, but basically, I have a good time at Barton Creek.

~Darrell Royal

I've enjoyed my retirement.

~Darrell Royal

I try not to play two days in succession. I usually try to space it so I have a day in between.

~Darrell Royal

As far as I'm concerned, everything's ham and jam.

~Darrell Royal

Old ugly is better than old nothin'

~Darrell Royal

He's as quick as a hiccup.

~Darrell Royal

Winning coaches must treat mistakes like copperheads in the bedclothes - avoid them with all the energy you can muster.

~Darrell Royal

I don't have the proudest moment in football.

~Darrell Royal

It's more fun when you shoot well and when you have a good score, but that's not a prerequisite to me for having a good time.

~Darrell Royal

He looks like he needs worming.

~Darrell Royal

We're as average as everyday's wash.

~Darrell Royal

I move around and play different golf courses. I just enjoy it.

~Darrell Royal



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