

Dean Smith Quotes

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You should never be proud of doing the right thing. You should just do it.

~Dean Smith

What to do with a mistake: recognize it, admit it, learn from it, forget it.

~Dean Smith

Basketball is a beautiful game when the five players on the court play with one heartbeat.

~Dean Smith

If you make every game a life and death proposition, you're going to have problems. For one thing, you'll be dead a lot.

~Dean Smith

A leader's job is to develop committed followers. Bad leaders destroy their followers' sense of commitment.

~Dean Smith

Good people are happy when something good happens to someone else.

~Dean Smith

A lion never roars after a kill.

~Dean Smith

Basketball is a team game. But that doesn't mean all five players should have the same amount of shots.

~Dean Smith

There is a lot of basketball beyond our control, but a player should never let anyone try harder than he does

~Dean Smith

The truly free person in society is a disciplined person.

~Dean Smith

You should sub a player out when you see a player not going full-speed or playing selfish basketball.

~Dean Smith

The coach's job is to be part servant in helping each player reach his goals within the team concept.

~Dean Smith

Michael, if you can't pass, you can't play.

~Dean Smith

One player's selfish attitude can poison a locker room and make it hard, if not impossible, to establish team work

~Dean Smith

I wasn't as critical during games as I was at practice. Players needed confidence during games more than criticism.

~Dean Smith

I always mean what I say, but I don't always say what I'm thinking.

~Dean Smith

I only use statistics to reinforce what I already think, or if it's something unusual.

~Dean Smith

I would never recruit a player who yells at his teammates, disrespected his high school coach, or scores 33 points a game and his team goes 10-10.

~Dean Smith

I think the real free person in society is one that's disciplined. It's the one that can choose; that is the free one.

~Dean Smith

I enjoy basketball. I enjoy coaching basketball. It's the out-of-season stuff I didn't handle well.

~Dean Smith

You can't teach court savvy

~Dean Smith

There is a point in every contest when sitting on the sidelines is not an option.

~Dean Smith

Over coaching is the worst thing you can do to a player.

~Dean Smith

The most important thing in good leadership is truly caring.

~Dean Smith

The best way to stop the problem of agents would be for the NCAA to come down hard and suspend a school for two years if it finds players with agents on campus.

~Dean Smith

I've always believed in quickness over strength and size.

~Dean Smith

As soon as you try to describe a close friendship, it loses something.

~Dean Smith

Everyone on the bench stands for the man coming out of the game.

~Dean Smith

The most important thing is team morale.

~Dean Smith

The key statistic is still to get to the foul line.

~Dean Smith

Basketball, more than any other sport, is a team game...about the thousands of small, unselfish acts, the sacrifices on the part of the players that result in team building.

~Dean Smith

If you treat every situation as a life and death matter, you'll die a lot of times.

~Dean Smith

You should just do the right thing.

~Dean Smith

Praise behaviour that you want repeated

~Dean Smith

Our teachers at the public school level are the most underpaid for the importance of their job in America.

~Dean Smith

The best way to build team chemistry is the way Rupp used to substitute, when they fouled out.

~Dean Smith

Any old coach will say the game was meant for finesse. It's a beautiful game, especially on television.

~Dean Smith

Motor cut. Forced landing. Hit cow. Cow died. Scared me.

~Dean Smith

I know a lawyer who'd love to retire and be an assistant coach. I mean, it's fun.

~Dean Smith

Only praise behavior that you want to be repeated. Never use false praise.

~Dean Smith

I do believe in praising that which deserves to be praised.

~Dean Smith

Always have your players go and pick-up the guy who draws the charge.

~Dean Smith

The presidents of colleges have to have some courage to step forward. You can't limit alcohol in college sports, you have to get rid of it.

~Dean Smith

I just think we shouldn't get into counting coaches' records. I've never been for that but I know that's just American society.

~Dean Smith

The focus should be on the players. I'm here a long time. You can call me in the summer. Our seniors will be gone.

~Dean Smith

The real issue is not if a crossing is put in, but when. It would be negligent on the part of Union Pacific and the California Public Utilities Commission to not address the problem.

~Dean Smith

The death penalty makes us all murderers.

~Dean Smith

I'd like to see the high schools put in a rule that limits recruitable athletes from playing on teams outside a 100-mile radius from their home or school.

~Dean Smith

I'd never get elected if people in North Carolina realized how liberal I am.

~Dean Smith

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