

Monday with Mikey: February 27, 2017

BASEBALL IS BACK!!!

It's Spring Training Season in the Grapefruit and Cactus Leagues. Few activities give me more joy than the simple act of watching a baseball game – on a weekday – outdoors. Here are a few of my many thoughts about our NATIONAL PASTIME:

From Take Me Out to the Ball Game by Jack Norworth and Albert VonTizer, 1908:

Take me out to the ball game, Take me out with the crowd;
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack, I don't care if I never get back.
Let me root, root, root for the home team, If they don't win, it's a shame.
For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out, At the old ball game.

Some baseball quotes I like (there are tens of thousands):

Susan Sarandon as Annie Savoy in Bull Durham: I believe in the Church of Baseball... You see, there's no guilt in baseball, and it's never boring.

Kevin Costner as Crash Davis in the same movie: You be cocky and arrogant, even when you're getting beat. That's the secret. You gotta play this game with fear and arrogance.

Tom Hanks as Jimmy Dugan in A League of their Own: There is no crying in baseball!!

Lou Gehrig: "Fans, for the past two weeks you have been reading about the bad break I got. Yet today I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of this earth. I have been in ballparks for seventeen years and have never received anything but kindness and encouragement from you fans.

Casey Stengel: Nobody knows this, but one of us has just been traded to Kansas City.

Branch Rickey: Success is that place where preparation meets opportunity.

Jackie Robinson: "Life is not a spectator sport. If you're going to spend your whole life in the grandstand just watching what goes on, in my opinion you're wasting your life."

Harry Carey: Cubs Win! Cubs WIN! CUBS WIN!!!

Walt Whitman: I see great things in baseball. It's our game - the American game.

Until next week let's all keep on ***"Doing Good, Having Fun!"***

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