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You always get a special kick on opening day, no matter how many you go through. You look forward to it like a birthday party when you're a kid. You think something wonderful is going to happen.

~Joe DiMaggio

If you keep thinking about what you want to do or what you hope will happen, you don't do it, and it won't happen.

~Joe DiMaggio

A person always doing his or her best becomes a natural leader, just by example.

~Joe DiMaggio

I played my best everyday. You never know when someone may be seeing you play for the first time.

~Joe DiMaggio

There is always some kid who may be seeing me for the first time. I owe him my best.

~Joe DiMaggio

At my age, I'm just happy to be named the greatest living anything. ~Joe DiMaggio

The reason I play so hard is that somewhere out there is some kid who has never seen me play before, and I don't want to disappoint him.

~Joe DiMaggio

You ought to run the hardest when you feel the worst. Never let the other guy know you're down.

~Joe DiMaggio

If anyone wants to know why three kids in one family made it to the big leagues they just had to know how we helped each other and how

much we practiced back then. We did it every minute we could.

~Joe DiMaggio

The test of an outfielder's skill comes when he has to go against the fence to make a catch.

~Joe DiMaggio

A ball player has to be kept hungry to become a big leaguer. That's why no boy from a rich family has ever made the big leagues.

~Joe DiMaggio

I always thought there was at least one person in the stands who had never seen me play, and I didn't want to let him down.

~Joe DiMaggio

I can remember a reporter asking me for a quote, and I didn't know what a quote was. I thought it was some kind of soft drink.

~Joe DiMaggio

The phrase 'off with the crack of the bat', while romantic, is really meaningless, since the outfielder should be in motion long before he hears the sound of the ball meeting the bat.

~Joe DiMaggio

I want to thank the good lord for making me a yankee

~Joe DiMaggio

Baseball didn't really get into my blood until I knocked off that hitting streak. Getting a daily hit became more important to me than eating, drinking or sleeping.

~Joe DiMaggio

When baseball is no longer fun, it's no longer a game.

If I were sitting down with George Steinbrenner (to discuss a salary) and based on what Dave Winfield got for his statistics, I'd have to say, 'George, you and I are about to become partners.'

~Joe DiMaggio

I no longer have it (desire to play).

~Joe DiMaggio

Just two words: a masterpiece.

~Joe DiMaggio

I'm proud to have been a Yankee. But I have found more happiness and contentment since I came back home to San Francisco than any man has a right to deserve. This is the friendliest city in the world.

~Joe DiMaggio

All pitchers are born pitchers.

~Joe DiMaggio

You start chasing a ball and your brain immediately commands your body to 'Run forward, bend, scoop up the ball, peg it to the infield,' then your body says, 'Who me?'

~Joe DiMaggio

It's great to be young and be a Yankee!

~Joe DiMaggio

We need a hit, so here I go.

~Joe DiMaggio

Now I've had everything except for the thrill of watching Babe Ruth play.

There's always some youngster coming up-they'll find somebody.

~Joe DiMaggio

I think there are some players born to play ball.

~Joe DiMaggio

I'm a ballplayer, not an actor.

~Joe DiMaggio

There's nobody taking center from me until I give it up.

~Joe DiMaggio

The absolute worst thing a person can say about your pictures is, "That's nice." It's the kiss of death.

~Joe DiMaggio

Too many kids today are playing major league ball and don't belong there.

~Joe DiMaggio

I feel like I have reached the stage where I can no longer produce for my club, my manager, and my teammates.

~Joe DiMaggio

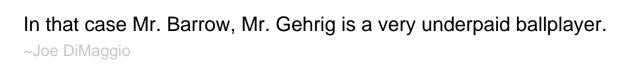
After I got that hit off Satchel (Paige), I knew I was ready for the big leagues.

~Joe DiMaggio

Putting the Yankee uniform on every day.

~Joe DiMaggio

It's got to be better than rooming with Joe Page.



I thought he had been shot.

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