

The Greatest College Football Quotes Of All Time

College football is filled with unforgettable moments and iconic personalities. From legendary coaches to star players, the sport has produced some of the most memorable quotes in the history of the game. These quotes not only capture the spirit of college football but also offer profound insights and inspiration. In this article, we will take a journey through time and revisit the greatest college football quotes of all time.

1. "The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will." - Vince Lombardi

This quote from legendary coach Vince Lombardi highlights the importance of determination and mindset in achieving success. Lombardi, known for his coaching tenure at Green Bay Packers, was a master motivator.

2. "Don't give up at halftime. Concentrate on winning the second half." - Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant

Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, one of the greatest college football coaches of all time, emphasizes the importance of resilience and perseverance. This quote encourages players to keep pushing forward even when facing adversity.

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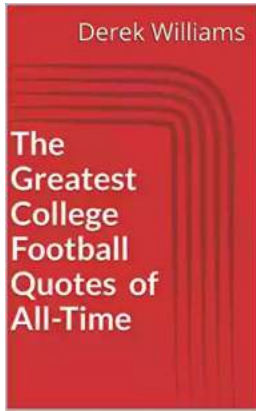
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3. "It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog." - Archie Griffin

Archie Griffin, the only two-time Heisman Trophy winner, used this quote to emphasize that determination and heart are more important than physical attributes. It serves as a reminder that success is not solely determined by physical size.

4. "If you're not practicing while they're sleeping, then you won't be able to beat them while they're awake." - Coach Rich Rodriguez

Coach Rich Rodriguez highlights the importance of dedication and hard work. This quote emphasizes the need for continuous improvement and the value of putting in extra effort.

5. "If you believe in yourself and have dedication and pride - and never quit - you'll be a winner." - Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant

Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant's quote encapsulates the essence of success. Belief in oneself, dedication, and persistence are key elements in achieving greatness.

6. "The will to win is important, but the will to prepare is vital." - Coach Joe Paterno

Coach Joe Paterno, the former head coach at Penn State, emphasizes the significance of preparation. This quote highlights the importance of putting in the necessary work and effort behind the scenes.

7. "Football is like life. It requires perseverance, self-denial, hard work, sacrifice, dedication, and respect for authority." - Coach Vince Lombardi

Coach Vince Lombardi provides a parallel between football and life itself. This quote highlights the values and qualities necessary for success both on and off the field.

8. "The harder you work, the harder it is to surrender." - Coach Marv Levy

Coach Marv Levy's quote demonstrates the correlation between hard work and perseverance. The more effort one puts in, the more difficult it becomes to give up.

9. "Football is a game played with arms, legs, and shoulders, but mostly from the neck up." - Coach Knute Rockne

Coach Knute Rockne's quote emphasizes that football is not solely a physical game but also a mental one. The ability to make quick decisions and strategize is crucial to success in the sport.

10. "When you're good at something, you'll tell everyone. When you're great at something, they'll tell you." - Walter Payton

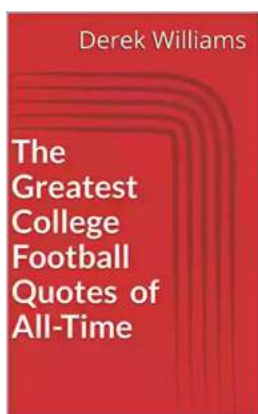
Walter Payton, regarded as one of the greatest running backs in NFL history, highlights the importance of humility and letting your actions speak for

themselves. True greatness is recognized by others rather than proclaimed by oneself.

These quotes showcase the wisdom, motivation, and philosophy behind college football. They serve as a source of inspiration not only for players and coaches but also for fans and enthusiasts. Amidst the excitement of the game, these quotes provide moments of reflection and introspection.

As college football continues to evolve and produce new stars and heroes, it is important to cherish the words of wisdom from those who have paved the way. These quotes represent the rich history and enduring legacy of the sport.

Whether you are a fan, player, or coach, take these quotes to heart and let them guide you on your journey towards success in both football and life.



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This book contains nearly 700 of the most memorable, hilarious, inspirational and motivational quotes in the history of college football up through 2013 SEC Media Days. It features a cast of over a hundred characters: coaches, players, announcers, journalists, authors and even a few Presidents of the United States.

Legendary coaches like Bear Bryant, Woody Hayes, Darrel K Royal, Bobby Bowden and Lou Holtz produced so many classic quotes during their careers, they each received their own chapter. You'll also find memorable quips from these iconic coaches included in sections throughout the book.

