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BASKETBALL QUOTES

"I would tell players to relax and never think about what's at stake. Just think about the basketball game. If you start to think about who is going to win the championship, you've lost your focus.
Basketball Quote by Michael Jordan (born February, 1963)
Michael Jordan has been called the best basketball player of all time. His basketball statistics are highly impressive accumulating 5 MVP awards, 10 All-NBA designations, 9 All-Defensive, 14 appearances in NBA All-Star games; 3 of them MVP, 6 NBA MVP awards in Finals. He is the record holder for career regular season scoring with an average of 30.1 points per game, 33.4 points per game in playoff games. Michael's was known for his personal motivation and the ability to motivate his teammates. His inspiration and prolific life quotes carry well beyond the basketball court.

"Everything happens for a reason. I'm used to it, I prepare for it. Like I say, at the end of the day, those in charge of their own destiny are going to do what's right for them and their family.
Basketball Quote by Shaquille O'Neal (born March, 1972)
Shaquille O'Neal has been called the most dominating force in basketball. He also has captured the world with his childlike playful attitude with the press and positive outlook on life. O'Neal has been an inspiration on and off the basketball court earning an MBA degree and becoming a Miami Beach Reserve Officer.

"A winner is someone who recognizes his God-given talents, works his tail off to develop them into skills, and uses these skills to accomplish his goals.
Larry Bird (born December, 1956) Basketball Quote
Larry Bird is considered one of the best sports performers in clutch situations of all time. He along with Magic Johnson is responsible for one of the best rivalries in sports history. Bird's impressive record include 2 NBA MVP in Finals and 3 regular season MVP awards, only 5 other players in the history of the NBA can claim the same accomplishment.

"You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them.
Michael Jordan Basketball Quote

"I have missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I have lost almost 300 games. On 26 occasions I have been entrusted to take the game winning shot .. and missed. And I have failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why... I succeed.
Michael Jordan quote

"I never looked at the consequences of missing a big shot... when you think about the consequences you always think of a negative result."
Basketball Quote by Michael Jordan

"I play to win, whether during practice or a real game. And I will not let anything get in the way of me and my competitive enthusiasm to win."
Michael Jordan quotation

"Just play. Have fun. Enjoy the game."
Michael Jordan quote

"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen."
Michael Jordan

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships."
Motivational Quote by Michael Jordan

"My heroes are and were my parents. I can't see having anyone else as my heroes."
Michael Jordan quote

"My attitude is that if you push me towards something that you think is a weakness, then I will turn that perceived weakness into a strength."
Basketball Quote by Michael Jordan
"If you accept the expectations of others, especially negative ones, then you never will change the outcome."
Michael Jordan Basketball Quote

"I've always believed that if you put in the work, the results will come. I don't do things half-heartedly. Because I know if I do, then I can expect half-hearted results."
Michael Jordan motivational quote

"I never thought a role model should be negative."
Michael Jordan Basketball Quote

There are plenty of teams in every sport that have great players and never win titles. Most of the time, those players aren’t willing to sacrifice for the greater good of the team. The funny thing is, in the end, their unwillingness to sacrifice only makes individual goals more difficult to achieve. One thing I believe to the fullest is that if you think and achieve as a team, the individual accolades will take care of themselves. Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships.
Basketball Quote by Michael Jordan

"I know fear is an obstacle for some people, but it is an illusion to me . . . Failure always made me try harder next time."
Michael Jordan Basketball Quote

"I've never been afraid to fail."
Michael Jordan quote

"Always turn a negative situation into a positive situation."
Michael Jordan

"People ask me if I could fly, I said, "yeah.... for a little while."
Michael Jordan quotation

Obstacles don’t have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don’t turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.
Motivational Quote by Michael Jordan

Coach Dean Smith to Michael Jordan (when he was at UNC)

You can practice shooting eight hours a day, but if your technique is wrong, then all you become is very good at shooting the wrong way. Get the fundamentals down and the level of everything you do will rise.
Michael Jordan Basketball Quote

I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can accept not trying.
Michael Jordan Motivational Quote

Everybody pulls for David, nobody roots for Goliath.
Wilt Chamberlain (August, 1936 - October, 1999) Basketball Quote

One man can be a crucial ingredient on a team, but one man cannot make a team.
Basketball Quote by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (born April, 1947)

Be strong in body, clean in mind, lofty in ideals.
James Naismith (November, 1861 - November, 1939) Inventor of Basketball

When I was young, I never wanted to leave the court until I got things exactly correct. My dream was to become a pro.
Basketball Quote by Larry Bird

