

## ~ QUOTES OF BEAR BRYANT ~

Football Coach, University of Alabama, from *The Junction Boys*

- If you believe in yourself and have dedication and pride - and never quit - you will be a winner. The price of victory is high, but so are the rewards.
- In a crisis, don't hide behind anything or anybody. They're going to find you anyway.
- In life, you'll have your back up against the wall many times. You might as well get used to it.
- You never know how a horse will pull until you hook him to a heavy load.
- Sacrifice. Work. Self-discipline. I teach these things, and my boys don't forget them when they leave.
- I can reach a kid who doesn't have any ability as long as he doesn't know it.
- I don't care how much talent a team has - if the boys don't think tough, practice tough, and live tough, how can they play tough on Saturday?
- The first time you quit, it's hard. The second time, it gets easier. The third time, you don't even have to think about it.
- When you win, there's glory enough for everybody. When you lose, there's glory for none.
- Winning isn't imperative, but getting tougher in the fourth quarter is.
- I'm just a simple plow hand from Arkansas, but I have learned over the years how to hold a team together. How to lift some men up, how to calm others down, until finally they've got one heartbeat, together, a team.
- You have to be willing to out-condition your opponents.
- Football changes and so do people.
- The first thing a football coach needs when he's starting out is a wife who's willing to put up with a whole lot of neglect. The second thing is a five-year contract.
- When you make a mistake, admit it; learn from it and don't repeat it.
- What matters... is not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog.
- I'm known as a recruiter. Well, you've got to have chicken to make chicken salad.
- When we have a good team, I know it's because we have boys that come from good mamas and papas.
- One man doesn't make a team. It takes eleven.
- If anything goes bad, I did it. If anything goes semi-good, we did it. If anything goes real good, you did it. That's all it takes to get people to win football games.
- Every time a player goes out there, at least twenty people have some amount of influence on him. His mother has more influence than anyone. I know because I played, and I loved my mama.
- No coach has ever won a game by what he knows; it's what his players know that counts.
- I left Texas A&H because my school called me. Mama called, and when Mama calls, then you just have to come running.