

George Steinbrenner Quotes

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Winning is the most important thing in my life, after breathing. Breathing first, winning next.

~George Steinbrenner

You shouldn't have any betting in the locker room at all, whether it's baseball or it's horses. You can't beat the horses. You can't beat any kind of gambling because they have the odds.

~George Steinbrenner

Don't talk to me about aesthetics or tradition. Talk to me about what sells and what's good right now. And what the American people like is to think the underdog still has a chance.

~George Steinbrenner

Owning the Yankees is like owning the Mona Lisa.

~George Steinbrenner

I haven't always done a good job, and I haven't always been successful - but I know that I have tried.

~George Steinbrenner

Winning means everything...You show me a good loser and I'll show a loser.

~George Steinbrenner

Second place is really the first loser.

~George Steinbrenner

I will never have a heart attack. I give them.

~George Steinbrenner

He's the leader on this team, I know when Baltimore let us have him, they thought they were giving us a problem. I'll take problems like that anytime.

~George Steinbrenner

But why shouldn't I speak out? Don't you speak out in this country?

~George Steinbrenner

My best and worst boss was the same man - my father. He never - and I mean never - took 'I can't' for an answer. He taught me the value system that, to this day, I have continued to practice.

~George Steinbrenner

I guess heaven needed a shortstop.

~George Steinbrenner

I am dead set against free agency. It can ruin baseball.

~George Steinbrenner

When you're entrusted with a tradition, you've got to protect it.

~George Steinbrenner

Irabu is a fat, pus-y toad.

~George Steinbrenner

It was the class and dignity which he led his life that made him part of all of us. I will forever treasure the close friendship we shared over the years.

~George Steinbrenner

We plan absentee ownership as far as running the Yankees is concerned.

~George Steinbrenner

I don't want to be in the Hall of Fame. I don't think owners should be.

~George Steinbrenner

I am tough. Sometimes I'm unreasonable. I have to catch myself every once in a while.

~George Steinbrenner

Ruth was probably the greatest athlete to perform in any sport. Never has there been anybody like him.

~George Steinbrenner

I'm really 95 percent Mr. Rogers, and only 5 percent Oscar the Grouch.'

~George Steinbrenner

I won't be active in the day-to-day operations of the ball club at all.

~George Steinbrenner

As I have said many times - my father was a great fan of Bill Dickey's and he certainly loved the Yankees. I hope that he would be pleased.

~George Steinbrenner

Why would you want to stay manager and be second-guessed by me when you can come up into the front-office and be one of the second-guessers?

~George Steinbrenner

I haven't always made the right decisions.

~George Steinbrenner

Once in a while, I played second base; once in a while, outfield. But those were just pickup games and softball leagues. So when I bought the Yankees, I tried to stay one pace ahead of the players.

~George Steinbrenner

I'm pretty excited, this is a big, big one.

~George Steinbrenner

I'm not a win at all costs guy. Winning isn't everything. It's second to breathing.

~George Steinbrenner

I hate to lose. Hate, hate, hate to lose.

~George Steinbrenner

David Cone is in a class by himself with three or four other players.

~George Steinbrenner

If you don't have a hernia yet then you're not pulling your own weight!

~George Steinbrenner

Winning was everything. I don't care what they tell you.

~George Steinbrenner

He says all the right things, like it's Jeter's team. I want to correct him on that - it's my team.

~George Steinbrenner

Breathing first, winning next.

~George Steinbrenner

I was often misquoted. I was supportive of my managers, even though they all may not think so.

~George Steinbrenner

Let's not talk punishment.

~George Steinbrenner

We are the New York Yankees

~George Steinbrenner

In the end, I'll put my good acts up against those of anybody in this

country. Anybody.

~George Steinbrenner

I'll stick to building ships.

~George Steinbrenner

If you haven't got a hernia yet, you ain't pulling your share.

~George Steinbrenner

I don't think that anybody should be suspended for life for anything, other than murder. How is it helping someone to say, 'You're done forever, your life's over'?

~George Steinbrenner

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