You never make any of the shots you never take. 87% of the ones you do take, you’ll miss too. I make 110% of my shots.
Larry Bird Basketball Quote

Push yourself again and again. Don’t give an inch until the final buzzer sounds.
Larry Bird quote

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Motivational Quote by Larry Bird

“My responsibility is getting all my players playing for the name on the front of the jersey, not the one on the back.”
Basketball Quote Unknown

“Good, better, best. Never let it rest. Until your good is better and your better is best.”
Tim Duncan (born April, 1976) Basketball Quote

“Basketball doesn’t build character it reveals it.”
Unknown Basketball Quote

“Basketball is like photography, if you don’t focus, all you have is the negative.”
Basketball Quote by Dan Frisby

“If you meet the Buddha in the lane, feed him the ball.”
Basketball Quote by Phil Jackson (born September, 1945)

"Not only is there more to life than basketball, there’s a lot more to basketball than basketball.”
Phil Jackson Basketball Quote

“Sometimes a player’s greatest challenge is coming to grips with his role on the team.”
Scottie Pippen (born September, 1965) quote

“The idea is not to block every shot. The idea is to make your opponent believe that you might block every shot.”
Basketball Quote by Bill Russell (born February, 1934)

“Basketball is like war in that offensive weapons are developed first, and it always takes a while for the defense to catch up.”
Red Auerbach (September, 1917 - October, 2006) Basketball Quote

“The only difference between a good shot and a bad shot is if it goes in or not.”
Basketball Quote by Charles Barkley (February, 1963)

“If you are afraid of failure you don’t deserve to be successful!”
Charles Barkley Basketball Quote

“You don’t play against opponents. You play against the game of basketball.”
Basketball Quote by Bobby Knight (born October, 1940)

“You always have to give 100%, because if you don’t someone, somewhere will give 100% and they will beat you when you meet.”
Basketball Quote by Ed Macauley (born March, 1928)

“You can’t get much done in life if you only work on the days when you feel good.”
Jerry West (born May, 1938) Basketball Quote

“It’s what you get from games you lose that is extremely important.”
Pat Riley (born March 1945) Basketball Quote

“Being a part of success is more important than being personally indispensable.”
Basketball Quote by Pat Riley

“In all the research you do as a coach, studying other coaches and championship-type situations, you find that all those teams combined talent with great defense. You’ve got to stop other teams to win.”
Pat Riley quote

“There may be people that have more talent than you, but there’s no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do.”
Derek Jeter (born June, 1974) quote

“I used a lot of visualization in terms of who I would be guarding and who would be guarding me. When I was walking down the street for, say, lunch, I imagine those individuals in front of me. I imagine going around them.”
Isaiah Thomas (born April, 1961) quote

“If all I’m remembered for is being a good basketball player, then I’ve done a bad job with the rest of my life.”
Basketball Quote by Isaiah Thomas

Kobe Bryant (born August, 1978) quote

“I’ll do whatever it takes to win games, whether it’s sitting on a bench waving a towel, handing a cup of water to a teammate, or hitting the game-winning shot.”
Basketball Quote by Kobe Bryant

Dennis Rodman (born May, 1961) quote

“Me shooting 40% at the foul line is just God’s way to say nobody’s perfect.”
Basketball Quote by Shaquille O’Neal

John Wooden (born October, 1910) Basketball Quote

“We try to stress the little things because little things lead to big things.”
Steve Alford (born November, 1964) quote

“Morale and attitude are the fundamentals to success.”
Bud Wilkinson motivational quote

“Prepare for every game like you just lost your last game.”
Basketball Quote by Lon Kruger (born August, 1952)

“Everybody on a championship team doesn’t get publicity, but everyone can say he’s a champion.”
Magic Johnson (born August, 1959) Basketball Quote

“Don’t let what other people think decide who you are.”
Dennis Rodman (born May, 1961)

“Practice to beat the best.”
Basketball Quote by Dick Bennett

“If you want team play, you must stress defense. Defense makes players unselfish.”
John Brady (born September, 1954) quote

”A guy who gives you less than what he has to give is, one, telling you what he thinks of you, and two, telling you what he thinks of himself.”
Basketball Quote by Pete Carill (born July, 1930)

“I don’t try to get players emotionally up for a game; it creates too many peaks and valleys... I strive for even keel; they will get up for the big games.”
Denny Crum (born March, 1937) Basketball Quote

“Your ability to communicate to your young people will determine your success.”
Basketball Quote by Jim Harrick (born July, 1938)

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