

Quote of the Week:

A great coach has a knack:

For making ballplayers think they are better than they think they are;

He forces you to have a good opinion of yourself;

He let's you know he believes in you;

He makes you get more out of yourself than you thought possible;

And once you learn how good you really are,

You never settle for playing anything less than your very best.

Reggie Jackson, "Mr. October"

What can you do this week to get them to believe in themselves more than ever?

One Vision: Ya Gotta Believe!

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Over and over, I heard it.

"We just took it one game at a time."

"Mike told us for three years, each game is THE big game."

"I am not even thinking about the future. Tonight, I was playing tonight's game. Yesterday I played yesterday's game. The future? I will think about that then."

In the course of the past several years, I have found myself repeatedly disillusioned.

Frequently finding myself shaking my head in disgust, wondering what the powers that be were doing to seemingly single-mindedly dismantle another American Icon: Major League Baseball.

Even my beloved Dodgers were not the same in my eyes and experience since the team was sold by the O'Malley family. I did not watch a single game of the Dodger Blue this year. I can not name a single player on the current team.

I did not even consider making the trek on behalf of my little boy.

And then something happened.

Last night I remembered a voice from my childhood: a very passionate and fiery New York Mets pitcher, Tug McGraw telling all who could hear, "Ya Gotta Believe!"

I also remembered listening to my all time favorite Dodger, Manager Tommy Lasorda, speak of the "Brains" behind his current team. He was describing his then catcher, Mike Scioscia.

Did you catch the World Series?

The brains of Tommy's Dodgers has a three-year-long (so far) gig as Manager with the new World Series Champion Anaheim Angels. He is working smarter than ever.

One thing I noticed after tonight's surprising victory of the Angels, the Dark Horse team of this Season, Angel's manager Mike Scioscia was able to communicate his vision quite effectively to the team.

"Each game is like the seventh game of the world series for us."

Who make up these 25 players?

A bunch of "washed out" rookies....players who nobody else believed in who knocked around "the system" unnoticed.... veterans who never quite made it...and tonight's winning pitcher, the first rookie winning starter in 93 years...and if I read correctly, he played as a reliever in game 5 just two games ago.....

Sounds like Mike Scioscia took a bunch of guys, believed in them when others might not have, and turned them into winners one game at a time, one inning at a time, one play at a time.

As I listened to the interviews, underneath celebrating words of "This is Amazing! This is Unbelievable" was Tug McGraw whispering, "Ya Gotta Believe!"

One game at a time, one inning at a time, one play at a time.

For us, playing the game of life, we can play each day at a time. Each hour at a time, each moment at a time.

By living intentionally in each of these chunks of time, we will be guaranteed to have a most remarkable future.

It is by believing in yourself without being swayed by others negative beliefs that you will have a remarkable future.

It is by standing for the possibilities and playing larger than life, consistently going for it with all your heart and soul, and by being focused on the end result as you stay completely in the moment that your experience will become a victorious seventh game at the World Series of Life.

"Ya Gotta Believe!"