

# Frank Robinson Quotes

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Close don't count in baseball. Close only counts in horseshoes and grenades.

~Frank Robinson

Be anything you want to be, but don't be dull.

~Frank Robinson

It's nice to come into a town and be referred to as the manager of the Cleveland Indians instead of as the first black manager.

~Frank Robinson

Whether you're trying to excel in athletics or in any other field, always practice. Look, listen, learn - and practice, practice, practice. There is no substitute for work, no shortcut to the top.

~Frank Robinson

I always tried to do the best. I knew I couldn't always be the best, but I tried to be.

~Frank Robinson

I don't see why you reporters keep confusing Brooks (Robinson) and me. Can't you see that we wear different numbers.

~Frank Robinson

If the guys on the bench were as good as the guys you have out there, they'd be out there in first place.

~Frank Robinson

Managers don't have as much leverage as they used to have. We can't really be the boss.

~Frank Robinson

I had no trouble communicating, the player's just didn't like what I had to say.

~Frank Robinson

The fan is the one who suffers. He cheers a guy to a .350 season then watches that player sign with another team. When you destroy fan loyalties, you destroy everything.

~Frank Robinson

You have to have a short memory as a closer.

~Frank Robinson

But I'm not going to walk Barry Bonds, like some teams do, in the first inning with nobody on.

~Frank Robinson

I know a lot of people on the field - players, coaches, managers - are glad that I'm gone.

~Frank Robinson

I just didn't have anything to say, so I said nothing.

~Frank Robinson

The way we're going... if I called up another pitcher, he'd just hang up the phone on me.

~Frank Robinson

There's absolutely no way you can go barreling into second and dump a guy on a double play, like you should do, when you've been fraternizing with him before a game.

~Frank Robinson

All in all, I wouldn't call it a bad outing. It was a short outing.

~Frank Robinson

I expect that [trying to do the best] of my players today and of my kids.

My wife says I shouldn't expect that of my children, but I don't think that's asking too much.

~Frank Robinson

At least when it's in French, I won't know what the heck they're saying.

~Frank Robinson

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