

# Don Mattingly

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We all have the temptation to be backseat drivers when it comes to decisions that don't work out the way we want.

~Don Mattingly

Honestly, at one time I thought Babe Ruth was a cartoon character. I really did, I mean, I wasn't born until 1961, and I grew up in Indiana.

~Don Mattingly

If you don't second-guess yourself, then you are not trying to get better.

~Don Mattingly

His reputation preceded him before he got here.

~Don Mattingly

You never know who's watching.

~Don Mattingly

I have had many occasions this year where I questioned and second-guessed my decision in a game, but it comes down to learning from mistakes and being accountable for what you did right or did wrong.

~Don Mattingly

Baseball's still a game. I don't want it to be work. I want it to be a game.

~Don Mattingly

I'm always writing at night - things I would change, things I would do differently. When I write a note, it sticks in my head differently.

~Don Mattingly

I definitely want to manage. I just don't think it's the time right now.

~Don Mattingly

I like being close to the bats.

~Don Mattingly

I can't concern myself with what's going on with the club or what the media is writing. If you pay attention to those things, that's when you get yourself in trouble.

~Don Mattingly

I'm not afraid of criticism or what somebody may think.

~Don Mattingly

Nobody can see into the future. Nobody knows what going to go on.

~Don Mattingly

When I write a note, it sticks in my head differently.

~Don Mattingly

Has he (Rickey Henderson) ever been here (Spring Training) the first day? You have to say Rickey's consistent. That's what you want in a ballplayer - consistency.

~Don Mattingly

I don't know what to say other than you're really honored another team is looking at you.

~Don Mattingly

What did I do to deserve this?

~Don Mattingly

I want to be on the field. It's a better place to talk to the guys. It's a relaxed atmosphere. You want to make sure you know what's going on, not just with the hitters.

~Don Mattingly

Managers have people second-guessing them all the time.

~Don Mattingly

I've wanted to manage a long time and I've been moving in that direction.

~Don Mattingly

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