

# Woody Hayes Quotes

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There's nothing that cleanses your soul like getting the hell kicked out of you.

~Woody Hayes

The only thing even in this world is the number of hours in a day. The difference in winning or losing is what you do with those hours.

~Woody Hayes

Because I couldn't go for three.

~Woody Hayes

There's nothing in this world that comes easy. There are a lot of people who aren't going to bother to win. We learn in football to get up and go once more.

~Woody Hayes

Football represents and embodies everything that's great about this country, because the United States of America is built on winners, not losers or people who didn't bother to play.

~Woody Hayes

I've had smarter people around me all my life, but I haven't run into one yet that can outwork me. And if they can't outwork you, then smarts aren't going to do them much good.

~Woody Hayes

You don't get hurt running straight ahead...three-yards-and-a-cloud-of-dust offense. I will pound you and pound you until you quit.

~Woody Hayes

Perfect preparation prevents piss-poor performance.

~Woody Hayes

You can never really pay back. You can only pay forward.

~Woody Hayes

Even the best team, without a sound plan, can't score.

~Woody Hayes

The height of human desire is what wins, whether it's on Normandy Beach or in Ohio Stadium.

~Woody Hayes

It does not matter the size of the man, rather the amount of effort the man is willing to put forth

~Woody Hayes

When you're winning - you don't need any friends. When you're losing - you don't have any friends anyway.

~Woody Hayes

Any time you give a man something he doesn't earn, you cheapen him. Our kids earn what they get, and that includes respect.

~Woody Hayes

I recruited a Czech kicker, and during the eye exam, when asked to read the bottom line, the kicker replied, Read it? I know him.

~Woody Hayes

Paralyze resistance with persistence.

~Woody Hayes

I love football. I think it is most wonderful game in world and I despise to lose.

~Woody Hayes

In football we always said that the other team couldn't beat us. We had

to be sure that we didn't beat ourselves. And that's what people have to do, too - make sure they don't beat themselves.

~Woody Hayes

It's never an upset if the so-called underdog has all along considered itself the better team.

~Woody Hayes

Statistics always remind me of fellow who drowned in a river where the average depth was only three feet.

~Woody Hayes

Nothing that comes easy in this world is worth a damn.

~Woody Hayes

Anything easy ain't worth a damn!

~Woody Hayes

The players fire the coach, and as long as I'm on the same wavelength with them, I can coach as long as I want to.

~Woody Hayes

Football is, after all, a wonderful way to get rid of your aggressions without going to jail for it.

~Woody Hayes

To hell with exciting. I'd rather be drab as hell and win.

~Woody Hayes

When I look in the mirror in the morning, I want to take a swing at me.

~Woody Hayes

The only meaningful statistic is number of games won.

~Woody Hayes

A man is always better than he thinks.

~Woody Hayes

Winners are men who have dedicated their whole lives to winning.

~Woody Hayes

I'm not trying to win a popularity poll. I'm trying to win football games.

~Woody Hayes

You'll find out that nothing that comes easy is worth a dime. As a matter of fact, I never saw a football player make a tackle with a smile on his face. Never.

~Woody Hayes

I don't like nice people. I like tough, honest people.

~Woody Hayes

Jack Tatum could hit a man so hard that it would lift both his feet off the ground.

~Woody Hayes

I am not very smart, but I recognize that I am not very smart.

~Woody Hayes

You can outwork anybody. Try it, you will find out that you can do it.

~Woody Hayes

We control by attitudes-positive mental attitudes-not by rules.

~Woody Hayes

Indomitable in victory, insufferable in defeat.

~Woody Hayes

Picking an assistant coach, the first thing I was interested in was the

man's character.

~Woody Hayes

The most deceptive course in football is straight at the goalposts.

~Woody Hayes

Success is the only motivational factor that a boy with character needs.

~Woody Hayes

Without winners, there would be no civilization.

~Woody Hayes

Nobody despises to lose more than I do. That's got me into trouble over the years, but it also made a man of mediocre ability into a pretty good coach.

~Woody Hayes

You can never pay back, so you should always try to pay forward.

~Woody Hayes

You don't get many chances to pay back what's been done for you. Take them.

~Woody Hayes

The minute I think I'm getting mellow, I'm retiring. Who ever heard of a mellow winner?

~Woody Hayes

The only way we'd get beaten was if we got a little fat-headed, if we didn't train right, if we had dissension on the squad.

~Woody Hayes

I may not be able to outsmart too many people, but I can outwork 'em.

~Woody Hayes

The game of football is one of strategy and tactics.

~Woody Hayes

They may outsmart me, or be luckier, but they can't outwork me.

~Woody Hayes

Without winners, there wouldn't even be any civilization.

~Woody Hayes

A good general always makes you search for his weaknesses.

~Woody Hayes

No back in the history of football was ever worth two fumbles a game.

~Woody Hayes

I never saw a football player make a tackle with a smile on his face.

~Woody Hayes

The bowl games are only supposed to be a fun reward.

~Woody Hayes

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