The book begins with the chapter 'Hilarious Quips and One-Liners', which is a collection of the funniest quips, insults, zingers and one-liners ever uttered, with multiple appearances by Steve Spurrier, Bobby Bowden and Lou Holtz. The next chapter, 'Football Down South', is a collection of the greatest quotes from and about the Southeastern Conference. With seven straight national championships as of publication in August 2013, the SEC deserves this spot.

If you are going through a rough patch and need to be inspired, flip immediately to 'Life Lessons from the Legends'. The wisdom and knowledge contained in this section is timeless and transcends the sport of football. 'Texas Football And Royalisms' is a collection of the greatest words ever said about football in the Lone Star State, plus dozens of classic quips from Coach Darrell K Royal. In 'From the Heartland' you'll find quotes from Big Ten country legends like Woody Hayes, Bob Devaney and Bo Schembechler.

The best quotes from Notre Dame coaches Lou Holtz, Knute Rockne and Frank Leahy can be found in 'Luck of the Irish'. West Coast football is represented in 'Pacific Coast Pigskin', which contains quotes from John McKay, Pete Carroll and Chip Kelly. The latter part of the book contains individual chapters on topics ranging from Keith Jackson and Twitter to Playoffs and U.S. Presidents.

Poring over the words of brilliant coaches and incredible players to compile the best quotes was an incredibly rewarding experience. I will feel blessed and humbled if the words contained within this book serve to motivate, educate and inspire just one reader to set high goals and achieve them.

Highlights include:

“There are two things every man in America thinks he can do: work a grill and coach football.”

- Rutgers head coach Greg Schiano

"But the real tragedy was that 15 hadn't been colored yet."

- Florida coach Steve Spurrier addressing a group of Gator boosters in 1991 by telling them that a fire had broken out at Auburn University's football dorm, which resulted in 20 books burning.

“There are many people who don` t know what real pressure is. Some people are born on third base and go through life thinking they hit a triple.”

- Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer

“Well, the Southeastern Conference season has begun. I have it on good authority that other college football teams around the country will also be playing games this fall.”

- Sports Illustrated columnist and NPR contributor Frank Deford in 2012

“If you're bored with life - you don't get up every morning with a burning desire to do things - you don't have enough goals.”

- Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz

“You've got to think lucky. If you fall into a mudhole, check your back pocket. You might have caught a fish.”

- Texas coach Darrell K Royal

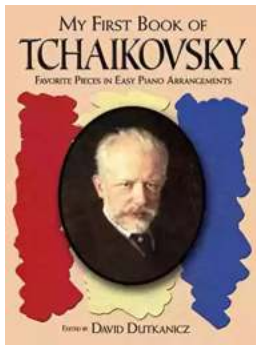
“I will not permit 30 men to travel 400 miles merely to agitate a bag of wind.”

- Cofounder of Cornell University Andrew Dickson White, who is believed to have prohibited the school's football team from traveling to Ann Arbor to face Michigan in 1873. This quote appeared in the November 7, 1944 edition of the New York Times.



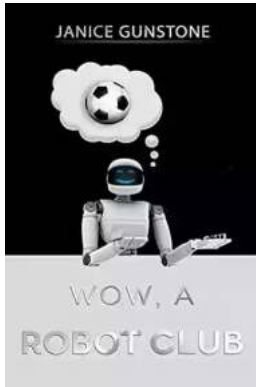
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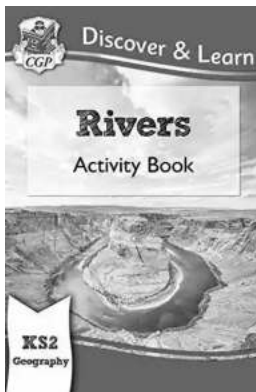
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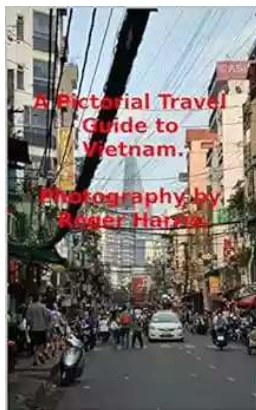
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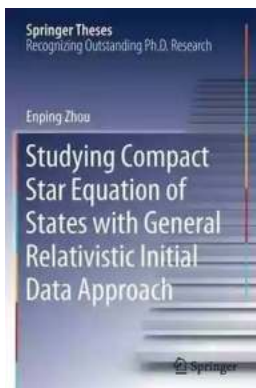
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