

Johan Cruijff

Quotes

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Soccer is simple, but it is difficult to play simple.

~Johan Crujfff

It is better to fail with your own vision than to fail with another man's vision.

~Johan Crujfff

Players that aren't true leaders but try to be, always bash other players after a mistake. True leaders on the pitch already assume others will make mistakes.

~Johan Crujfff

If you have the ball, you must make the field as big as possible, and if you don't have the ball, you must make it as small as possible.

~Johan Crujfff

Playing football is very simple, but playing simple football is the hardest thing there is.

~Johan Crujfff

There's only one moment in which you can arrive in time. If you're not there, you're either too early or too late.

~Johan Crujfff

Every disadvantage has its advantage.

~Johan Crujfff

I'm ex-player, ex-technical director, ex-coach, ex-manager, ex-honorary president. A nice list that once again shows that everything comes to an end.

~Johan Crujfff

The difference between right and wrong is often not more than five metres.

~Johan Crujff

Why couldn't you beat a richer club? I've never seen a bag of money score a goal.

~Johan Crujff

Football is a game of mistakes. Whoever makes the fewest mistakes wins.

~Johan Crujff

YOU NEED BOTH QUALITY AND RESULTS. RESULTS WITHOUT QUALITY IS BORING; QUALITY WITHOUT RESULTS IS MEANINGLESS.

~Johan Crujff

Mourinho is a coach of titles, not football. Or rather, not a football coach if we understand the sport is a spectacle or entertainment for those who watch it, either at home or live in the stadium.

~Johan Crujff

In a way I'm probably immortal.

~Johan Crujff

If you play on possession, you don't have to defend, because there's only one ball

~Johan Crujff

Before I make a mistake, I don't make that mistake.

~Johan Crujff

In my teams, the goalie is the first attacker, and the striker the first defender.

~Johan Crujff

In small space a player has to be capable of acting quickly. A good player who needs too much time can suddenly become a poor player.

~Johan Crujff

Sometimes something's got to happen before something is going to happen.

~Johan Crujff

Every advantage has its disadvantage.

~Johan Crujff

When you're playing against a team that has two great central defenders, the best option is to play without a striker.

~Johan Crujff

Choose the best player for every position, and you'll end up not with a strong XI, but with 11 strong 1's.

~Johan Crujff

You have got to shoot, otherwise you can't score.

~Johan Crujff

Speed is often confused with insight. When I start running earlier than the others, I appear faster.

~Johan Crujff

He has been outstanding. [Manuel] Neuer is an extraordinary goalkeeper, who would deserve to win it.

~Johan Crujff

Italians can't win the game against you, but you can lose the game against the Italians.

~Johan Crujff

I always threw the ball in, because then if I got the ball back, I was the only player unmarked.

~Johan Cruijff

Footballers from the street are more important than trained coaches.

~Johan Cruijff

Actually I never make a mistake, because it takes a huge effort for me to make a mistake.

~Johan Cruijff

Football is simple but the hardest thing to do is play simple football.

~Johan Cruijff

There are very few players who know what to do when they're not marked. So sometimes you tell a player: that attacker is very good, but don't mark him.

~Johan Cruijff

If you can't win, make sure you don't lose.

~Johan Cruijff

If I wanted you to understand it, I would have explained it better.

~Johan Cruijff

One trophy is good, but two are better. That way, when a hero wears his medals on his chest, at least his steps are level as he walks by.

~Johan Cruijff

Coincidence is logical.

~Johan Cruijff

The ball is an essential part of the game.

~Johan Cruijff

If you want to play quicker you can start running faster, but it's the ball that decides the speed of the game.

~Johan Crujff

Italians can never win from you, but you can lose to them. (when asked about Ajax's chances in the 1995 Champs League final against AC Milan)

~Johan Crujff

To win you have to score one more goal than your opponent

~Johan Crujff

Eric Cantona is a great player, but he's not as good as Ryan Giggs

~Johan Crujff

Someone who has juggled the ball in the air during a game, after which four defenders of the opponent get the time to run back, that's the player people think is great. I say he has to go to a circus.

~Johan Crujff

What is speed? The sports press often confuses speed with insight. See, if I start running slightly earlier than someone else, I seem faster.

~Johan Crujff

It's all very simple: if you score one more than your opponent, you win.

~Johan Crujff

The most difficult thing about an easy match is to make a weak opponent play bad football.

~Johan Crujff

Italy cannot beat you but you can lose to Italy.

~Johan Crujff

I'm not religious. In Spain all 22 players make the sign of the cross before they enter the pitch. If it works all matches must therefore end in a draw.

~Johan Crujff

Ronaldo is better than George Best and Denis Law, who were two brilliant and great players in the history of United.

~Johan Crujff

Football is simple, you're either on time, or you're too late. If you're too late then you have to leave earlier.

~Johan Crujff

We must make sure their worst players get the ball the most. You'll get it back in no time.

~Johan Crujff

Players today can only shoot with their laces. I could shoot with the inside, laces, and outside of both feet. In other words, I was six times better than today's players.

~Johan Crujff

I felt sorry for the match ball - it came off the pitch crying.

~Johan Crujff

I still have a lot of room for improvement.

~Johan Crujff

I look at Messi, and he makes me laugh. A beautiful footballer who is still like a kid. A world superstar, but still a kid. Innocent, you know. He just plays.

~Johan Crujff

Without the ball, you can't win.

~Johan Crujff

For the world of football, Messi is a treasure because he is role model for children around the world.

~Johan Crujff

Football is simple. You are in time or too late. When you are too late, you should start sooner.

~Johan Crujff

Football is a simple game. It's just very hard to play it simple.

~Johan Crujff

Football is about having the best offensive play possible. I always like to play offensive football, and nobody will convince me otherwise.

~Johan Crujff

Every professional golfer has a seperate coach for his drives, for approaches, for putting. In football we have one coach for 15 players. This is absurd.

~Johan Crujff

I don't want to be a thief of my own wallet.

~Johan Crujff

I can be a new Di Stefano, but I can't be a new Pelé. He is the one that goes beyond the limits of logic.

~Johan Crujff

Surviving the first round is never my aim. Ideally, I'd be in one group with Brazil, Argentina and Germany. Then I'd have lost two rivals after the first round. That's how I think. Idealistic.

~Johan Crujff

There is only one ball, so you need to have it.

~Johan Crujff

Football is about making mistakes. Who makes the most, loses the game.

~Johan Crujff

I don't make a lot of mistakes, because it's hard for me to be wrong

~Johan Crujff

To play well, you need good players, but a good player almost always has the problem of a lack of efficiency. He always wants to do things prettier than strictly necessary.

~Johan Crujff

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