

Earl Weaver Quotes

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The key to winning baseball games is pitching, fundamentals, and three run homers.

~Earl Weaver

Do the dull things right so the extraordinary things will not be required too often.

~Earl Weaver

In baseball, you can't kill the clock. You've got to give the other man his chance. That's why this is the greatest game.

~Earl Weaver

On my tombstone just write, 'The sorest loser that ever lived.'

~Earl Weaver

My best game plan is to sit on the bench and call out specific instructions like 'C'mon Boog,' 'Get a hold of one, Frank,' or 'Let's go, Brooks.'

~Earl Weaver

This ain't a football game, we do this every day.

~Earl Weaver

I became an optimist when I discovered that I wasn't going to win any more games by being anything else.

~Earl Weaver

Optimism is the cheerful frame of mind that enables a teakettle to sing, though in hot water up to its nose.

~Earl Weaver

Nobody likes to hear it, because it's dull, but the reason you win or lose is darn near always the same - pitching.

~Earl Weaver

The job of arguing with the umpire belongs to the manager, because it won't hurt the team if he gets thrown out of the game.

~Earl Weaver

A manager's job is simple. For one hundred sixty-two games you try not to screw up all that smart stuff your organization did last December.

~Earl Weaver

I never got many questions about my managing. I tried to get twenty-five guys who didn't ask questions.

~Earl Weaver

Leadership can be defined in one word - honesty. You must be honest with the players and honest with yourself.

~Earl Weaver

I'd rather you walk with the bases loaded.

~Earl Weaver

No one's gonna give a damn in July if you lost a game in March.

~Earl Weaver

I think there should be bad blood between all clubs.

~Earl Weaver

I gave (pitcher) Mike Cuellar more chances than I gave my first wife.

~Earl Weaver

The key step for an infielder is the first one, but before the ball is hit.

~Earl Weaver

Some have said that I can accept inadequacies in my players but not in umpires. That completely misses the point. I can't tolerate anyone's mistake.

~Earl Weaver

Coaches are an integral part of any manager's team, especially if they are good pinochle players.

~Earl Weaver

Momentum? Momentum is the next day's starting pitcher.

~Earl Weaver

You win pennants in the off season when you build your teams with trades and free agents.

~Earl Weaver

If you know how to cheat, start now.

~Earl Weaver

I don't think, in all the years I managed them, I ever spoke more than thirty words to Frank and Brooks Robinson.

~Earl Weaver

Don't worry, the fans don't start booing until July.

~Earl Weaver

Every time I fail to smoke a cigarette between innings, the opposition will score.

~Earl Weaver

The only thing that matters is what happens on the little hump out in the middle of the field.

~Earl Weaver

The guy who says, 'I love the challenge of managing,' is one step from being out of a job. I don't welcome any challenge. I'd rather have nine guys named Robinson.

~Earl Weaver

I think the National League has better biorhythms in July.

~Earl Weaver

We're so bad right now that for us back-to-back home runs means one today and another one tomorrow.

~Earl Weaver

Momentum is only as good as tomorrow's starting pitcher.

~Earl Weaver

A manager should stay as far away as possible from his players. I don't know if I said ten words to Frank Robinson while he played for me.

~Earl Weaver

There was nothing to keep him (Cal Ripken, Jr.) from being a star in the Major Leagues. That was inevitable.

~Earl Weaver

Bad ballplayers make good managers, not the other way around. All I can do is help them be as good as they are.

~Earl Weaver

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